

**NYS COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE**  
**EXEC. BOARD MEETING**  
**AUGUST 8 2023**

THE BOARD MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:33 P.M. BY CHAIRMAN JOHN FRATTA. THE OPENING PRAYER WAS LED BY KEITH WILSON AND THE PLEDGE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS HELD.

ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD SHOWED THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

- **B ISGRO JR**
- **J FRATTA**
- **E JOBBAGY**
- **K WILSON**
- **G GRAHAM**
- **J GROVE**
- **R AVERNA**
- **M RISPOLI**
- **M PRINCE**
- **A VITUCCI**
- **A ILLIANO**
- **C FEDERICO**
- **M FOCARAZZO**

ALL OTHERS WERE EXCUSED.

THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING WERE ACCEPTED AS

**TREASURY REPORT:**

G GRAHAM REPORTS AS FOLLOWS: DEPOSITS AND REVENUE REPORTED AND BALANCES WERE IN SYNC WITH THE FS. BREAKDOWN WAS GIVEN AS PER ATTACHED REPORT.

**FS REPORT:**

JO ANNE GROVE REPORTS CONVENTION DONATIONS ARE COMING IN SOON AND ALL BALANCES AGREE WITH TREASURER.

MARYANN RISPOLI MOVES TO ACCEPT SECONDED BY A VITUCCI AND PASSED.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

**SYRACUSE:**

JOHN REPORTS WE LOST THE APPEAL IN SYRACUSE FOR THE SAVING OF THE STATUE IN THAT CITY BY THE COURTS. APPEAL WILL BE FILED SOON. CARMINE FEDERICO WILL KEEP US UPDATED AS WELL. THE PEOPLE ARE WORKING HARD ON THIS TO SAVE THE DAY.

**COLUMBUS DAY ISSUE:**

ALBANY STILL LOOKING TO CHANGE HOLIDAY BUT GETTING NO TRACTION AT ALL IN THE NYS LEGISLATURE. MONDAY WAS INTERNATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY. LEGISLATION FOR HATE CRIMES STILL BEING PURSUED AND ITALIAN CAUCUS DID NOT WRITE UP A RESOLUTION AND WE WILL ASK OUR LEGAL COUNSEL TO DRAW UP A RESOLUTION AND PRESENT TO THEM. NATION WIDE THIS MATTER IS ONGOING AND ADNY ILLIANO POSTED ON MASSACHUSETTES THAT THEY FLIPPED A TOWN ON THE HOLIDAY AND LOOKING TO DO IT STATEWIDE. SOUTHAMPTON SCHOOL PEOPLE ARE LOOKING TO GET COLUMBUS DAY BACK ON THE CALENDAR. ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY IS NOW ON THE CALENDAR. PENNSYLVANIA ISSUE ALSO ONGOING WITH HOLIDAY BEING RENAMED AND WE WILL MONITOR ALL THESE ISSUES.

**BOOK OF THE MONTH:**

A VITUCCI REPORTS THAT THEY REVIEWED MIKE CUTILLOS BOOK ON GEORGE WASHINGTON MACHINE AND WILL COLLABORATE TOMMORROW.

**SHARE THE WEALTH BOARD:**

E JOBBAGY REPORTS 38 BOXES STILL OPEN AND OCT 12 IS DRAWING. TONY DICOSTANZO WILL SEND OUT AN EMAIL BLAST TO REMIND ALL PEOPLE TO PURCHASE. JOHN WILL WRITE GOLDEN ARTICLE ENTITLED WE HAVE NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED OF.

**LUNCHEON:**

E JOBBAGY REPORTS ONE REFUND REQUESTED AND WE WILL HONOR THAT REQUEST. MAILING WILL GO OUT ASAP. BOTH HONOREES ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO IT AS WELL. KEITH SUGGESTS PUTTING QR CODE IN CSJ MAILING.

**WEBSITE/QR CODE:**

BOB GRAHAM REPORTS THAT NO DONATIONS THIS MONTH BUT WE NEED TO HIGHLIGHT THE CODE FOR THE NEXT GOLDEN LION. WEBSITE LINKS SENT AND WE HAVE ALL UPDATED AS NEEDED. KEITH SUGGESTS THAT WE PUT THE QR CODE IN THE CSJ MAILING AND LET PEOPLE DONATE THAT WAY.

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE TO COME.

**DIST CHAIRS REPORTS:**

1 G GRAHAM REPORTS THAT DABBENE INFO AS WELL AND DEPUTIES.

2 KEITH WILSON REPORTS THAT EAST ROCKAWAY WAS SUCCESSFUL IN SAVING THE HOLIDAY. THEY ALSO REACH OUT TO ALISON ON THIS ISSUE. LANGUAGE PROGRAM WILL BE PHASED OUT AND NOT OFFERED AFTER 3 YEARS FROM NOW. ALISON WILL CONTACT SUPERINTENDENT ABOUT THE LANGUAGE PROGRAM. MANY CALENDARS ARE STATUS QUO AND ABOUT 9 DISTRICTS HAVE PHASED OUT THE HOLIDAY AND LONG BEACH HAS BOTH ON THE HOLIDAY COLUMBUS AND INDIGRENOUS PEOPLES DAY. FULL REPORT TO COME. BALDWIN SCHOOLS HAS ALL HOLIDAYS SAYING SCHOOLS CLOSED.

3 ANDY ILLIANO PROCEEDING WITH LIBRARY DISPLAY WORK AND FOLLOW UP ON THAT PROGRAM. PER SEMPRE LODGE MEMBERS WERE ASKED TO ASSIST AS WELL. MALVERNE LIBRARY WOULD NOT ALLOW DISPLAY AND HAS NO OTHER DISPLAYS AS WELL.

7 C FEDERICO REPORTS THAT OCT 9 IS REATH LAYING CEREMONY AND LUNCHEON TO FOLLOW WITH ABOUT 400 PEOPLE. BINGHAMTON PARADE SAME DAY AND ALL GOOD IN SOUTHERN TIER.

8:M FOCCARAZZO REPORTS INFORMATION FOR DABBENE ESSAY CONTEST WAS FORWARDED TO ALL MEMBERS. SHE ALSO UPDATE ALL ON SYRACUSE ISSUE AND APPEAL TO COME OUT. HERITAGE DINNER WILL BE IN OCTOBER. ITALIAN CLASSES WILL ALSO BE WORKED WITH AS WELL.

**STATE PRESIDENTS REPORT:**

BIAGIO THANKS TO ALL THE COMMITTEE AND JOHN FOR GREAT WORK AND HE MET WITH DIST 7 PRESIDENTS AND CONTINGENCY PLAN MAY BE IN PLACE. UPHILL BATTLE WITH SCHOOLS AND LISA SERAFINI WAS AT GUILDERLANDS AND TRYING TO GET SOME POSTIVE OUTCOME THERE. NATIONAL CONVENTION IN A WEEK AND THREE PEOPLE ARE ON THE SLATE AND ONE TRUSTEE SPOT AS WELL. FIGHT WILL CONTINUE AND SUCCEED IN OUR WORKS. CONVENTION CHECKS DONATION WAS RECEIVED BY OUR COMMITTEE THANKS TO THE STATE PRESIDENT.

ANDY ILLIANO ASKS FOR SPACE IN GL ARTICLE IF NEED BE. HE WOULD LIKE TO PROMOTE THE OPPENHEIMER MOVIE ABOUT ENRICO FERMI AND HIS LACK OF PUBLICITY IN THAT MOVIE AND SHOULE HAVE BEEN MORE ON FERMI. ANDY WILL WRITE ARTICLE ON THIS AND FERMIS INVOLVEMENT IN THE MAKING OF THE BOMB. JOHN WILL TRY TO GET IN PAPER.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8: 30 P.M. BY THE CHAIRMAN JOHN FRATTA.

KEITH WILSON  
REC. SECTY.