

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

Call to Order

Chairman of the Board, Brother Michael Dimech, called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m. on Saturday, September 8, 2012 in the conference room of the YMI World Headquarters in South San Francisco, California.

Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was led by Grand Director Richard Pisciotta 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 Michael Dimech, Richard Pisciotta, George Terry, Nick Franceschine via conference call, Rudy Gutierrez via conference call, Bob Bartoli appointed as Grand Director for this meeting; Grand First Vice President Joseph Reza via conference call; Grand Second Vice President Luther Evans, Junior Past Grand President John Musgrove via conference call; Grand Secretary Michael Amato; Grand Marshal Richard Burke

The following Grand Officers were excused by Chairman of the Board, Brother Michael Dimech: Grand Director Peter Pasini, Grand Director Bill McNeany, Grand Director Charles McClure, Grand President Frank Hepburn, Grand Chaplain Father Agnel, Grand Treasurer Jack Albrecht, Grand Outside Sentinel Christopher McCann. Grand Inside Sentinel William Effinger 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 July 28, 2012 Meeting of the Board of Grand Directors were reviewed.

MSC – Terry/Bartoli – Unanimous - that the minutes of the July 28, 2012 Meeting of the Board of Grand Directors be approved.

Special Order of Business

In order for Board Business to be voted on at this meeting the Chairman of the Board, Brother Michael Dimech, made the appointment of Brother Bob Bartoli to serve as a Grand Director for this meeting.

Communications

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

- Council bulletins have been received from the following Councils: #1 (August & September), #2 (August & September), #32 (August & September), #40 (August and September), #84 (August), #497 (August), #612 (September) and #613 (August & September)
- Copy of the cover letter sent to Councils not represented at the 127th Grand Council Session
- Copy of the cover letter to 127th Grand Council Session delegates who do not have an e-mail address on file with GCS - minutes attached
- Letter sent by Grand Director Michael Dimech about today in advance of the agenda
- State tax notices (see unfinished business)
- Invitation to the Bishop's Awards Dinner in the Diocese of Stockton
- June financial report from Borel Private Bank in San Mateo
- Two copies of the Catholic Voice
- Copy of the letter sent to Bishop Salvatore Cordileone on his appointment as Archbishop of San Francisco

- Information on horse racing fund raiser (see report under fund raising)

Grand Chaplain's Report

Father Agnel could not be present, however, he continues to pray for the Grand Council Officers and their work.

Grand Treasurer's Report

Grand Treasurer, Brother Jack Albrecht, presented his Treasurer's Report dated August 21, 2012 via the Business Manager, Br. Tom Fourie. This report showed the balances for the YMI fiscal year as they stand for the 2012-2013 year. There were no questions.

MSC – Terry/Dimech – Unanimous - to accept the August 21, 2012 Grand Treasurer's Report.

Board of Grand Directors' Committee Reports

Chairman of the Board, Brother Michael Dimech asked for reports.

- 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. George Terry ~ Review and approve for payment all bills for Grand Council. All bills for August have been reviewed and approved for payment.
- Long Range Planning ~ Br. Charles McClure, Chr. and Br. Peter Pasini ~ Update and edit the Five-Year Plan for the Young Men's Institute. There needs to be a meeting during the Official Visit to Indiana with Br. McClure present to begin the work of this committee.
- 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. No forms submitted
- Supplies ~ Br. Michael Dimech, Chr. ~ perform an annual inventory of YMI property at the World Headquarters. Br. Fourie reported that 25 year pins will need to be ordered.

- Insurance ~ Br. Nick Franceschine, Chr. ~ Work with the Grand Council Office on any possible liability claims against the Order through the Travelers Insurance Company. No report from Br. Nick, however, Br. Fourie had received the first billing for the new YMI year and the premium had been reduced. Br. Fourie restated that the insurance covers event held at the meetings and socials at the designated site appearing on the certificates. It is a liability insurance.
- Fund Raising ~ All Grand Directors ~ spear head all fund raising efforts to offset Grand Council expenses during the year Br Pisciotta brought forward both information and discussion of having a Night at the Races and that his documents would be sent to each Grand Director. Br. Dimech to hold a special Grand Director conference call to further discuss this matter. The idea of a Casino Night was also brought up.
- “Proud To Be Catholic” ~ All Directors ~ possibly held in conjunction with the Red and White Mass. Brother Luther confirmed the March 2, 2013 date at Immaculate Conception Church in Atwater – 5:00 p.m. Mass – dinner \$20 at the St. Anthony’s Hall in Atwater. A flyer was approved and there were questions about beverages being served. Fr. Agnel had been contacted regarding a letter to say Mass.

Grand President’s Report

Grand President Frank Hepburn was absent for this meeting, attending the Red Shirt Breakfast for American Council #8. He had e-mailed his report to everyone on September 2, 2012. Br. Fourie summarized this written report. Events covered: Columbus Day Parade, Red Shirt Breakfast, Official visits in July, Bocce Ball Tournament (bringing 6 people with him).

Grand Secretary’s Report/Business Manager’s Report

Grand Secretary Michael Amato reported on his letter to the new Archbishop and accompanying advertisement.

Business Manager Tom Fourie reported on the following:

- Councils #612, #94 and #92 have not sent in the July assessments.

- The Institute Journal and its publication process was discussed to include, picking up the printed Journals, cost of printing, cost of mailing, cost of labels, and all the usual trappings. Board Chairman Michael Dimech appointed Brothers Fourie and Amato to research alternatives to publish and circulate future Journals.
- Brother Fourie presented a check from the Noel Smith Trust for \$75,095.04. After two years of legal proceedings the Borel Private Bank and Trust was directed to dissolve the trust. The money is to be used for the youth of San Mateo County. The check needs to be deposited in a special YMI account under the Operating Budget of Grand Council (give to the Grand Treasurer to do this). A discussion ensued about dispensing the monies to Catholic High Schools on the Peninsula, all who participate in our Essay Contest and receive scholarship help from existing YMI Councils. Suggestion was made to give each (there are three) \$25,000 to be used for scholarships to their schools. At the next meeting of the Board of Grand Directors, a decision needs to be made.

MSC – Dimech/Terry – Unanimous – to direct the Grand Treasurer to open a new account for the \$75,095.04

Grand Directors Report on Grand Council Committees

Chairman of the Board, Brother Michael Dimech asked for reports:

Audit: Br. Michael Dimech, Chr. – Br. Bill Effinger, Board member. No current report, however, Br. Dimech wants to confer with Br. Fourie on changes to the process. Br. Fourie reminded that the focus needs to be on Councils that were not audited ever in the last two years.

Budget: Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr. – Br. Richard Pisciotta and Br. Bill McNeany as Board members. No report

Ceremonials: Br. Phil Oberst, Chr. – Br. Nick Franceschine, Board member. No report

Coordinating: Br. Frank Hepburn, Chr. – Br. Pete Pasini, Board member. No report

Credentials: Br. Michael Amato, Chr. – Br. Richard Pisciotta, Board member. No report

Institute Journal: Br. Tom Fourie, Chr. – Br. Rudy Gutierrez, Board member. Br. Fourie reminded Br. Gutierrez to use his notes and write a report from the Board to the Journal. No more than two paragraphs.

Laws and Revisions: Br. Rob Bartoli, Chr. – Br. George Terry, Board member. All current

Man of the Year: Br. Pete Padron, Chr. – Br. Peter Pasini, Board member. Need to have Br. Hepburn speak with Br. Padron

Membership: Br. Phil Fondale, Chr. – All Grand Directors on this committee. A nice article was written by Chairman Br. Fondale for the Journal.

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

Pro Deo: Br. Luther Evans, Chr. – Br. Bill Effinger and Br. Rudy Albritton to assist. The report was already given under Proud to be Catholic

Pro Patria: Br. Joseph Reza, Chr. – Br. Rudy Gutierrez, Board member. Br. Reza reminded all to push the essay contest to students in all schools, public and private. He was reminded of the letter needed to accompany the tickets.

Reserve Fund: Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr. – Br. Bill McNeany, Board member. No report

Resolutions: Br. Anthony Martino, Chr. – Br. Nick Franceschine, Board member. No report

State of the Institute: Br. John Musgrove, Chr. – Br. George Terry, Board member. None at this time. Ideas to be entertained include sentence in By-Laws on who signs tax forms as well as a need to address suspension practices for Councils not current in the payments.

Workshop: Br. Tom Fourie, Chr. – All Directors on committee. No report

Unfinished Business

The Quicken Software program had been purchased and it was loaded on the Grand Treasurer's computer. He is presently using it to input transactions.

Brother Joe Reza would like the Planning Committee for Grand Council Session to look into the Embassy Suites in South Lake Tahoe for 2014.

The Bocce Ball Tournament is moving forward for September 29, 2012 in South San Francisco. Fourteen teams with 57 players have already signed up. A good showing so far.

A discussion on the issuing of W-9s for checks written to officers, raffle winners, etc. in the amount of \$600 or more. Br. Fourie summarized that all Grand Council Officers who receive more than \$600 during the YMI year are to get a W-9. The other two events would be students from the Essay Contest (only two winners) and the winner of the Pro Patria Raffle drawing of \$1000. The Grand Secretary will draft a motion to be presented at the next Grand Directors Meeting to officially make the issue of W-9s final.

A new set of forms and paperwork has been sent to the Group Exemption Unit of the State Franchise Tax Board so that the 30 councils operating in California will be covered as a group

New Business

Brother Dimech reported that there was a consensus among the Grand Council Officers that the conference call setup was working very well. To be continued.

Future dates for Board of Grand Directors Meetings: November 17, 2012 (Ripon, CA), January 19, 2013 (World Headquarters), March 16, 2013 (World Headquarters) and May 4, 2013 (World Headquarters). All meetings will be using the conference call setup.

Grand First Vice President's Report

Previously reported in the meeting.

Grand Second Vice President's Report

Previously reported in the meeting.

Junior Past Grand President Report

No report at this time

Good of the Order

Keep in our prayers PGP Br. Chuck Elliott and we appreciate the return of Br. Richard Burke.

Closing Prayer

The closing prayer (a Hail Mary) was said by the entire group.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, yours for God and Country,

Michael Amato #613

Grand Secretary

Thomas A. Fourie #32, PGP

Business Manager