

NYS CSJ EXEC. BOARD MEETING
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE
FEBRUARY 13 2024

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:35 P.M. BY CHAIRMAN JOHN FRATTA. THE PRAYER AND PLEDGE WERE RECITED AND THE MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS HELD. THE ROLL CALL SHOWED THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

- J FRATTA
- E JOBBAGY
- K WILSON
- A VITTUCCI
- J GROVE
- G GRAHAM
- R GRAHAM
- T ROTOLI
- E BOCHYNSKI
- J ALFONSO
- M RISPOLI
- V MARMORALE
- A ILLIANO
- J GREGORY
- ALL OTHERS WERE EXCUSED.

TREASURY REPORT:

G. GRAHAM REVIEWS 2023 YEAR END REPORT AND IS ATTACHED TO THE MINUTES AS USUAL. ALL DEPOSITS AND CHECKS WERE DISCUSSED. COLUMBUS ACCOUNT STATUS QUO WITH NO ACTIVITY. \$24,003.77 IS TOTAL FOR ALL ACCOUNTS THAT GERI OVERSEES. DIST. BALANCES ARE ALL THE SAME. KEITH MOVES TO ACCEPT AND SECONDED PASSED.

CHAIRMAN REPORT:

JOHN REPORTS 116-YEAR-OLD WOMAN IN USA IS EDITH CICCARELI AND IS NINE MONTHS AWAY FROM BEING THE OLDEST WOMAN IN THE WORLD.

GOOD NEWS IS THAT THE LANGUAGE PROGRAM BABBLE SHOWED ITALIAN AS THE WORLDS SEXIEST LANGUAGE.

NEW HAMPSHIRE HOUSE HAS A BILL TO REMOVE COLUMBUS DAY FROM CALENDAR AND GOV'T. AUTHORITY. ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL MARISA GAMBINO REPORTS THAT HOSPITAL PRES. DR. LETTOUR LEFT OFF COLUMBUS DAY ON CALENDAR AND A DR. TEPEDINO COMPLAINED AND SAID THEY WOULD BRING IT BACK AND THEY DID NOT. A SMALL GROUP ONLY GOT THE HOLIDAY REMINDER AND JOHN SENT LETTER OF OPPOSITION. SYRACUSE UPDATE HAS NO NEW ITEMS TO REPORT.

BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB JOHN HAS A NEW BOOK CALLED MEZZAGIORNO MISTAKEN BY JOHN DELUCA AND THE TOP 10 MYTHS ABOUT SOUTHERN ITALIANS. COMMITTEE WILL REVIEW. ALISON SAID THEY WILL FOLLOW UP WITH BOOK REVIEW ON THIS ALSO. SAINT MOTHER CABRINI MOVIE COMING OUT SOON. WE HAVE A BOOKMARK FOR MOTHER CABRINI.

LETTERS GOING OUT FROM JOHN TO ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL AND OTHER PROTEST LETTERS AS WELL. NYU LETTER IS READY TO GO ALSO ON COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY. WE ARE STILL MONITORING MASSACHUSETTES AS WELL. ANDY ILLIANO REPORTS THAT STAMFORD CONNECTICUT ELIMINATED COLUMBUS DAY AND VETERANS DAY ON THE SCHOOL CALENDAR. UNICO IS PROTESTING AND ALLIANCES ARE FIGHTING AS WELL. WE ARE BEING ELIMINATED AT HOLIDAYS FOR OTHERS AT OUR EXPENSE OF ITALIANS. COLUMBUS STATUE WILL BE SHIPPED FROM GMM TO ITALIAN AMERICAN MUSEUM FOR OUR USAGE THERE.

LITERATURE:

KEITH WILSON UPDATES BOARD ON LITERATURE AND WHAT'S ON HAND AND RIGHT NOW WE ARE OK

DABBENE CONTEST:

G. GRAHAM WOULD LIKE TO MAKE CONTEST EARLIER THEN USUAL WITH NO EXTENSIONS IN THE FUTURE. JUNE WILL GO OUT AND SEPTEMBER WILL BE DEADLINE. THIS IS A LODGE CONTEST.

BELLA LINGUA:

MARYANN RISPOLI TALKED ON PROGRAM AND WE WILL HAVE SPRING AWARDS EVENT AS USUAL IN THE DISTRICTS. FOUNDATION FUNDS THIS PROGRAM FOR AWARDS. JOHN GREGORY WILL BE SENT THE INFO. AS A NEW DISTRICT CHAIR. MASSAPEQUA HS NO LONGER TEACHES ITALIAN AS PER RESPONSE SHE GOT. KEITH REMINDS ALL THAT WE NEED TO GET BACK ON TRACK WITH LANGUAGE OFFERED IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS. COMMITTEE NEEDS TO MAKE FOLLOW UP PHONE CALLS FOR INFO. NEEDED. ALISON REPORTS ON SURVEY SHE PRESENTED TO NASSAU SCHOOL DISTRICTS. MARYANN REPORTS THAT THERE IS A SHORTAGE OF ITALIAN LANGUAGE TEACHERS. JOHN GREGORY SUGGESTS THAT WE SHOULD START OUR OWN ITALIAN LANGUAGE PROGRAM IN OSDIA.

JOHN ASKED ALL THAT WANT TO SERVE ON LANGUAGE SUB COMMITTEE TO EMAIL HIM.

HOLOCAUST:

VINCE MARMORALE WILL BE AT A SS CONVENTION IN MARCH AND PRESENT THERE ON ITALY AN THE HOLOCAUST AND HE WILL ALSO BE IN WESTCHESTER HOLOCAUST MUSUEM ON FEB 27 2024 PRESENTING THERE ALSO. GERI ASKED CAN WE HAVE A TABLE AT THE SOCIAL STUDIES CONFERENCE. WE CAN FOR 2024 IF WE CONTACT THE RIGHT PERSON. WE CAN CONTACT THE PEOPLE AND STILL ASK FOR PERMISSION FOR A TABLE.

CSJ LUNCHEON:

ELEANOR REPORTS THAT MARCH 17 IS AFFAIR AND WE NEED MORE RESPONSES AND WHO IS ATTENDING OR NOT. SOME LODGES HAVE RESPONDED AND LET US KNOW. WE HAVE 35 CENTERPIECE SPONSORS ALREADY. TONY NACCARATO HAS 4 TABLES ALREADY AND JOE SCELSA WILL NEED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH US. WE WILL GET LUCITE AWARDS FOR PRESENTATION PURPOSES. WE WILL ASK BIAGIO TO INVITE MIKE POLO AND PAUL POLO TO OUR CSJ BRUNCH. WE WILL NEED A PHOTOGRAPHER FOR THE AFFAIR. BANNER WILL BE DISPLAYED.

WEBSITE/QR CODE:

BOB GRAHAM TESTED CODE AND IT STILL WORKS GOOD. BOB REVIEWING AND REMOVING OLD STUFF AND LINKS THAT ARE NO LONGER IN EFFECT FOR OUR USE AND WILL UPDATE FOR OUR USAGE. QR CODE WILL BE IN JOURNAL FOR REVENUE PURPOSES AT THE LUNCH.

DISTRICT CHAIRS:

DIST 1 G GRAHAM REPORTS MEETING LAST WEEK AND WAS PRODUCTIVE AND BELLA LINGUA AND DABBENE CONTEST WAS HELD. VETS HOSPITAL IS BEING MONITORED FOR REMOVING COLUMBUS DAY FROM HOSPITAL CALENDAR.

DIST 2 INFORMATION:

KEITH UPDATES ALL ON THE DIST 2 MEETING LAST NIGHT AND DISCUSSES THE NEW PROGRAM FOR PRIDE IN BRAGGING ABOUT OUR PEOPLE IN THE LODGES AND WHAT THEY DO. CALENDAR REVIEW AND OTHER TOPICS WERE DISCUSSED ALSO.

DIST 3:

ANDY ILLIANO REPORTS SUPER BOWL FUNDRAISER WENT WELL AND SOME MONEY WAS RAISED FOR DIST 3 TREASURY.

DIST 4:

J ALFONSO REPORTS THAT SHE HAD A MEETING TWO WEEKS AGO AND G. LITA REPORTED ON BELLA LINGUA AND ROBERT FERRITO UPDATED ALL AS WELL ON NATIONAL ISSUES.

DIST 5:

JOHN GREGORY REPORTS DISTRICT MEETING WAS HELD AND ALL 5 LODGES WERE THERE AND HE REVEIWD GOINGS ON UP THERE.

DIST 6:

LISA SERAFINI WORKING ON GETTING DIST. MEETINGS GOING AGAIN. THREE LODGES IN TOTAL ARE IN THAT DISTRICT. BELLA LINGUA IS OUT AS WELL AND SHE MAY GIVE OUT AT SCHOOLS AWARDS CEREMONY.

DIST 7 AND 8 WERE EXCUSED.

MARCH DATES OF IMPORTANCE

MARCH 12 ANNIVERSARY OF PETROSINO ASSASINATION WITH CEREMONY AT GRAVESITE AND MARCH 14 133RD ANNIVERSARY OF NEW ORLEANS MASSACRE. MARCH 8 IS CABRINI MOVIE OPENING AND WE SHOULD ALL SEE THE MOVIE WHEN COMES OUT.

VINCE MARMORALE REMNDS ALL THAT NO SCHOOLS STOPPED TEACHING GERMAN AFTER HOLOCAUST AS A SIDE NOTE.

JOHN THANKED COMMITTEE FOR A GREAT JOB AND WILL SEND RECORDINGS TO KEITH W FOR OUR USE FOR MEETINGS.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:25 P.M. BY THE CHAIRMAN.

THE NEXT MEETING IS APRIL 9 2024.