

**ORDER SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY IN AMERICA**  
**Grand Lodge of Massachusetts**  
**93 Concord Avenue**  
**Belmont, MA 02478**

**Minutes of the State Council Meeting**  
**Friday, August 19, 2022**

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 Trustee Agnes Nobile

**MINUTES:**

Recording Secretary Rita Anderson presented the Minutes from the July 15 State Council meeting. Motion made and accepted to accept Minutes with amendments. Voted and so ordered.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Motion made and seconded to pass and file. Voted and so ordered. In the future, all Lodge flyers and upcoming event notices will be passed and filed.

**NEWSLETTERS:**

Motion made and seconded to pass and file.

**TRANSFERS:**

None

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

State Financial Secretary Pio Frittitta presented his report. 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 July 31, 2022. Motion made and seconded to accept the reports. Voted and so ordered.

**ORATOR'S REPORT:**

The Orator's Report was discussed in Executive Session.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Calendar Raffle:**

Per Sister Florence Guidara: Over 900 raffle tickets have been sold.

**Sunshine Reports:**

None

**Merchandise:**

Sister Marisa Ranalli would like to order more polo shirts to sell. A motion was made and accepted to spend \$500 toward buying new merchandise. Voted and so ordered.

**COMMISSION REPORTS**

**Membership:**

None

**Charity:**

No new information

**Sports:**

Per Brother Pio: Good progress has been made on the Bocce Tournament fund raiser for the State Order on September 24.

**SJC:**

We are still in need of a chairperson.

**BIC:**

No updates; will have a meeting next week

**OLD BUSINESS**

Per State President Denise Furnari: (1) The sale of the State Council building in Belmont is ongoing. (2) The part time office position is still available. Suggestions are to repost the job opening on FB and in next newsletter. (3) We still need State Trustees in Districts 1 and 2. (4) Brother Matt Ezekiel discussed putting Grand Lodge events on an add-on calendar on our website using WIX, a computer program that runs the w/s.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Per State President Denise Furnari:

- The Garibaldi Meucci Museum newsletter provides a link to register for Italian language classes and adult education classes to learn Italian remotely. A Motion was made and seconded to provide this link in our next newsletter. Voted and so ordered.
- There will be a Zoom meeting Saturday, 10/15, 10:00am-12. This is a special state convention to discuss and vote on the budget that was tabled at the state convention in June. We will hold the monthly state council meeting, via Zoom, following the State Convention meeting, in place of the State Council meeting scheduled for Friday, October 21.
- Motion was made and accepted to pay \$40 extra/year for the Pro Zoom app that has transcription capability. Voted and so ordered.
- State President Denise Furnari attended the National Convention in Chicago, good convention. The organization donated \$30,000 to the National SJC.
- Recording Secretary Rita Anderson read a memo from The Italian Home for Children of Jamaica Plain in which the CEO requested info on how to be placed on our state charity list. Motion was made and accepted to file and pass. Voted and so ordered.

Sister Kathi Young:

- Send citation for Members who turn 100 years old
- We need to find ways to save and cut down on expenses; suggested asking National if the Grand Lodge can dedicate a couple of pages in their quarterly magazine instead of having our own.
- The By-Law committee is working on ideas to increase delegates at state convention and will be presenting a by-law change in the future.

Sister Rita Anderson: The Lawrence Ladies Lodge #2026 is holding their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on September 25.

Sister Brenda Buonanno: See Lynn's Mixed Lodge FaceBook page re their back-to-school backpack drive. They are accepting donations.

Brother Tony Sestito: The Italian American Alliance is having a party to celebrate Italian America Heritage Month on October 2, at 6:00. \$50/hors d'oeuvres in Watertown. This is not a fundraiser.

**WELFARE OF THE ORDER:**

- Thank-you's went all around for the Minutes and the Reports provided, and the lovely dinner provided by Tony Sestito.
- State President Denise Furnari: Please support and attend Lodges' meetings. Paul Guida can send a directory. Try to attend two lodges/month and come back and give an updated report on how each lodge is doing.

Adjournment: Having completed all business in accordance with the By-Laws, State President Denise Furnari declared the meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Rita M. Anderson  
State Recording Secretary