

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

Call to Order

Acting Chairman of the Board, Brother George Terry, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 18, 2013 in the World Headquarters of the YMI 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 Richard Pisciotta, George Terry, Nick Franceschine (via conference call), Rudy Gutierrez (via conference call), Bill McNeany; Grand President Frank Hepburn, Grand First Vice President Joseph Reza (via conference call); Grand Secretary Michael Amato; Grand Treasurer Jack Albrecht; Grand Marshal Richard Burke; and Grand Inside Sentinel William Effinger.

The following Grand Officers were excused by Acting Chairman of the Board, Brother George Terry: Grand Chaplain Father Agnel, Grand Director Michael Dimech, Grand Second Vice President Luther Evans and Junior Past Grand President John Musgrove. The following Grand Officers were declared absent by Acting Chairman of the Board, Brother George Terry: Grand Director Charles McClure, Grand Director Peter Pasini and Grand Outside Sentinel Christopher McCann.

The following YMI Brothers were in attendance: Brother Tom Fourie, PGP and Business Manager, and Brother Bob Bartoli, Past Grand President and Technical Communications Advisor.

Reading of the Minutes

The minutes from the March 9, 2013 Meeting of the Board of Grand Directors were reviewed.

MSC – Pisciotta/McNeany – Unanimous - that the minutes of the March 9, 2013 Meeting of the Board of Grand Directors be approved as presented.

Communications

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

- A letter requesting an ad in the Oakland Diocese paper welcoming their new Bishop was received by the Grand Secretary – discussion under new business
- Council bulletins have been received from the following Councils: #1 (April & May), #2 (April & May), #5 (April, hand written by Br. Burke), #8 (May), #32 (April & May), #40 (April & May), #59 (May & June), #84 (April & May), #573 (April), #612 (May & June) and #613 (April & May)
- Cover letters from the Grand Council Office for Assessment #150, Semi-Annual Report, Convention Packet, Participation List, Essay Returns and Congratulations to Essay winners.
- Three copies of the Catholic Herald from the Sacramento Diocese
- Three copies of the Catholic Voice
- Copy of the Voice of the YLI
- One copy of the Catholic San Francisco with YMI ad
- St. Veronica's Parish bulletin with advertisement for the YMI

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 Reports dated April 20, 2013. The first report showed the balances for the YMI fiscal year as they stand for the 2013-2014 year (an expense report). The second report was a spread sheet showing how income was allocated for this time period. Again, there was a clarification to the budget figures made by Michael Amato, Grand Secretary as Faith and Diversity had been dropped.

MSC – McNeany/Pisciotta – Unanimous - to accept the April 20, 2013 2013 Treasurer's Report as corrected.

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 new information 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 March and April 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. No report as both Directors were absent.
- 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 report at this time.
- Supplies ~ Br. Michael Dimech, Chr. ~ perform an annual inventory of YMI property at the World Headquarters. Complete for this year
- Insurance ~ Br. Nick Franceschine, Chr. ~ Work with the Grand Council Office on any possible liability claims against the Order through the Travelers Insurance Company. We still await the new premium for 2013-2014.

- Fund Raising ~ All Grand Directors ~ No other fund raiser than the Super Bowl Pool.
- “Proud To Be Catholic” ~ All Directors ~ Membership drive for March will continue according to the Grand First Vice President. Br. McNeany needs to bring the plaque to the Grand Council Session. Br. Reza will need final numbers for membership.

Grand President’s Report

Grand President Frank Hepburn reported on his Official Visit to Hawaii – very expensive. He spent one full day with Francis Council #573. Had lunch with the officers and then a night meeting with the Council. Ladies also attended.

Grand Secretary’s Report/Business Manager’s Report

Grand Secretary Michael Amato reported he was involved in the planning of the Grand Council Session which included reports for the Advance Proceedings and the Man of the Year Committee. He had also reviewed student essays.

Business Manager Tom Fourie reported on the following:

- Gustine Council #93 had paid the assessment that was past due!
- The Semi Annual Report for #92 also arrived.
- Br. Michael McGlynn will be taking over the reins of Dos Palos #99 following the unexpected death of Br. Duane Mirando. He will need help and Grand President Frank Hepburn has offered to help.
- Very few of the Councils are submitting their up to date Membership Lists.

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 report

Budget: Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr. – Br. Richard Pisciotta and Br. Bill McNeany as Board members. A Budget has been developed to be presented at the 128th Grand Council Session.

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

Coordinating: Br. Frank Hepburn, Chr. – Br. Pete Pasini, Board member. Br. Hepburn attended the Chrism Mass for the Oakland Diocese. Our new deacon was celebrating Mass with the bishop. Br. Hepburn believes the YMI should be part of the Chrism Masses in all of the Dioceses.

Credentials: Br. Michael Amato, Chr. – Br. Richard Pisciotta, Board member. Credentials have been prepared and distributed.

Institute Journal: Br. Tom Fourie, Chr. – Br. Rudy Gutierrez, Board member. The Journal went to Manteca on Monday. There are two open seats for Grand Director (Br. McNeany agreed to run of one of them), Winners of the essay contest are listed, no article was received about the Board. It should be printed by next Monday.

Laws and Revisions: Br. Rob Bartoli, Chr. – Br. George Terry, Board member. Nothing to report

Man of the Year: Br. Bob Bartoli, Chr. – Br. Peter Pasini, Board member. The award will be presented at the Grand Banquet.

Membership: Br. Phil Fondale, Chr. – All Grand Directors on this committee. Br. Fondale has been faithful about writing articles to promote membership. The Councils in Indiana are doing well.

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. Br. Fourie reported that Br. Luther needs to come up with topics for next year's essay contest. The goal is to include the entry form in the Convention packet.

Pro Patria: Br. Joseph Reza, Chr. – Br. Rudy Gutierrez, Board member. Br. Reza reported on the record breaking number of students participating this year. He thanked all Councils that participated and of course, the YLI.

Reserve Fund: Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr. – Br. Bill McNeany, Board member. Br. Albrecht reported that Mr. Woodcock was no longer at the old firm and had moved our funds to a new firm. He has been really aggressive and the transfer paperwork has been submitted. Our funds are doing very well.

Resolutions: Br. Anthony Martino, Chr. – Br. Nick Franceschine, Board member. Brother Franceschine submitted one resolution thus far. Br. Fourie wants to have one done for Fr. Norman King.

State of the Institute: Br. John Musgrove, Chr. – Br. George Terry, Board member. There will be three proposals presented in Reno this year.

Workshop: Br. Tom Fourie, Chr. – All Directors on committee. Topics being considered: sale of raffle tickets, state tax exemption, a warning to Councils with large balances, that money should both be going in and out of their treasury.

Unfinished Business

Brother George Terry reviewed all the work, telephone calls, and personal meetings he had completed for the distribution of the \$75,000 monies from the Noel Smith Trust. Br. George Terry met with the tri-school staff on May 8. He will be present when the first scholarship is awarded at Notre Dame High School, and Br. Tom Fourie will be making the initial scholarship presentation at Mercy High School, Burlingame. Both Mercy and Serra have sent letters of appreciation to the YMI.

All offices have candidates for Grand Council Office now with the exception of one vacancy on the Board of Grand Directors. The Chairman of the Board needs to speak directly to Director McClure in Indiana to find out what is going on. We do need to reach the far away Councils.

We were very late in returning the essays to the Councils this year. Why? Judging of the essays was extremely slow and Brothers did not take the task seriously. We have to improve next year in our timely return of essays and have the judges be much more responsible.

New Business

An update for the upcoming 128th Grand Council Session: we have exceeded the number of room reservations on the contract, as we are 33 total rooms ahead of the count. We have good numbers for all of the meals and a large number for the Welcome Dinner.

The meeting agenda for the 128th Grand Council Session was discussed at great length by Grand President Frank Hepburn. If anyone wants to add their thoughts, that have to do it by May 25, 2013. Brother Fourie is presently working on the Advance Proceedings and he will have them printed prior to May 30, 2013.

Br Joseph Reza #100 GFVP is working on his program for Grand President. His theme is "Building for our Future". He plans to have his program completed by next Wednesday.

Centennial Council #83 is just about completely dissolved. Br. John Musgrove #83, JGP did all the work and the paper trail is now complete. A few outstanding checks need to clear the bank and the process will be complete

Br. Fourie had the meeting with Santa Clara #84 and presented the Brothers with the process and steps that needed to be taken for their Council to close. The Grand President does not agree with their closing. They were given choices of transferring, moving to #900 or dropping out of YMI. The financial steps needed to be put in place were laid out for everyone. Those present made a written decision on where they would like to go. There is still more to be done in contacting the Brothers absent. More will be reported at the summer meeting of the Board of Grand Directors.

The site for the 2015 Grand Council Session has not been determined as of yet

Br. Michael Amato #613, GS spoke to the advertisement requested by the Oakland Diocese for the new bishop.

MSC – McNeany/Terry – that the YMI place a \$125 ad in the special edition of the Diocesan newspaper welcoming the new bishop.

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

Previously covered earlier in the meeting.

Good of the Order

The Seminarian Foundation is looking for new directors.

Br. Albrecht questioned plans for YMI with regard to the Archives located on the property owned by Br. Jerry DeGroot

Br. Richard Pisciotta expressed his gratitude to all for being part of the Board of Grand Directors now that his term has expired.

Closing Prayer

The closing prayer led by Br. Pisciotta.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, yours for God and Country,

Michael Amato #613

Grand Secretary

Thomas A. Fourie #32, PGP

Business Manager

