

American Italian Federation of the Southeast (AIFEDSE)

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July 22, 2012 Update

AGENDA-Noon July 22, 2012 American Italian Federation Quarterly Meeting
Location: Italian American Hall, 1910 Monroe Street, Gretna, Louisiana 70054
Dinner provided by the Italian-American Society of Jefferson

The Honorable Arnaldo Partesotti, Hon. Consul of Italy, New Orleans will be our guest speaker unless he has to go out of town at the last minute. Guest Speaker will be first in case he has to leave early.

Arnaldo & Bruna Partesotti attended.

Call To Order, Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call From List of Organizations

Introduce any guest observers or new organization members:

Reading of AIFEDSE Minutes 02-26-2012 Meeting by Amanda Broome.
Any corrections to the Minutes? **Amanda did not attend.**

Vote on Minutes Approval. **Motion to Approve?**

Treasurer's Report by Joe Piccione. **Motion to Approve? Approved.**

Any organizations did not pay the annual Federation fee?

Names of organizations? **Bocce Club, La Irish Italian Society, IAS Beaumont.**

Motion to drop Unpaid from AIFEDSE after 30 days notice? **Deferred.**

Any Reports by Member Organizations. **Will be submitted in writing to Victor.**

Old Business-Amanda Broome, Secretary to contact each president and be able to report that all the presidents have submitted AIFEDSE Master List updates. Copies of the updated Master List to be distributed at this meeting.
Was not done.

Old Business-Report on Scholarship to Loyola University New Orleans by Maria Falco, PhD, Federation Liaison to the New Orleans Opera and Gaspar Schiro, President of the Contessa Entellina Society .

Loyola to handle approved donation of \$1,000, a scholarship gift to a deserving opera student in honor of Sal Panzeca, on behalf of the American-Italian Federation of the Southeast.

Process envisioned:

1. Federation submits check with approval of scholarship criteria to Anna Justice for processing
2. Loyola deposits check into Loyola account. This avoids having the student be required to pay taxes on the award by making out the check to Loyola directly.
3. Loyola (i.e. Dean and appropriate faculty members) picks scholarship student according to the scholarship criteria
4. Loyola deposits scholarship money into the student's account before 9/15/2012
5. Loyola hosts Federation representatives, and formally recognizes their gift along with the student recipient, at either one of the opera performances in Year 2012-13 or at a suitable event which features Italian music, preferably during Loyola's Centennial
6. Loyola announces and publicizes relationship and generosity from the Federation, ideally in conjunction with the event

Motion to Approve?

The Federation commends Maria J. Falco, PhD and Gasper J. Schiro for their efforts along with Anna L. Justice, Loyola Development Officer, College of Music and Fine Arts and Donald R. Boomgaarden, PhD Dean, College of Music and Fine Arts. Robert Lyall, Director New Orleans Opera will be invited to participate.

Motion to Approve? [Approved.](#)

The 2013 AIFEDSE Convention site was approved at the February 26, 2012 meeting. It will be held at the Gulfport, Mississippi Yacht Club. The Gulf Coast Italian American Cultural Society will report at this meeting on availability of dates in April and May in order to stay out of hurricane season. **[Dates not made available at meeting. Victor approved to select a date.](#)**

New Business-The names of 2 or more volunteers are needed to work with Joe DiStefano, past Convention Book Chairman on the production of the future Convention Book. After many years of unselfish effort, Mr. Joe will not be able to work with a printing company to produce the Book due to medical concerns. It will be terrible if his contacts and extensive knowledge are lost. It is requested that at this meeting presidents submit a name of one of their members to work with Mr. Joe or on the future Convention Committee. **[Maria Falco volunteered to internet search prospective advertisers.](#)**

New Business-Presidents of member organizations are to be commended for sharing Federation emails by forwarding to their members. Many of their members have expressed appreciation to me for these communications. However the members without internet access can be at a disadvantage of being aware of the many activities and news of our member organizations. The information sent by free email is too much to put into the costly U.S. Mail. It would be nice if those members without can furnish an email address of a friend or family member to their respective presidents. They then could be informed of our information right away.

Go around the tables for members to bring up any other business.

Motion to close the meeting?

Grazie,

Victor

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