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AIFEDSE MINUTES -11:00AM Sunday, October 18, 2015 American Italian Federation Member Organizations Delegates Meeting. Other Members of AIFEDSE Member Organizations were welcome to attend also.

Location: Italian Hall, Gretna, Louisiana

Italian Dinner to be furnished by American Italian Federation and prepared by Italian American Society of Jefferson's Sam Matrana. Non-member guests could attend for \$8 dinner charge.

Call To Order, Pledge of Allegiance & Prayer @ 11:33 AM

Roll Call of Organizations represented by sign in sheets.

[Minutes of last AIFEDSE Members Meeting.] Announced by Victor Musso

The meeting took place at the American Italian Federation of the Southeast Convention on April 11, 2015 at the Italian Hall in Gretna, Louisiana. The American Italian Federation Officers elected for 2015 - 2017 are: Victor P. Musso, President; Dominick Grieshaber, Jr., Executive Vice President; Joseph S. Piccione, Treasurer; Lucille "Lou" Lato, 1st Vice President; Dennis Hausser, 2nd Vice President; Bette Cadwell, Corporate Secretary; Nicoletta Giannico, Webmaster; E.C. "Chuck" Anselmo, Chairman of the Advisory Board.

Treasurer's Report by Joseph S. Piccione.

Motion to Approve by Genevieve Panepinto Harris, Seconded by Carol Lirette & APPROVED

IA Old Business - An \$1,000 scholarship award "On behalf of the 20 member organizations of The American Italian Federation of the Southeast" will be presented to raffle winner Elizabeth K. Landry, Daughter of John and Anne Landry of Arlington, Texas. Elizabeth is a student at University of Texas At Arlington, Granddaughter of Anthony and Carolyn Musso, members of the Baton Rouge AIA. **Anthony Musso accepted award presented by Joseph S. Piccione Victor Musso read thank you acknowledgement from Elizabeth Landry.**

We welcome the ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE SOCIETY OF BIRMINGHAM ALABAMA which has joined the American Italian Federation of the Southeast and is now a Member Organization.

II.A New Business - Proposed for Approval by Delegates: Renewing a \$1,000 scholarship “On behalf of the 20 member organizations of the American Italian Federation of the Southeast Awards the Salvatore Panzeca Scholarship” to an Opera student of Italian descent at Loyola University in Spring 2016, with Dean of the Music School making the selection and Robert Lyall, Director of the New Orleans Opera Association, making the presentation along with the AIFEDSE President. **Motion to Approve by Maria Falco, Second by Lou Lato Discussed & APPROVED**

II.B New Business - Proposed for Approval by Delegates: Renewing the \$1,000 scholarship “On behalf of the 20 member organizations of the “American Italian Federation of the Southeast Awards the Joseph Maselli Scholarship” to a high school student of Italian descent at the Louisiana American Italian Sports Hall of Fame Induction Banquet January 16, 2016. The selection shall be made by the American Italian Renaissance Foundation committee. Presentation to be by the AIFEDSE President or an AIFEDSE Officer at the Banquet. **Motion to Approve by Genevieve Panepinto Harris, Second by Mary Panepinto Zeringue Discussed & APPROVED**

II.C New Business - Proposed for Approval by Delegates: Renewing the \$1,000 scholarship “On behalf of the 20 member organizations of the American Italian Federation of the Southeast” to be given to a student who meets the criteria outlined per the attached American Italian Federation of the Southeast Scholarships Application.

The request for qualified students will be in the Fall of 2015. The scholarship applications deadline will be February 14, 2016. The scholarship recipient will be chosen by a random drawing at a membership meeting of the

members. Presentation of the scholarship will be at the Fall 2016 Federation Delegates Meeting.

Criteria includes: Applicant must be a member, child or the legal ward or direct descendant of a AIFEDSE organization member who has been a member in good standing for at least twelve (12) consecutive months as of the application deadline.

The AIFEDSE Board of Directors has the right to increase the number of scholarship awards in any given year.

Motion to Approve by Anthony Musso, Second by Joycelyn Montagnino Discussed & APPROVED

II.D New Business - Proposed for Approval by Delegates: The Federation will support the January 16, 2016 Louisiana American Italian Sports Hall Of Fame Induction Banquet at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside by paying for a table of 8. This annual Banquet with national attendees funds support for the American Italian Cultural Center and the American Italian Museum in New Orleans and scholarship awards for college-bound high school seniors excelling in academic and athletics

Motion to Approve by Dennis Hausser, Second by Sal Serio Discussed & APPROVED

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

Lorraine Raiteri Santo inquired about the future 2017 AIFEDSE Convention. She volunteered to be on the Convention Committee. At the point Victor Musso called for any other present volunteers. Joseph Piccione and Dennis Hausser volunteered. Additional volunteers will be called for in the future.

Mae Galioto Webb informed those present of the December 12, 2015 St. Lucy Anniversary mass at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in New Orleans sponsored by the St. Lucy Society.

**Motion to Closed the meeting by Dennis Hausser
Seconded by Joseph Piccione**

Grazie,

Victor

Victor P. Musso, President

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