

ORDER SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY IN AMERICA
Grand Lodge of Massachusetts
85 River Street Suite 2
Waltham, MA 02453

Minutes of the State Council Meeting
Friday, May 19, 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 Trustee Florence Ferullo Guidara

Absent: State Trustee Agnes Nobile

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 21, 2023 MEETING

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

COMMUNICATIONS

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

TRANSFERS

None

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

State Financial Secretary Pio Frittitta presented the report of lodges in arrears as of April 30, 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 April 30, 2023. 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

Sunshine

Chair Marisa Ranalli continues to send appropriate cards to members and to families of recently deceased members.

Merchandise

Chair Marisa Ranalli discussed the merchandise to be sold at the State Convention.

Ad Book

Executive Director Paul Guida reported that \$4,830 has been received for the ad book to-date.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Benefit Insurance

Liaison Jacky Bonarrigo updated us on the Commission meeting held on May 11, 2023.

Junior Division

Liaison Brenda Buonanno reported that the Samuel J. Musumeci Junior Lodge # 2693 of Methuen is sponsoring a "Back to School Supply Drive" for the Robert Frost Elementary School in Lawrence, MA. The flyer will be sent to all State Convention delegates requested they bring their donations for collection at Convention. She also the Council members on upcoming activities.

Membership

Nothing new to report.

Charity

President Denise Furnari reported for Chair Florence Guidara and advised that a table will be setup at Convention for charities to place their informational brochures.

Sports

Nothing new to report.

Social Justice

Nothing new to report.

Italian Culture/Historical

Chair Armand Buonanno gave an update on the opera/dinner event held in April. The proceeds from the dinner held at the Methuen # 902 were \$235 and were sent to the Grand Lodge.

OLD BUSINESS

State Convention

Chair Rudy Viscomi reported that the agenda is set and ready. Discussions ensued pertaining to the program for convention.

NEW BUSINESS

Brother Matt Ezekiel mentioned the need for a new vacuum cleaner for the new office. A motion was made and seconded to purchase a new vacuum cleaner. Voted and so ordered.

WELFARE OF THE ORDER

Council members offered thanks and best wishes to outgoing President Denise Furnari and to the outgoing officers on Council.

State President Denise Furnari discussed the first 2 years of her presidency during the pandemic as being very challenging and thanked the Council members for their support over the past four years. She also stated how proud she is to have served as State President these past four years.

Having completed all business in accordance with the By-Laws, State President Denise Furnari declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Rita M. Anderson
State Recording Secretary