

Sons and Daughters of Italy

Ocean City Lodge #2474

General Meeting Minutes January 4, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by the President, Vincent Mollicone

ROLL CALL of OFFICERS: Rose Madden called the names of the officers.

PRINCIPLES of the Order: Joann Ward read the Principles of the Order.

PRAYER INTENTIONS: Vincent Mollicone read the prayer intention list for the sick and deceased.

OPENING PRAYER: Read by Jane Bartolomeo

FLAG SALUTE: Vincent Mollicone asked the assembly present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS: Susann Palamara, Grand Lodge representative, thanked the outgoing officers for their service to the Lodge. Susann then called forth the newly elected officers for 2024-2026 and read them the oath of office. All present were installed and were called upon to complete the meeting agenda.

MINUTES of the LAST MEETING: November 2023 were distributed by email. Two corrections: charity brought, not bought by SueAnn Baietti and Basket/Silent raffle not Chinese Auction. Motion to approve by Cathy Impallomeni and seconded by Grace Jenkins.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Newly elected president, SueAnn Baietti had no report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Newly elected treasurer, Mark Sliverstri, thanked outgoing treasurer, Anthony Parisi, for doing a great job.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Rosemarie Pomilla reported that year-to-date is \$38,087.13 income and \$26,425.64 expenses leaving a balance of \$5,404.33. The roster lists 176 members 163 renewed and 13 new members. 36 have not renewed.

TRUSTEES' REPORT: November 10, 2023, audit. All looked good.

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE: Tom Pomilla and Joe Tamberino reported 116 members in attendance.

MISTRESS of CEREMONIES: Jane Bartolomeo thanked the bakers for the meeting refreshments: Felina Breeding, Ro Pomilla, Jo Alexander, Adrienne Celeste, Teri Antonini, Denise Buccheri. Anita Akob, Tonya Amber, Vicky a'Becket and Janet Ackerson.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Janet Ackerson read a letter from WOR-WIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE announcing the recipient of the Sons of Italy Endowed Scholarship. The award this year went to Ashley Foxwell. A thank you was read from Ashley who plans to pursue nursing.

STANDING COMMITTEES REPORTS

SCHOLARSHIP: Donna Potenza announced the 2024 scholarship information is going out to Stephen Decatur High School, Indian River High School, and Sussex Technical High School on January 8, 2024. Applications will need to be sent to counselors by March 15, 2024, and to Donna by March 22, 2024, due to earlier Spring Break.

SOCIAL: Mary Elleen Arena reported on the following: Christmas Dinner had 112 guests. Membership would like to remain at the Grand Hotel. Survey was turned in this evening. Tentative date: Dec. 8, 2024. Dec. 12, 2024, American Music Theatre for Joy to the World, \$65pp. Reserve by June 1, 2024. January social dinner: Trying for Ocean Downs. SueAnn will email details. February Valentine Dinner: TBD. February Rock and Roll Revival: Hit the Road at James Bennett High School for a matinee. Dinner after on Feb. 10, 11 or 18. March: St. Joseph Day Festival Volunteer list available. Check if you are willing to serve again. Shorebirds Game Picnic Area: May or June. June 29th: Milton Theatre. 3PM Lights Out, Frankie Valle and the Four Seasons Tribute. Dinner on the way home. Sep. 7th: Higgins Crab Feast 1-4 PM. October Trip: Looking into New Hampshire trip. Possible overnight trips: DC with MGM or Kennedy Center. Dutch Apple Theatre, Lancaster, PA. Autumn White Mountain. Details will follow as they become available. Mary Ellen has sign-up sheets.

CHARITY: Judy Zanetti reported on the Mary Castorina Memorial Charity Fund and thanked the membership for its generosity at Christmas. Judy reported that 3 cars were loaded with gifts for three families. In addition, there was \$995 in gift cards which was given to the families.

HELPING HANDS: Judy DeLucco thanked the members who signed up for the committee. She has guidelines available to assist the volunteers. Direct any questions to Judy. If you know of any members in need of assistance, contact Judy.

PUBLICITY AND PROGRAMS: Ed Pinto asked that you let him know in advance of any event your committee is planning so he can work on its publicity. Any program ads for the festival must be to Ed by 1/31.

WEBSITE: Tom Pergola: Updates have been made on picture gallery, members, bylaws on officers. Once on MEMBERS ONLY, log out takes you back to main page. Be sure to log out again.

FUNDRAISING: Vito Potenza reported on the Festival on March 23rd. Ed Pinto contacted past advertisers by letter requesting they consider an ad again this year. Volunteers are needed to do follow-up contact. New ad forms, introductory letters and other related letters are available on the website: sonsofitalyocencity.com. Members are encouraged to do single line patrons and memorial ads. Flyers to be distributed will be available at the February meeting. The next planning meeting is Jan. 23rd at St. Andrew's Hall at 10 AM. Captains and any member interested in attending are asked to come.

GIFT BASKETS: Janet Ackerson and SueAnn Baietti have been out to merchants. Janet has lists of areas that they need help with to solicit items. SueAnn needs golf items. Janet will need help on March 15th at 10 AM to construct baskets. Let her know if you are available. She is also looking for volunteers to work in shifts to sell tickets for the day of the festival. MaryEllen Arena will accept contributions for her martini, margarita, and fine wine baskets.

MEMBERSHIPS: Joan DeMarco introduced new members Carl and Maria Brown.

OLD BUSINESS: Vinnie will continue to be the contact for Lodge shirts, hats and tote bags.

Barbara Graziosi will oversee **the Grand Lodge Super raffle.**

NEW BUSINESS: Rose Madden will be taking over sickness and death notices.
Please let Rose know of anyone in need of prayer.

Bonnie Oliverio announced the Netflix movie, Feast of the Seven Fishes, takes place in John's hometown in WVA. You will hear the Oliverio name.

Closing Prayer: Read by Barbara Graziosi

50/50: \$92 won by Terri Scholtz

Meeting Adjourned by President SueAnn

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Potenza, Recording Secretary