

NYS CSJ EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY APRIL 11 2024  
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:45 P.M. BY CHAIRMAN JOHN FRATTA. THE PRAYER WAS LED BY KEITH AND THE PLEDGE WAS LED BY CHAIRMAN FRATTA. ROLL CALL SHOWED THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

- J FRATTA
- K WILSON
- G GRAHAM
- J GROVE
- R GRAHAM
- T ROTOLI
- M PRINCE
- J ALFONSO
- C FEDERICO
- M RISPOLI
- A ILLIANO
- ALISON VITUCCI

ALL OTHERS WERE EXCUSED.

THE MINUTES OF THE FEB. MEETING WERE ACCEPTED AS READ.

THERE WAS NO COMMUNICATIONS TO BE READ.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

G GRAHAM REVIEWED THE TREASURERS REPORT AND MOST OF THE DEPOSITS WERE FROM THE BRUNCH AND WE STILL HAVE 3 O/S CHECKS NOT CASHED YET.

COLUMBUS ACCOUNT HAS \$3,598.16 BALANCE. GERI REPORTS THAT SHE PAID THE D/O INSURANCE OF \$890.00. TOTAL ON HAND WAS \$27,718. 05 ON THE CHECKING ACCTS. OFFICE RENT NEEDS A BILL FROM THE F/S TO BE PAID. MARIANNE REPORTS THAT THE JOURNAL HAD 88 ADDS AND TOTALED \$11,305.00 IN GROSS REVENUE. NET WAS \$8,240.00 FOR JOURNAL. WE HAD 364 TABLE SPONSORS AND \$4,500.00 IN DINNER REVENUE TO DATE. ELEANOR WILL GIVE FULL REPORT AT THE NEXT EXEC. MEETING.

**FS REPORT:**

J. GROVE REPORTS THAT WE ENDED IN THE BLACK FOR THE YEAR AND WE SHOULD LOOK TO DOWNSIZE THE STORAGE SPACE IF WE DON'T NEED. HER NUMBERS ALSO AGREED WITH GERI AS WELL. SHE WILL BE PREPARING THE NEXT BUDGET WITH JOHN AND WILL USE \$40,000.00 FOR BOTTOM LINE NUMBER FOR ACTUAL PURPOSES. KEITH MOVED TO ACCEPT REPORTS SECONDED BY TONY ROTOLI AND PASSED.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

**JOHN FRATTA SPOKE ON THE FOREGOING ISSUES:**

UNICO CONTACTED US ABOUT COLUMBUS ATTACKS AND SPORTS TEAMS CHANGING NAMES THAT SOME FEEL OFFENSIVE. AND THEY FEEL THAT BLM AND OTHER WOKE GROUPS ARE CONTROLLING THIS AND WE MUST KEEP UP THE FIGHT TO PRESERVE OUR HISTORY. THERE WILL BE A NEWS CONFERENCE HELD ON THIS ISSUE AND WE WILL ALSO LOOK FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN GROUPS TO JOIN OUR CAUSE AS WELL. THERE WILL BE A CALL TO ACTION ON THIS MATTER AND JOHN WILL SPEAK TO ROBERT ON THIS ISSUE ASAP. ANDY REPORTS THAT THERE WILL BE A ZOOM CALL ON THIS SUNDAY AND TRY TO ATTEND. JOHN REPORTS THAT CHICAGO COMMITTEE ON ITALIAN AMERICANS ARE UPSET FOR THE RECENT PROPOSAL TO CHANGE A STREET NAMED COLUMBUS DRIVE TO PRES BARACK OBAMA WAY. ALISON SUGGESTED A CALL TO ACTION ON THIS ISSUE AS WELL TO PROTEST. JOHN WILL LOOK INTO THIS AND KEEP US POSTED.

MAINE HAS A PROPOSAL TO RENAME COLUMBUS DAY TO IPD AND REP. BEN CAWLINGS WAS THE SPONSOR AND THIS PASSED WITH BI PARTISAN SUPPORT. NEW HAMPSHIRE

LEGISLATURE DEFEATED THE CHANGING TO IPD AND WILL PRESERVE COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY. THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED A NO VOTE.

**JOHN REPORTS THAT ALL 5 GROUPS INVOLVED WITH BASIL RUSSO LEFT THE COMMITTEE AND A NEW COALITION WILL BE FORMED.**

APRIL 17 IS THE 500<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF VERRAZANO TRIP TO NY CITY AND THERE WILL BE A PROGRAM MARKING THIS ANNIVERSARY ON STATEN ISLAND. APRIL 20 THERE WILL BE A STREET RENAMING ON STATEN ISLAND ALSO. THE FORMAL PROGRAMS BEGIN AT 11:00 AM ON APRIL 17.

**BELLA LINGUA:**

MARYANN RISPOLI REPORTS THAT 5 DISTRICTS ARE PARTICIPATING AND DIST 2 AND 3 WILL HAVE COMBINED CEREMONY ALSO. DIST 2 WILL HAVE CSJ COMMITTEE MEETING AFTER THE AWARDS CEREMONY.

**BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB:**

ALISON VITUCCI REPORTS THAT SHE AND LISA ARE REVIEWING THE CABRINI BOOK AND WILL HAVE GOLDEN LION ARTICLE FOR MAY 8 2024.

**DABBENE CONTEST:**

GERI REPORTS PROGRESS.

**WEBSITE:**

BOB GRAHAM REPORTS THAT HE IS REVIEWING THE WEBSITE AND REMOVING OLD LINKS THAT NO LONGER ARE APPLICABLE OR NEEDED. HE WILL UPLOAD CHAIRMANS REPORTS FROM PLENARY SESSIONS AND WILL ADD NEW LINKS WHEN HE AND JOHN ARE DONE REVIEWING.

**DISTRICT CHAIRS UPDATES:**

**DIST 1** G GRAHAM REPORTS THAT SHE HAS A MEETING APRIL 15 WITH LIASONS AND BELLA LINGUA JUDGING WILL BE IN MAY SOMETIME. MAY 11 IS BABYLON FOOD FESTIVAL AND ASKED ALL TO ATTEND. SHE THANKED M PRINCE, ELEANOR AND ALL ON THE LUNCHEON COMMITTEE FOR A GREAT JOB.

**DIST 2** KEITH WILSON REPORTS THAT ALL GOING WELL AND ALISON GAVE UPDATE ON GLEN COVE SCHOOLS CALENDAR AND IPD.

**DIST 3** ANDY ILLIANO REPORTS THAT HE HAD A ZOOM MEETING AND REGIAN PASSCALINA IS A NEW LIASON FROM PER SEMPRE LODGE.

**DIST 4** JOANNE ALFONSO REPORTS THAT SHE ATTENDED THE LAST PRESIDENTS MEETING AND MAY 3 WILL BE FLAVORS OF ITALIAN PROGRAM AND CATHY LEMBO LLOYD AND M FORTE ARE INVOLVED WITH THIS.

**DIST 7** C FEDERICO REPORTS THAT MAY 14 IS HIS NEXT CSJ COMM MEETING.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

JOHN FRATTA THANKS ALL FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND M PRINCE REPRTS THAT SHE DID A WEBSITE STUDY AND SOME STATES DO NOT HAVE CSJ ON THEIR SITES. AND SOMEHAVE CSJ AND GMM LINKS AS WELL. JOHN WILL REFER TO ROBERT ON NATIONAL ISSUES. KEITH ASKED PERMISSION TO TRY AND RESTART THE HOFSTRA LIKE DAY WITH CULTURE AND HERITAGE AND JOHN SAID OK TO DO AND COMMITTEE WILL GET TOGETHER. TONY ROTOLI REPORTS THAT WE WILL NEED LITERATURE FOR CONVENTION TABLE FOR ALL TO TAKE. GERI GRAHAM AKSED ABOUT EDUCATION SUB COMMITTEE AND JOHN ASKED THE FOLLOWING TO BE ON IT: ALISON, KEITH, VINCE M, DONNA DINATALE AND M PRINCE. JOHN WISHED ALL A HAPPY MOTHERS DAY AND REMINDS ALL THAT THE NEXT MEETING IS MAY 14 2024.

**MINUTES TAKEN BY:**

**KEITH WILSON**

**REC SECTY. ATTACHMENTS**