

Minutes-February 26, 2012 American Italian Federation Quarterly Meeting

Call to order at 12:17 pm at Bocce Club

Prayer & Pledge

Roll call was taken from sign in sheet . About 30 attendees at \$20 each for the lunch by Bocce Club members. This raised \$600 minus expenses for the Bocce Club from the American Italian Federation.

Introduction of new Officer, Nicoletta Giannico, as our Webmaster

Reading of **September 25, 2011** minutes- Amanda Broome, few edits were made, Wayne Nicito motioned to approve, Gasper Schiro seconded. All approved.

Treasurer's report read by Joe Piccione with detailed accounting for activity since last quarterly meeting. Betty Cadwell motioned, John Bruno seconded.

Reports by Member Organizations-

AIRF- Betty has no report

Bocce Club- Sal thanked all members as Host, Spring League selection signup starts on March 1, League play in Metairie starts March 8, goes on 8 weeks. going to Memphis on March 9 with 4 teams

Cefalutana Society- Seafood Plate Dinner(\$17/person pre-paid) on May 19th at KC in Kenner. 125th year celebration in August.

Contessa Entellina- 126th Year in September. 125th year celebration in 2011 honored 2 members at the banquet. Published a history book and are placed at the museum documenting the 125 years of the club's history. March 4th- Contessa Day at the Races. Members are welcome. \$32/person. Mass & banquet is planned in September to close out the 125th year celebration. Had a debutante presented at Rex Ball, Caroline Monteleone.

East Jefferson- recap of Italian American Digest and the events listed.

GCIACS- Charity Bocce Tournament on April 28th at the Biloxi Town Green to benefit Make A Wish Foundation.

Italian American Society of Jefferson- March 19th SJA, blessing on Sunday 6pm. April 13-15 31st Year Italian Open (\$50/person- dinner, \$90/play, hole sponsors available). March 16-18 Dixie Hall at Tulane (The Light in the Piazza). New president.

American Italian Club of Lafayette- club in transition

St Lucy Society- 84th Year Mass on December 10, 2011. St John the Baptist is always a great location if any memorial masses need to be held, see Mae Webb for details. Joe Distefano noted that anyone can be a member of the St Lucy Society (\$10/ annual membership)

Greater New Orleans Italian GNOICS- March 4 & 11th making cookies at Gambino's for SJA. March 18-19th Annual St Joseph Alter. All welcome & encouraged to attend.

Old business- Robert Lyall (Opera Association) had previously committed to working with Amy Pfrimmer (Tulane) to select a worthwhile student for scholarship at Tulane. Victor Musso called Tulane to inquire about procedure. The check should be mailed to Office of Accounts Receivable with the name of the student recipient. Tulane instructed to send to Financial Aid office for anyone not already receiving financial aid. Maria Falco indicated that Robert Lyall tried 3 times to get in touch with Amy Pfrimmer. Victor asked members for proceedings or options...Joe Piccione reiterated his stance on the one-time \$1000 scholarship in Sal Panzeca's name to a worthy student. Mae Webb introduced the option to approach Loyola given their notable music school. Joe is withdrawing original motion to Tulane recipient. Maria Falco offered to help as liaison with Opera Association. Joe DiStefano mentioned that a letter needs to be sent to Opera Association recapping the difficulties, if motion is withdrawn. Gasper Schiro would like to amend the motion to include that the AIFEDSE executive committee will be consulted of recipient, Betty Cadwell seconded. Serve on scholarship committee in NOLA area- Gasper Schiro & Maria Falco.

Italian American Society- Dollars for Scholars \$5M in scholarships nationwide. IAS gave \$500 scholarship. Great publicity for AIFEDSE, given media coverage . An option if Loyola doesn't work out.

No candidate for open office of recording secretary.

Joe Piccone- motion, Dennis Hausser seconded a motion to sponsor \$100 hole sponsor at Italian Open. All approved.

New business-

2013 AIFEDSE Convention- possible site- Gulfport? Motion made by Wayne Nocito motioned and seconded. All approved. Joe DiStefano indicated that Gulfport was the best site for hospitality & price. Victor Musso expressed concern over hurricane season. Possible dates- June- hurricane season, GCIACS will consult for availability in April or May. Lou Lato needs help in obtaining & transporting all food donations for the hospitality room. Joe Distefano needs help & transition for future books. He obtains lucrative ad sponsorships for Federation fund raising. More money was raised in the last convention book than usual, full page ads were the biggest difference. Only a few people actually pushed the ads for the big bucks. IT IS IMPORTANT!! Book costs \$13,800 to print, need to explore costs. Victor challenged

that each NOLA club try to get a member to step up and help Joe. Would like name of candidate at next meeting.

Next meeting in Lafayette? Dominic Greishaber stated that it would be too costly for bus transport for next meeting if in Lafayette. Joe DiStefano and Wayne Nocito will check with their hall schedule as well for possible host site.

Federation website explained by Victor Musso in detail per page. Please visit and review our great site and explore. Corporate advertising sponsors \$200/ year for business card size. **This is shown as a Benefactor. A business card or photo of the business sign is shown as an image link to a written profile of the individual or business.** We have our first **Benefactor** advertiser **posted on the website.** Encourage sponsorships.

New Business-

Membership Invoices have been mailed to the different clubs. Please check with your club for receipt. Invoices are due.

IASJ- called for attendees to museum and research library. It has been moved to 4747 W Napoleon. Grand Opening in March 17th from 10am-noon, Italian Flag Throwers, other participants to enjoy.

Sal Dipenzetti just celebrated its 99th bday.

GNOICS- work on younger generation to bring in membership. St Joseph dinner had over 3,000 viewers last year. Altar will be open from 10-9 on Sunday, 9-4 on Monday.

St Lucy- Italian American digest are available for the altars.

Motion to close meeting at 2:2 by Dennis Hausser, Wayne Nocito seconded.