

**NYS CSJ EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY JANUARY 9 2024
VIA ZOOM TEELCONFERENCE**

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7: 35 P.M. BY CHAIRMAN JOHN FRATTA
THE OPENING PRAYER WAS LED BY KEITH WILSON AND THE PLEDGE WAS LED BY THE
CHAIRMAN.

MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS HELD.

ROLL CALL SHOWED THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

- J FRATTA
- E JOBBAGY
- K WILSON
- R GRAHAM
- J GROVE
- G GRAHAM
- V MARMORALE
- M PRINCE
- S GRILLO
- M FOCCARAZZO
- M RISPOLI
- A ROTOLI
- A VITTUCCI
- A ILLIANO
- L SERAFINI
- E BOCHYNSKI

ALL OTHERS WERE EXCUSED.

THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER MEETING WERE REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY ED B AND
TONY R. PASSED.

THERE WAS ONE CORRESPONDENCE FOR BILL BARBERA AS HE IS BUSY TUESDAY EVENINGS
AND MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SERVE VIA EMAIL.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

TREASURY:

G GRAHAM REPORTS AS FOLLOWS THAT THE DECEMBER REPORT IS ON HAND AND ALL
BALANCES ARE IN SYNC WITH CORRECT BALANCE. SHE REVIEWED THE CHECKS WRITTEN
AND O/S CHECKS AS WELL. 17,120.14 ENDING BALANCE. COLUMBUS ACCOUNT IS THE SAME.
HIGH YIELD ACCOUNT 3,598.07 BALANCE. 23,156.74 IS TOTAL BALANCE ON HAND. DISTRICT
BALANCES ARE ALSO ALL THE SAME.

FS REPORT:

J. GROVE ALL BOOKS ARE IN SYNC AND APRIL TO DECEMBER NEGATIVE INCOME OF \$212.00
NOT THAT BAD BUT WE NEED TO WATCH IN THE FUTURE. DEPOSIT WILL BE MADE TO OFFSET
THIS MONEY SPENT. \$10,000.00 ESCROWED FOR THE LUNCHEON. WE NEED TO DO WELL WITH
THAT AFFAIR FOR INCOME PURPOSES. SOME DISCUSSION ENSUED ON THE ACCOUNTS AND
NEEDED REVENUE.

TONY ROTOLI ASKED ABOUT A HIGHER INVESTMENT ACCOUNT FOR OUR HIGH YIELD
BETTER RETURN. KEITH SUGGESTS THAT JOHN AND OTHER CERTAIN MEMBERS NEED TO
TALK ABOUT INVESTING WISELY OUR REVENUE. JOHN WILL TAKE THAT UP AS SUGGESTED
AND TALK ABOUT ROI ON WITH OUR REVENUE. KEITH WILSON MOVES TO ACCEPT THE
REPORT AND SECONDED BY LISA S. AND PASSED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

JOHN FRATTA REPORTS SOME AGGRAVATING NEWS WITH A LOCAL LODGE IN NY THAT IS HAVING A MOVIE SHOOT BY THE ROCKLAND LODGE AND IT WILL BE PORTRAYING MOBSTERS IN A LODGE HALL. ROBERT REPORTS THAT A LODGE MEMBER MAKES THESE MOVIES AND WE CAN BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE MOB. THE LODGE PRESIDENT IS ALSO UPSET ABOUT THAT TOO. A LETTER WILL BE WRITTEN TO THE PRES AND ASKING THEM TO CEASE AND DESIST. KEITH MENTIONS THAT THE LODGE SHOULD BE TOLD TO CEASE BY OUR STATE PRESIDENT AS THE MEMBERS TOOK AN OATH TO ADHERE TO SUPERIOR OFFICERS DIRECTIONS AND NOT PROCEED. FILMING IS GOING ON NOW. JOHN ASKED IF ANY PAPERWORK WAS SIGNED BY THE LODGE AND THE MEMBER PRODUCING THIS MOVIE. NATIONAL CSJ WILL BE SENDING A LETTER OF PROTEST ON THIS ISSUE.

CONGRESS ON COLUMBUS DAY:

WE ARE STILL WAITING TO HEAR ON CONGRESSIONAL BILL TO ELIMINATE COLUMBUS DAY. NO UPDATE AS YET.

ISRAEL/HAMAS ISSUE:

JOHN REPORTS THAT SOME PEOPLE FEEL WE SHOULD STAY AWAY FROM THIS ISSUE AS WRONG AS IT IS. NATIONAL LETTER WAS SENT TO ALL COUNTRY WIDE LODGES. ROBERT FEELS WHAT HAPPENED WAS DISGRACEFUL AND INNOCENT PEOPLE WERE GETTING HURT. JOHN WILL SPEAK TO THE STATE PRESIDENT ABOUT THIS ISSUE AND TRY TO PROCEED AS NEEDED.

SYRACUSE ISSUE:

NO UPDATES AS YET AND STILL WAITING FOR THE COURTS. PENNSYLVANIA THERE IS NO UPDATES AND MASSACHUSETTES UP HELD THE HOLIDAY.

NATIONAL CSJ

ROBERT FERRITO HAS ORDERED THE PLAQUE FOR THE NEW ORLEANS LYNCHING ISSUE AND SPOT WHERE TO PUT WILL BE DECIDED UPON SOON. MIKE POLO SUGGESTED THAT AMC IS ALWAYS PLAYING THE GODFATHER AND WE WILL ASK FOR A DISCLAIMER THAT THE MOVIE DOES NOT REPRESENT ALL ITALIAN AMERICAN VALUES. ROBERT WILL ALSO SPEAK TO THE ITALIAN LEADERSHIP FORUM. MARY KOVACH WILL BE UPDATING SOCIAL MEDIA TO GET TOPICS BY FORMAT ON THE FRONT BURNER. ITALIAN AMERICAN LEADERSHIP FORUM WILL LEAD THIS GROUP FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

WE CAN MONITOR ALL THESE ISSUES AS THE HEAD OF THE GROUP. ITALIAN HERITAGE COALITION HAS NO NEWS AT THIS TIME.

BELLA LINGUA:

MARYANN RISPOLI SENT OUT ALL INFORMATION AND DIST. 2 HAS BEEN MAILED TO. DIST 2 AWARDS WILL BE IN EARLY JUNE.

BOOK OF THE MONTH:

A VITUCCI SUBMITTED REVIEW FOR THE HERO BOOK AND NEXT BOOK WILL BE DISCUSSED FOR THE NEXT CYCLE. BOOKS ARE ALL POSITIVE IMAGE. NATIONAL MAGAZINE SHOULD ALSO HIGHLIGHT THE BOOKS AS WELL. MARIANNE PRINCE SUGGESTS THAT WE PUBLISH THE GOLDEN LION BOOK REVIEW IN THE NATIONAL MAGAZINE. ROBERT WILL LOOK INTO IT FOR US. ANDY ILLIANO REPORTS THAT THESE BOOKS ARE IMPORTANT AND WE NEED TO PUBLICIZE THIS MORE THEN WE DO. KEITH SUGGESTS THAT WE PUT THE BOOK REVIEWS ON CSJ SOCIAL MEDIA AND NATIONAL CAN DO AS WELL AS PER ROBERT.

LISA ASKED IF WE COULD HAVE A DEBATE ON THE COLUMBUS ISSUE AND WE MAY NOT WANT TO DO THIS AS THE OTHER SIDE WILL ALWAYS WIN. SOME PROFESSORS ARE NOT FRIENDLY TOWARDS OUR ISSUES ON COLUMBUS. ANDY MENTIONS RAPHAEL WHO PROMOTES COLUMBUS IN HIS BOOKS ALSO. BASIL RUSSO IS SPONSORING THE FORUM AND HE WANTS TO RUN THE SHOW WITHOUT INPUT FROM OTHER GROUPS. ROBERT FEELS WE SHOULD NOT GET INVOLVED WITH HIM. HE ALSO OWNS PRIMO MAGAZINE.

LITERATURE

KEITH REPORTS THAT THE GL OFFICE HAS BEEN GIVING OUT AS NEEDED AND WE WILL LOOK AT WHAT IS LEFT IN THE GARAGE WHEN JOHN COMES HOME IN MARCH FOR POSSIBLY GIVING UP THE STORAGE UNIT.

DABBENE CONTEST

G GRAHAM REPORTS THIS IS COMPLETED AND WE WILL DO AGAIN AS USUAL NEXT YEAR.

HOLOCAUST:

VINCE MARMORALE GETTING READY FOR THE NEW YEAR AND WILL BE SCHEDULING THE NEXT FEW SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS AS THEY COME UP.

ROBERT WOULD LIKE TO GIVE OUT THE MY ITALIAN SECRET MOVIE TO ALL GRAND LODGES. JOHN THANKED TONY R FOR THE STW WORK WITH ELEANOR AND WE RAISED \$500.00.

LUNCHEON:

ELEANOR JOBBAGY MADE THE COPIES OF THE LETTERS FOR THE MARCH 17 LUNCHEON AND WILL BE MAILED THIS WEEK. THIS WILL BE AT VERDI'S AND THE HONOREES ARE TONY NACCARATO AND JOE SCELSA. E MAILS WERE SENT TO THE HONOREES AS NEEDED FOR PROMOTING THE AFFAIR. ADDS ARE BEING GIVEN TO M. PRINCE AND RESERVATIONS ARE GOING TO ELEANOR FOR RECORDING PURPOSES. FOLLOW UP CALLS WILL BE MADE AS NEEDED. MICHELE MENT WILL BE MENTIONED IN MEMORIAM AT THE AFFAIR. WE ARE NOT SURE WHO WOULD ATTEND FROM HER FAMILY. JOHN WOULD LIKE TO MAKE LOU GALLO CHAIRMAN EMERITUS FOR THE CSJ COMMITTEE AND HONOR HIM IN THAT FASHION. STELLA GRILLO MOVES TO HONOR LOU THIS WAY AND SECONDED BY KEITH AND PASSED. WE WILL LET LINDA GALLO KNOW AND TONY ROTOLI WILL HANDLE THIS NOTIFICATION AND ROBERT WILL GET A PLAQUE MADE IN LOU'S HONOR.

WEBSITE/QR CODE:

BOB GRAHAM UPDATES US THAT QR CODE HAS GOTTEN US SOME MONEY AND WE NEED TO KEEP PROMOTING AND BANK ACCOUNTS ARE UPDATED BY GERI AS THE MONEY COMES IN. ALISON AND LISA WILL SEND BOOK REVIEW FOR THE WEBSITE WHEN THEY SEND IT TO HIM.

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE TO COME

DIST CHAIRS:

DIST 1 G GRAHAM REPORTS THAT BELLA LINGUA PAPERS WILL BE GOING OUT IN DIST 1 NEXT WEEK. A PLAQUE HONORING LOU GALLO WILL BE POSTED AT BROOKHAVEN TOWN HALL.

DIST 2 KEITH WILSON REPORTS ON ACADEMIA AND COLLEGES THAT ARTICLES HIGHLIGHTED AND WILL HAVE A MEETING SOON FOR DIST 2 CSJ.

DIST 3 ANDY ILLIANO REPORTS THAT HE HAS A MEETING WED. NIGHT AND NEEDS A LIASON FOR DAUGHTERS AND SONS OF ITALIAN HERITAGE. 9 HIGH SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN UNCOVERED THAT THEY TEACH ITALIAN IN DIST 3. A SUPER BOWL POOL WILL BE RUN TO RAISE MONEY FOR A CSJ TREASURY. STELLA IS THE PIRANDELLO LODGE LIASON AND SHE NEEDS TO GET THE INFO AS NEEDED. UGUAGLIANZA RESPONDED AND SANTA MARIA WAS NOT THAT ENCOURAGING ON THE SUBJECT OF THE SUPERBOWL POOL.

DIST 6 LISA SERAFINI REPORTS THAT SHE IS WORKING ON GETTING DIST 6 MEETINGS GOING AGAIN AND IS HOPING FOR A GOOD RESPONSE ALSO. 2 OF THE THREE LODGES HAVE A CSJ REP AS OF NOW. AWARDS LETTERS WILL GO OUT SOON AS WELL. BUFFALO MAY BE CHANGING THE COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY AND WILL INCORPORATE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY IN THE HOLIDAY.

DIST 8:

M. FOCCARAZZO REPORTS THAT PALMA EVANS RESIGNED AS PRES. OF GENEVA LODGE AND SHE NEEDS TO FIND OUT WHO WILL BE THE NEW LEADER. SILVANO ORSI HAS BEEN HAVING PROBLEMS IN THAT AREA AND WE NEED TO NOT BE INVOLVED WITH HIM AS IN THE PAST. MARJORIE ASKED IF OUTSIDE LANGUAGE PROGRAMS WOULD BE OPEN FOR BELLA LINGUA TO THESE STUDENTS AS WELL. MARYANN R RESPONDED THAT WE DID IT THE WAY IT IS FOR PROMOTING THE LANGUAGE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS. WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO GIVE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THESE GROUPS.

OTHER BUSINESS:

MARIANNE PRINCE REPORTS THAT LOGGIA GLEN COVE HAD A PATCH ARTICLE ON THE DABBENE AWARD.

NEXT MEETING IS FEB. 13 2024.

THANKS TO ALL WHO ATTENDED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:25 P.M.

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

**KEITH WILSON
CSJ SECTY**