

**SONS OF ITALY #2474 MEMBERSHIP MEETING – 3/2/17**

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>. DOORS WILL BE OPEN AT 6:30 PM.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice President Vincent Mollicone called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:** Present: Vince Mollicone, Jane Bartolomeo, Sue Ann Baietti, Tony Parisi, JoAnn Ward, Dottie Tumminello, Ilene Parisi, Tom Pergola, John Rubino, Tom Pomilla, Rosemarie Pomillia, Al Dioria, Mike Corless and Sal Castorina.

**Excused:** Vito Potenza and Bob Arena.

**PRINIPALS OF THE ORDER:** Vincent Mollicone

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Vincent Mollicone

**PRAYER INTENTIONS:** Please remember all those on our prayer list especially Sharon Lato, Rosemary Corless, Bill Bellistri, Ann Hauser, and Ed Motsco's Mother.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Dottie Tumminello

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Vincent Mollicone

**MINUTES:** The Minutes of the February 2, 2017 Meeting were approved as distributed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Tony Parisi reported that we are running in the red, and although this is normal pre-festival, it is vital to have a financially successful festival to fund the Lodge's operations, charities and scholarships. Our bank and investment account balances as of 2/28/2017 are as follows:

Operating Account:	\$6,394.
Merchant Account:	\$6,850.
Money Market Account:	\$6,458.
Investment Account:	\$27,829.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Rosemarie Pomilla

Total Income for 2017:	\$6,225.49
Total Expenses to date:	\$6,775.66
Deficit:	\$ 550.17

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

1. At the April Meeting, there will be a speaker, Larry Nicorino, Director of the Convention Center.

**REPORT OF ATTENDANCE:** Mike Corless

Tonight we have 99 attending the meeting, including 3 guests.

**MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES REPORT:** Dottie Tumminello reported:

1. Get Well Cards sent to Ann Hauser and Bill Bellistri.
2. Tonights Desserts were provided by: Janet Roca, Deborah Little field, Rose Leister, Grace Jenkins, Phil Guarino, Ethel Jacobs, Bernice Harman and George Ward.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Sue Ann Baietti**

1. Received a Thank You Card from Armando and Barbara Graziosi regarding their "Citizen of the Year" Award.
2. Received a Thank You Card from Mike Jacobs for the cards and letters during his recovery.
3. Thank You from Wor-Wic Community College regarding the Scholarship Awarded to Matthew Wilkinson for the 2016-17 School year.
4. Matthew Wilkinson thanked the Lodge for awarding him the Sons of Italy Scholarship.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Scholarship: The Applications for scholarships have been distributed and responses are due March 31<sup>st</sup>.
2. Social: **PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION)**
  - a. Mardi Gras Dinner: held on Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Clarion. Thanks to all 47 guests and also to Joe and Judy Zanetti for all their assistance. Mary Ellen spoke to the Clarion about doing another dinner next year...tentative date 2/7/18, week before Ash Wednesday.
  - b. Harrington Casino Trip: Wednesday, March 29, 2017.
  - c. April Social Dinner: Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at Touch of Italy in Ocean City at 5:30 p.m.
  - d. Charleston/Savannah Trip: April 23-29, 2017. Itinerary and luggage bags will be given out at the April Meeting.
  - e. St. Michael's Trip: June 7, 2017.....\$100 per person, includes Admission to Chesapeake Maritime Museum, Lunch at the Crab Claw Restaurant, Narrated cruise on Miles River aboard the Patriot, motor coach transportation, taxes, gratuities as well driver's gratuity.
  - f. Crab Feast: Scheduled for Saturday, September 9, 2017 at Higgins Crab Feast/North. Cost to be determined. Would you like it from 1:00 – 4:00 or 4:00 – 7:00 PPM?
  - g. Hyde Park/Finger Lakes Trip – October 7 – 13, 2017. Cost \$1,200 per person Double Occ., \$425.00 Single Cost. Flyer to review on Website. Deadline for member sign-up is April 15<sup>th</sup> with of deposit of \$500. Per person. Trip will open to non-members May 2017. We have a wait list of 6 guests.
  - h. October Event: to be determined.
  - i. November Social Dinner: Will be held on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at Jules Restaurant. Sharon & Guy DiMatteo will chair this event.
  - j. Christmas Dinner: Date to be determined.
  - K. Still need volunteers for Float Position and men to handle the parking lot that day. Students from Stephen Decatur High School, Most Blessed Sacrament School and St. Luke's Religious Ed Program are being recruited for other positions of help.

**SIGN UP SHEETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE VARIOUS EVENTS MARY ELLEN IS RUNNING.**

**PUBLICITY & PROGRAMS: Anna Fultz**

Anna told us she had been very busy and had the newspaper articles for all to read. She was also on the radio supporting her various ventures, including her girl scouts. For the girls who can't afford scouting, Anna has fund raisers, and her most recent one is a spaghetti Dinner at DeNovo's Trattoria in Ocean Pines on Monday, March 13, 2017 at 5:00 PM. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. For further information, call Anna at 410-641-7667 or Beverly Meadows 443-235-1019. Other activities will take place at this fundraiser. Ann mentioned that Mayor Rick Meehan, who spoke last month, was so impressed with our group. He will be invited back again.

**WEBSITE:** Tom Pergola

All Mary Ellen's Trip Information is on the website. Sign on and check it out.

**HISTORIAN & ST. PATRICK'S PARADE:** Armando & Barb Graziosi

Armando explained where we all should meet to decorate the Float. We will participate in the Parade, riding our Float, walking along the parade route carrying Italian Flags, passing out candy, etc. It should be a great time and fun for all. Gina Mollicone made lovely costumes for the ladies to wear on the Float. **FESTIVAL MEALS:** Barb explained when her committee will meet to prepare the food for the Festival, beginning on the Wednesday prior to the Festival. Fried dough has been added this year along with Gelato.

**FUNDRAISING:** Sal Castorina

Sal asked those who brought items for the Festival Baskets tonight to turn them in and any others should be brought to the Hall on Friday March 10<sup>th</sup>. Janet Ackerson will contact the volunteers who signed up to work. The group picture will be taken on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. and must be paid for prior to or at that time for those wishing a copy. All volunteers must wear a red shirt and black slacks as well as our name tags with the Italian Logo. Be at the Hall at 9:45 for the picture taking. Setting up the Hall will take place on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00. Setting up the stations will take place at 10:00 on Friday March 17<sup>th</sup>. Help is needed following the festival on Saturday evening for the clean up. **NONNA'S BAKERY FOR THE FESTIVAL:** Rosemary Gear encouraged the membership to donate baked goods for the festival. Cookies are also welcome and Rosemary and her committee will wrap them separately so they will be priced uniformly, meaning one price for each bag.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Rita Tidwell

Rita hopes to sign up new members at the Festival. Tonight we welcome as new members: Carol Sellers, Shirley Basilone and Penny Paparello. Our list of guests includes Carole Aikman, Luren Roca and Barbara Vogel, and they are also most welcome.

**ITALIAN AMERICAN MAGAZINE:** Vinnie reported that in the Winter issue, our member Joe Mulholland was highlighted for all his contributions. Congratulations Joe!

**NEW BUSINESS:** The State Convention will be held here on June 3, 2017 at Columbus Hall. Our Lodge has 7 delegates and our President Vito Potenza as representatives. At this time, some members of the Executive Council are assigned as delegates but if more are needed, the request will be presented to the Membership.

**SPEAKER:** Mike Jacobs

Mike spoke of his Italian heritage through his mother, who shared stories of her family. They were from Sicily, and began with his grandparents. They had 7 children, three of whom were born in Sicily and four who were in the United States. His grandmother was born in Sicily but tells of the family landing at Ellis Island on Christmas Eve, where they believed the streets were paved with gold. Ultimately, they settled in Pennsylvania along the Susquehanna River. Mike told many amusing stories of his family's life in America.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Dottie Tumminello

50/50 Winner Bob Ackerson won \$74.00

Respectfully submitted by Jane Bartolomeo, Recording Secretary