

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 1:40 p.m. on Saturday, March 3, 2012 in the conference room at the Holy Rosary Church Hall in Hilmar, California.

Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was led by Grand Chaplain Father Agnel 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), Michael Dimech, Richard Pisciotta, George Terry; 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; Grand Outside Sentinel Ron Hansen; Grand Inside Sentinel Michael Sanzeri, Grand Chaplain Father Agnel; and Junior Past Grand President Bob Bartoli

The following Grand Officer was excused by Vice-Chairman of the Board, Brother Michael Dimech: Grand Director Bill McNeany. Grand Director Jose Robledo was marked absent.

The following YMI Brother was in attendance: Brother Tom Fourie, PGP and Business Manager.

Reading of the Minutes

The minutes from the January 7, 2012 Meeting of the Board of Grand Directors were reviewed.

MSC – Unanimous – Pisciotta/Evans – that the minutes of the January 7, 2012 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 (February & March), #2 (February & March), #5 (February), #8 (February), #32 (February & March), #40 (February & March), #84 (February & March), #573 (February), #612 (January & February) and #613 (March)
- Four copies of the Catholic Voice – Oakland’s Diocesan newspaper
- Letter from the IRS announcing an audit of Grand Council
- Three reports from lawyers and bank on the status of the Noel Miller Estate
- One copy of the Voice of the YLI
- An e-mail from a student in Belgium looking for information on Fraternal Societies in California in 1907.

Grand Chaplain’s Report

Father Agnel apologized for not being able to attend past meetings of the Board of Grand Directors. Parish work and health always need his attention. He indicated that he will be buying drinks in Monterey and is looking forward to the trip and meeting in Seaside in June.

Grand Treasurer’s Report

Grand Treasurer, Brother Jack Albrecht, presented the Treasurer’s Report dated February 22, 2012. 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 – Terry/Pisciotta – to accept the February 22, 2012 Grand Treasurer’s Report.

The Grand Treasurer announced that the next Budget Committee Meeting for the 2012-2013 YMI year will take place on Monday, April 3, 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 distributed the draft of a plan covering immediate and long range planning objectives. Everyone was asked to review the plan and provide the Grand President comments by March 8, 2012.
- 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 St. Columba Council #94 for their fish fry dinner was presented again. Permission granted.
- Supplies ~ Br. Michael Dimech, Chr., Br. Jose Robledo, Jr. ~ perform an annual inventory of YMI property at the World Headquarters. Supplies were inventoried on Monday, February 6, 2012. Br. Dimech presented his report to the Grand Treasurer and an updated listing would be put on the website.
- 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. No report until the May Board Meeting.

- 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.) The Crab Cioppino was held and a profit of \$840 was realized. Br. Terry reported that 80 people were in attendance and did not think that another Cioppino might be done. It has become a #32 event and the rest of Grand Council is just not there. A letter of thanks needs to be written to Council #32 for all their work. Brother Bartoli reported that all three Super Bowl Pools were sold and the Grand Council realized \$900. A special thank you to Br. Richard Burke for doing 2/3 of the work.
- “Proud To Be Catholic” ~ All Directors ~ possibly held in conjunction with the Red and White Mass. Brother Joseph Reza noted that the flyer was sent to all Councils asking them to make March their Proud to be Catholic month. At the Grand Council Session he would like to award those Councils who bring in new members in the month of March. For the Red and White Mass this afternoon, please line up in front of Church at 4:30 p.m.

Grand President’s Report

Grand President John Musgrove began his Official Report which included his summaries of recent visits and that he has but one to attend, that being Hawaii in the month of April. Council #111 still remains as an inactive Council.

He reminded everyone of the Bowling Tournament and Brother Sanzeri filled in the details with a promise to have the scores available by the end of April, the Golf Tournament and the deadline for submitting requests to the Matching Funds Program of the Educational Foundation. Their next meeting would be in April and the Seminarian Foundation is scheduled to meet the first week of May.

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 distributed his

report on the hits to the website. He stated that there are continued efforts to improve our website and he is working with Brother Oberst.

Business Manager Tom Fourie reported on the following:

- The following Councils are behind in the payment of the last assessment: #9, #60, #92, #100 and #497.
- The Indiana Councils and their local communities were spared from the recent tornado rampage through the Midwest.
- Benicia #16 is moving forward under new leadership.

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. The Grand Council Office is not aware of any contacts having been made to get this work done.

Budget: Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr. – Br. Michael Dimech and Br. Bill McNeany as Board members. First meeting was in February and the next in April. The item of teleconferencing with its related expenses was discussed.

MSC – Dimech/Pisciotta – to approve expenditures for teleconferencing at the Board of Grand Directors meetings.

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 all the Grand Council events, especially the elected officers, otherwise they will be looked upon as not satisfying their commitment.

Credentials: Br. Michael Amato, Chr. – Br. Luther Evans, Board member. Brother Evans will be helping at Seaside.

Institute Journal: Br. Tom Fourie, Chr. – Br. George Terry, Board member. Board articles are always needed.

Laws and Revisions: Br. Rob Bartoli, Chr. – Br. George Terry, Board member. No report

Man of the Year: Br. Pete Padron, Chr. – Br. Richard Pisciotta, Board member. No report

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. Covered previously.

Pro Patria: Br. Frank Hepburn, Chr. – Br. Michael Dimech, Board member. Br. Hepburn passed out his report to all present and led a discussion of his points listed. A lively discussion ensued.

Reserve Fund: Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr. – Br. Bill McNeany, Board member. The funds look decent at this time. Brother Albrecht reported on the balances of our investment accounts.

Resolutions: Br. Phil Fondale, Chr. – Br. Richard Pisciotta, Board member.

State of the Institute: Br. Bob Bartoli, Chr. – Br. George Terry and Br. Chuck McClure, Board members. Brother Bartoli announced that the deadline had passed for submitting proposals. His Committee will review all proposals and determine which have merit and then publish them in the Journal, the Advance Proceedings and on the floor of the Grand Council Session for delegate consideration.

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 18, 2012 by calling 831-241-9131 and ask for the YMI rate. The dates are June 18-22, 2012. He covered the planned agenda of activities. Council packets will be distributed as soon as the Grand Council Office has the time to complete them.

Br. Pisciotta once again 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).

The State of California has received copies of our non-profit status designation.

Brother Burke announced his intention to explore and lead a YMI Softball Tournament on August 25, 2012 in the Antioch area. He provided details and asked for possible interest from Councils. More information from him will be forthcoming.

New Business

Brother Amato spoke to the letter received from the IRS and the impending audit of Grand Council. The initial meeting will take place at the All Souls Rectory. Will provide more details at the next Board meeting.

Grand First Vice President's Report

Brother Frank Hepburn's written report had already been distributed and discussed, however, at this time the Pro Patria Essay Contest was put on the table. Br. Fourie reported receiving 1500 essays and had the judging packets available for all Grand Council Officers. At the end of the meeting, each officer was asked to pick up their packet. The raffle had brought in \$10,330 thus far and the YMI participation level was 16.29%

Grand Second Vice President's Report

Brother Joseph Reza's report was covered under the Pro Deo report.

Junior Past Grand President Report

Brother Bob Bartoli continues to offer his total support to all the works of the other Officers and has helped with Pools, Crab Cioppinos and the State of the Institute.

Good of the Order

The next Board meeting will be May 19, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be conducted at the World Headquarters in South San Francisco, CA.

Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was led by Father Agnel.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, yours for God and Country,

Michael Amato #613
Grand Secretary

Thomas A. Fourie #32, PGP
Business Manager