

YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE
BOARD OF GRAND DIRECTORS BI-MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES

Call to Order

Vice-Chairman of the Board, Brother Michael Dimech, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 7, 2012 in the conference room at the YMI Archives Building in Ripon, California.

Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was led by Grand Director Michael Dimech requesting God's guidance on the officers and their deliberations throughout the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

In a true spirit of fraternalism, the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Grand Marshal Richard Burke, was recited in a strong voice by those assembled. All were asked to remember our country's service men.

Roll Call

The roll call was taken and the following Grand Officers were present: Grand Directors Luther Evans, Charles McClure (via cell phone), William Effinger III (by cell phone) and represented by Rudy Albritton PGP, Michael Dimech, Richard Pisciotta and Jose Robledo Jr. (via cell phone); Grand President John Musgrove; Grand First Vice President Frank Hepburn; Grand Second Vice President Joseph Reza; Grand Secretary Michael Amato; Grand Treasurer Jack Albrecht, Grand Marshal Richard Burke; and Grand Outside Sentinel Ron Hansen.

The following Grand Officers were excused by Vice-Chairman of the Board, Brother Michael Dimech: Grand Chaplain Father Agnel DeHeredia; Junior Past Grand President Bob Bartoli; and Grand Directors Bill McNeany and George Terry. Grand Inside Sentinel Michael Sanzeri was marked absent.

The following YMI Brothers were in attendance: Brother Tom Fourie, PGP and Business Manager, Brother Chuck Gullo #2, Brother Rudy Albritton #80, PGP and periodically Brother Jerry DeGroot, PGP.

Reading of the Minutes

The minutes from the November 12, 2011 Meeting of the Board of Grand Directors were reviewed.

MSC – Unanimous – Dimech/Effinger – that the minutes of the November 12, 2011 Meeting of the Board of Grand Directors be approved.

Communications

The Business Manager and the Grand Secretary presented the following communications:

- Council bulletins have been received from the following Councils: #1 (December & January), #2 (January), #8 (December & January), #32 (December & January), #40 (December & January), #84 (December & January), #573 (December), #612 (December) and #613 (December & January)
- Cover letter for Assessment #145 sent January 1, 2012
- Holiday Issue of the “Voice of the YLI”
- Christmas Greetings from Jose Robledo Jr., Stan Seaman and the Grand President of the YLI
- Announcement from Council #54 of their participation in the Walk for Life in San Francisco on January 21, 2012
- A copy of the new SEEDS Brochure from the Diocese of Stockton with YMI accurately depicted as a founding partner
- A letter of information for the date of the probate hearing (January 24, 2012) from the estate of Noel Miller
- A 2012 calendar from St. Joseph Catholic Schools in Hilo, Hawaii
- Two copies of the Catholic Voice
- One copy of the Catholic Herald

Grand Chaplain’s Report

Brother Tom Fourie reported that Father Agnel was diagnosed with pneumonia and is taking it easy for awhile at the All Souls Rectory. Please keep him in our prayers.

Grand Treasurer's Report

Grand Treasurer, Brother Jack Albrecht, presented the Treasurer's Report dated December 20, 2011. This report showed the balances for the YMI fiscal year as they stand for the 2011-2012 year. He asked if there were any questions and none were forthcoming.

MSC – Effinger/Pisciotta – to accept the December 20, 2011 Grand Treasurer's Report.

The Grand Treasurer announced that the first Budget Committee Meeting for the 2012-2013 YMI year will take place on Monday, February 6, 2012 at the World Headquarters beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Grand Directors' Committee Reports

Vice-Chairman of the Board, Brother Michael Dimech asked for reports from the various Grand Director's Committees:

- Charters ~ Br. George Terry, Chr. ~ Review the need for anniversary charters and the replacement of lost charters as needed. No report at this time.
- Finance ~ Br. Michael Dimech, Chr., Br. Richard Pisciotta, and Br. William Effinger ~ Review and approve for payment all bills for Grand Council. All bills have been reviewed and approved for payment.
- Long Range Planning ~ Br. Charles McClure, ~ Update and edit the Five-Year Plan for the Young Men's Institute. Brother Musgrove reported that a meeting took place in Richmond, IN during the Official Visit with Br. Chuck McClure and Br. Chuck Gullo present. A rough draft will be presented to the Directors at the next meeting.
- Council Activities ~ Br. Bill McNeany, Chr., Br. Richard Pisciotta ~ Review and sign off on forms submitted by Councils for activities which could gross more than \$1500. An application from Dos Palos Council #99 for their golf tournament was received and an announcement of Chowchilla Council #94's two fish fries were presented. Signatures were then affixed.
- Supplies ~ Br. Michael Dimech, Chr., Br. Jose Robledo, Jr. ~ perform an annual inventory of YMI property at the World

Headquarters. Supplies will be inventoried on Monday, February 6, 2012.

- Insurance ~ Br. William Effinger, Chr. ~ Work with the Grand Council Office on any possible liability claims against the Order through the Travelers Insurance Company. All our payments are up to date. There have been no claims.
- Fund Raising ~ Br. George Terry and Br. Luther Evans ~ spear head all fund raising efforts to offset Grand Council expenses during the year (e.g. Crab Cioppino, Super Bowl Pools, Hawaii Trip, etc.) There are three Super Bowl Pools being solicited at this time. Br. Burke turned in his completed pool. The other two are still selling squares. The Crab Cioppino (\$40 per person on January 28, 2012 in SSF) is going forward, however, confirmation from Brother Guaraldi is still awaited. In any case all Grand Officers are expected to be present and help, please contact Br. Bob Bartoli at 650-871-7878 to offer assistance and get your marching orders.
- “Proud To Be Catholic” ~ All Directors ~ possibly held in conjunction with the Red and White Mass. Brother Joseph Reza noted that the flyer for the Red and White Mass was in the Journal and as the Grand Second Vice President he will be incorporating the “Proud to be Catholic” aspect for the entire month of March. He, along with his committee, will be having a meeting in Hilmar in the next few weeks to confirm all the arrangements. Keeping Fr. Agnel in the loop is important. Letters to go out from the Grand Council Office need to be in the hands of Brother Fourie immediately.

Grand President’s Report

Grand President John Musgrove began his Official Report which included his summaries of recent visits to Indiana and the three remaining meetings (#613, #32 and Hawaii) which he has on his calendar. He related the continuous work in Huntingburg on keeping up their building with repair work, etc. He spoke of his visit to the schools in Richmond, Indiana and learning about their good work. The two Indiana Councils continue to work on membership and are having some success.

He summarized the first meeting of the Super Committee to look to the future for changes in our organizational structure and terms of office. More discussion is needed as the process will take a number of years. He reviewed once again the members of the Committee who will take a serious look at the YMI Grand Council Constitution and By-Laws, they being Brothers Bob Bartoli, Michael Amato, Rudy Albritton, Tom Fourie, Frank Hepburn and the current Grand President.

The Bowling Tournament Flyer was distributed. The Chairman had not submitted the information in time to make the Journal, so the flyers were sent out by separate mail through the Grand Council Office on January 1, 2012. Final results will be needed by April 25, 2012 for publication in the Journal. Br. Burke invited everyone to Casa Manana after the tournament for a spaghetti dinner sponsored by Stockton Council #5

The Golf Tournament flyers were distributed and will appear in the next Journal.

As reported in the Journal, the Matching Funds of the YMI Educational Foundation will again be offered to interested Councils. The forms were in the last Journal. There will not be any college scholarships awarded by the Foundation this year.

The Seminarian Foundation is collecting applications and will review them on May 1, 2012 for possible financial assistance.

Grand Secretary's Report/Business Manager's Report

Grand Secretary Michael Amato reminded everyone of the Order's advertisements in the local diocesan newspapers. He spent time reviewing the challenges presented by the current Web Site, working to keep it up to date and have a procedure in place to maintain current information. He distributed the hits for the web site and noted a slight decline these past few months. Much work needs to be done.

Business Manager Tom Fourie reported on the following:

- The Fall Institute Journal was published and sent out. The next issue has a deadline of January 31, 2012 for submission of articles, announcements, forms, etc. He will be bringing it to the printer on February 9, 2012 for printing and hopes that it will be out by March 1, 2012.
- Assessment #145 was sent to each Council and the monies are due in the Grand Council Office on February 1, 2012.
- New interest and new Brothers are coming forward to revive Vinyes Council #16 in Benicia, California. The Business Manager is currently working with Brother Robert Langston to bring the Council back to life. Supplies have been sent and we are awaiting a date for a re-birth meeting.
- The Business Manager reported his availability in the Office over the next few weeks.
- The Business Manager reported on the saga of Big Bob and the new replacement Taco. Everything is going well in the pastures outside Richmond, Indiana.

Grand Directors Report on Grand Council Committees

Vice-Chairman of the Board, Brother Michael Dimech, solicited reports from liaisons to the various Grand Council Committees.

Audit: Br. Bill Effinger, Chr. – Br. Michael Dimech, Board member. The following Councils have still not been audited: #6, #9, #13, #16, #88, #92, #93, #111 and #614. Brother Michael Dimech will provide another letter to be sent to these Councils from the Board of Directors.

Budget: Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr. – Br. Michael Dimech and Br. Bill McNeany as Board members. First meeting in February has been set.

Ceremonials: Br. John West, Chr. – Br Jose Robledo, Jr, Board member. No report at this time.

Coordinating: Br. John Musgrove, Chr. – Br. Chuck McClure, Board member. Everyone needs to be at the Crab Cioppino and the Red and White Mass....no exceptions.

Credentials: Br. Michael Amato, Chr. – Br. Luther Evans, Board member. No report at this time.

Institute Journal: Br. Tom Fourie, Chr. – Br. George Terry, Board member. Board article needed by January 31, 2012.

Laws and Revisions: Br. Rob Bartoli, Chr. – Br. George Terry, Board member. By-Law changes have been accepted from Councils #2, #40, #1, #65 and #613. There is one question with #80 and #32 has not been submitted.

Man of the Year: Br. Pete Padron, Chr. – Br. Richard Pisciotta, Board member. The committee had its article printed in the last Journal. Nominations are now open and being accepted.

Membership: Br. John West, Chr. – All Grand Directors on this committee. No report at this time.

Organization: Br. Michael Amato, Chr. – Br. George Terry, Board member. No report at this time

Pro Deo: Br. Joseph Reza, Chr. – Br. Luther Evans, Br. Jose Robledo, Jr., and Br. Bill Effinger, Board members. Brother Reza's flyer for the March 3, 2012 event was in the Institute Journal. See minutes above.

Pro Patria: Br. Frank Hepburn, Chr. – Br. Michael Dimech, Board member. Brother Fourie updated the raffle returns: \$6452 so far with 56 YLI Institutes purchasing, yet only 240 Brothers of the YMI have bought their tickets. Br. Dimech emphasized the need to personally call each member of a Council to remind them about buying the tickets. Brother Luther Evans recounted what he did with St. Christopher Council #80 (his embarrassment) and he brought many sold tickets to the meeting. Everyone needs to speak to their fellow Brothers and the tickets will be bought. The essays are due January 15, 2012 and judges packets will be ready February 6, 2012.

Reserve Fund: Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr. – Br. Bill McNeany, Board member. The Committee met with our major investor for a dinner meeting. All investment opportunities were reviewed and some changes were made. The YMI Investments reflect the stock market and its movements.

Resolutions: Br. Phil Fondale, Chr. – Br. Richard Pisciotta, Board member. Br. Jeffrey Burns is still a possibility. Nominees need to be made known by May 1, 2012.

State of the Institute: Br. Bob Bartoli, Chr. – Br. George Terry and Br. Chuck McClure, Board members. Brother Bartoli has one proposition from last year and a gentle reminder will appear in the next Journal.

Workshop: Br. Tom Fourie, Chr. – All Directors on committee. See you in June.

Unfinished Business

An update of the Grand Council Session in Seaside, California in June 2012 was given by Committee Member Albrecht with input from the Business Manager. Room reservations need to be made before May 17, 2012 by calling 831-241-9131 and ask for the YMI rate. The dates are June 18-22, 2012. 75 rooms per night are guaranteed. Brother Gullo will contact the Bishop of Monterey for his possible participation at the Installation Mass.

Br. Pisciotta received credit for his work in securing the Silver Legacy for the June 2013 Grand Council Session. Initial contacts have been made with the Hotel to sign a contract. (Mrs. Mary Reno). Brother Pisciotta brought up the often reviewed topic of dates of Grand Council Session. A brief discussion was held.

The official visit to Huntingburg saw the acceptance of the Grand Council Assistance Check and receipt of the Assessment check from the Council. Everyone was pleased.

New Business

Brother Fourie spoke to the State Franchise Board and their need for non-profit status of YMI. It appears they cannot find the necessary paperwork in their files from the 1960's or more recent documentation sent by the Grand Council Office. More will have to be sent.

Brother Richard Burke is still interested in starting a YMI Softball League.

Grand First Vice President's Report

Brother Frank Hepburn's written report was distributed concerning his push for Council Deputies to be appointed by Councils and used as additional ears for the Grand President next year. He has many new ideas for communication next year and is getting a head start. He also spoke kindly of Br. Chuck Gullo from #2 on his willingness to join this year's official visit to Indiana. He also gave his observations of the Councils in Indiana and their work. He is also working on his list of judges for the essay contest.

Grand Second Vice President's Report

Brother Joseph Reza's report was covered under the Pro Deo report. However, Brother Reza apologized for his not being as up to date and organized as he thinks he should be. It is not due to lack of effort, but more on the demand for his time in Bakersfield. He promises to get better. The Officers applauded him for his spirit and will support him in all his efforts.

Junior Past Grand President Report

Brother Bob Bartoli was not present but will be working on the pools and the Crab Cioppino.

Good of the Order

The next Board meeting will be March 3, 2012 at Holy Rosary Parish in Hilmar, CA beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was led by Brother Joseph Reza.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, yours for God and Country,

Michael Amato #613

Grand Secretary

Thomas A. Fourie #32, PGP

Business Manager

