

ORDER SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY IN AMERICA
Grand Lodge of Massachusetts
85 River Street Suite 2
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Minutes of the State Council Meeting
Friday, April 21, 2023

The monthly meeting of the State Council was called to order by State President Denise Furnari at 7:00pm.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

Absent Excused: State Financial Secretary Pio Frittitta

Absent: State Trustee Agnes Nobile

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 17, 2023 MEETING

Motion made and seconded to accept the minutes as submitted. Voted and so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was received from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey with ad information for the Souvenir Program Book for their 91st Biennial State Convention on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at the Seaview Hotel and Golf Club in Galloway, NJ. Motion made and seconded to refer to the C&E Trust. Voted and so ordered.

The quarterly report of the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum was received from Angelo and Carol Rossi, MA Overseers to the museum. The report contained requests that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts authorize the Charitable and Educational Trust to make a donation of \$1,500 to the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum (over and above any donations made by filial lodges and/or individuals at Conventions), and that a table promoting the GMM be allowed to be set up at all times during the upcoming Convention. Motion made and seconded to refer to New Business. Voted and so ordered.

A thank you note was received from scholarship recipient Olivia Puppolo. Motion made and seconded to pass and file. Voted and so ordered.

Newsletters were received from the following lodges: Christopher Columbus # 216 (Brockton), Wakefield # 1734, and the Grand Lodge of California. Motion made and seconded to pass and file. Voted and so ordered.

TRANSFERS

None

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Financial Analyst Paul Guida reported for State Financial Secretary Pio Frittitta and presented the report of lodges in arrears as of March 31, 2023 and informed the Council of the lodges that have since paid. Motion made and seconded to accept the report. Voted and so ordered.

TREASURER'S REPORT

State Treasurer Armand Buonanno presented the Activities Fund, Balance Sheet, and P&L Budget Performance Reports for the month ending March 31, 2023. Motion made and seconded to accept the report. Voted and so ordered.

ORATOR'S REPORT

The Orator's Report was discussed in Executive Session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

By-Laws

Chair Kathi Young had nothing new to report.

Sunshine

Chair Marisa Ranalli will be sending appropriate cards to families of recently deceased members.

Wine Tasting

Chair Florence Guidara reported that 74 tickets were sold and the total profit including silent auction and raffle sales was \$2,493.15.

Ad Book

Financial Analyst Paul Guida updated the Council on the Ad Book.

MELA

Scholarship Liaison Matt Ezekiel reported that the MELA breakfast scheduled for May 7 at the Burlington Marriott is on track.

Merchandise

Chair Marisa Ranalli had nothing new to report.

Questionnaire Survey

Sister Rita Anderson reported that it was decided to delay the distribution of the questionnaire to presidents and delegates until after the convention. It will be announced at the Convention and distributed after the Convention.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Organization & Education

Liaison Tony Isgro reported that Chair Tony Panaggio advised that the seminar scheduled for April 30 in Hingham is being postponed until after the convention. There is no scheduled date for the next meeting. State President Denise Furnari asked Tony Panaggio to present a program at State Convention.

Membership

Chair Rudy Viscomi had nothing new to report.

Charitable & Educational Trust

State President Denise Furnari reported that donations were approved for NELA, the Grand Lodge of New York, and the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

Junior Division

Liaison Brenda Buonanno updated us on volunteer activities and upcoming meetings. They will take a break from meetings in July and August.

Sports

Nothing new to report.

Social Justice

Nothing new to report.

Benefit Insurance

Liaison Jacky Bonarrigo reported that the last scheduled meeting was canceled and had nothing new to report.

Italian Culture/Historical

Chair Armand Buonanno had nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS

State President Denise Furnari reported that we have hired Robert Littlefield, Financial Advisor of Raymond James Investments, to manage the funds from the sale of the building.

State Convention

Chair Rudy Viscomi reported that most of the planning for the convention is set. The site for the convention for 2024 is already booked.

Golden Lion Award

Chair Florence Guidara reported that Sandra Cozzaglio from the G. Marconi Lodge # 1620 of Lee and Jim DiStefano from the Piave Fiume # 1036 of Watertown have been selected to receive the Golden Lion Award. The awards will be presented on Saturday night at the convention.

NEW BUSINESS

State President Denise Furnari received a save-the-date flyer for 'Notte Italiana' at The Revolution game on Saturday, June 24 at Gillette Stadium.

President Furnari stated that she would like to see representatives from State Council attend the upcoming installations of filial lodges.

The National Lodge is creating new management software for all lodges to utilize. Once the system is uploaded National will issue the training schedule. National will give more information at our State Convention.

WELFARE OF THE ORDER

Second Vice President Marissa Ranalli stated that we had a great meeting and is excited about new upcoming events.

Trustee Lilia Viscomi reported that the Piave Fiume # 1036 of Watertown is having their 100th Anniversary party on Saturday, May 20.

State President Denise Furnari stated this was a very good meeting, reminded everyone how important it is to attend the filial lodge installations, and expressed her excitement for the upcoming convention.

Having completed all business in accordance with the By-Laws, State President Denise Furnari declared the meeting adjourned at 8:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rita M. Anderson
State Recording Secretary