

**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 9:02 a.m. on Saturday, January 18, 2014 in the World Headquarters of the YMI in South San Francisco, California.

**Opening Prayer**

The opening prayer was led by Junior Past Grand President Frank Hepburn 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, Bob Bartoli, Alan Patrick, Domenic Carinalli (via conference call), Rudy Gutierrez (via conference call), Nick Franceschine (via conference call); Grand President Joseph Reza (via conference call), Grand Secretary Michael Amato; Grand Treasurer Jack Albrecht; Grand Second Vice President George Terry, Grand Marshal Richard Burke, and Junior Past Grand President Frank Hepburn.

The following Grand Officers were excused by Chairman of the Board, Brother Michael Dimech: Grand Chaplain Father Agnel, Grand First Vice President Luther Evans, Grand Director Peter Pasini, Grand Director Bill McNeany.

The following Grand Officers were marked as absent: Grand Outside Sentinel Chris McCann, Grand Inside Sentinel William Effinger.

The following YMI Brothers were in attendance: Brother Tom Fourie, PGP and Business Manager and Brother Chuck Gullo, #2, Council President.

## **Reading of the Minutes**

The minutes from the November 2, 2013 Meeting of the Board of Grand Directors were reviewed.

**MSC** – Carinalli/Dimech – Unanimous - that the minutes of the November 2, 2013 Meeting of the Board of Grand Directors be approved as presented.

## **Communications**

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

Brother Fourie reported on the following:

- Council bulletins have been received from the following Councils: #1 (November, December & January), #2 (January and February), #8 (November, December & January), #32 (November, December and January), #40 (November, December and January), #573 (December), #613 (November, December and January)
- Cover letter sent out with Assessment #153
- Letter sent by Br. Luther Evans GFVP to all Councils on January 1, 2014 regarding the sale of raffle tickets
- Two copies of the Serra High School Annual Report (YMI listed on page 6 as a member of the President's Circle and on page 12 in the Honor Roll of Donors)
- Invitation to Fund a Dream Dinner at Serra High School with Brother and Bishop William Justice as guest speaker
- Death Benefit acknowledgement from Mrs. Elaine Protti #1
- Two issues of the YLI Voice with the YMI article printed in the Fall Issue
- Notice from San Francisco Council #1 on the passing of Brother Harold Boyd

- December 20, 2013 copy of the Catholic San Francisco with an article on South San Francisco #32's Christmas Food Basket program
- Four issues of the Catholic Voice
- Two issues of the Catholic Herald
- Copy of the Patrician (Seminary)
- Letter sent out by #612 (prepared by the Business Manager) on the future of their building

### **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 January 20, 2014. Both the expense spreadsheet and income spreadsheet were presented and reviewed by the Board.

The Grand Treasurer reported on a returned death benefit check from 2011. A suggestion was made to contact Jim Mullen #13 and the Board could send another check. A second suggestion was to send the check to Council #13 and ask them to forward the check.

Brother Frank Hepburn asked about a member in Council #2 that had passed away. Brother Frank was instructed to send a letter.

**MSC** – Bartoli/Patrick – to accept the Grand Treasurer's report of October 22, 2013.

### **Board of Grand Directors' Committee Reports**

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

- Charters ~ Br. Bob Bartoli, Br. Michael Dimech, and Br. Alan Patrick ~ Review the need for anniversary charters and the replacement of lost charters as needed. Everything is fine as of now. No report.
- Finance ~ Br. Michael Dimech, Br. Bob Bartoli, and Br. Bill McNeany ~ Review and approve for payment all bills for Grand

Council. All bills for December and January had been reviewed and approved for payment.

- Long Range Planning ~ Br. Alan Patrick and Br. Peter Pasini ~ Update and edit the Five-Year Plan for the Young Men's Institute. A meeting was planned for the 8<sup>th</sup> of December, however, it did not take place and it was rescheduled for January 21, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. at World Headquarters.
- Council Activities ~ Br. Bill McNeany ~ Review and sign off on forms submitted by Councils for activities which could gross more than \$1500. Council #54 had submitted their form for the Walk for Life to be held in San Francisco (bus rental paperwork had been submitted).
- Supplies ~ Br. Michael Dimech and Br. Bob Bartoli ~ perform an annual inventory of YMI property at the World Headquarters. Audit will take place in February 3, 2014.
- Insurance ~ Br. Nick Franceschine ~ Work with the Grand Council Office on any possible liability claims against the Order through the Travelers Insurance Company. No report
- Fund Raising ~ All Grand Directors – The Super Bowl Pool is sold out, YMI will realize \$300. Brother Dimech began a discussion on running more pools in the future. Fourie suggested a discussion on expanding this at the next Grand Council Session. A strategy to be developed at the next meeting.
- "Proud To Be Catholic" ~ All Directors – will be discussed under the Grand President's report

### **Grand President's Report**

Brother Joseph Reza announced that he would not be able to visit Francis Council #573 in February due to work constraints. He will be attending the Red and White Mass, the Bowling Tournament and the Golf Tournament. He reviewed his visit to the two Councils in Indiana in late November early December. He reported on repairs done to St. Augustine Council #497's building (electrical box), he met the bulls in Richmond with new names, and he thanked Brother Tom Fourie for doing all the driving in Indiana. He attended Council #613's Christmas Party and tried to make the official visit at South San Francisco Council #32 but got lost.

The Seminarian Foundation is scheduled to meet February 6, 2014 and they still have two openings for Directors.

January 27, 2014 is the next meeting for the Education Foundation and an audit will be done.

April 6<sup>th</sup> is the Bowling Tournament (no dinner at #5 after Bowling Tournament) and golf is scheduled for April 27, 2014.

## **Grand Secretary's Report/Business Manager's Report**

Grand Secretary Michael Amato reported on the topic of YMI History. We need to advertise to all YMI Councils about the history of the organization in the next Journal.

He also relayed an invitation for YMI to make a presentation at the YLI Convention in June at the Double Tree Hotel in Rohnert Park, California. The presentation is to be made at 2:15 p.m. on June 9, 2014. Who will represent us was discussed and decision made: Brothers Fourie, Terry, Carinalli and Albrecht.

Business Manager Tom Fourie reported on what had been done since the last Board meeting at the Grand Council Office:

- Council #94 has paid their Assessment, all caught up.
- Council #99 with the work of Br. McGlynn is now all caught up with Assessment payments
- Filed paperwork with the State of California on behalf of the Seminarian Foundation
- Worked on YMI Death Benefits, sent our checks prepared by the Grand Treasurer
- Follow up conversations with Br. John Mundy of Council #497
- Grandson born on November 5, 2013 – a future YMI member
- Attended the Seminarian Foundation meeting on November 7, 2013
- Formalized the Remembrance Ceremony for South San Francisco Council #32 on November 14, 2013
- Mailed all envelopes for Pro Patria Raffle (Brothers, Councils and YLI)

- Completed articles for Institute Journal – Fall Issue
- Prepared monthly YMI bills
- Visited Post Office daily for raffle returns
- Drove Journal to printers in Manteca
- Began the dialogue with Council #612 on their building
- Accompanied the Grand President on the 5 day visit to Indiana
- Drove to Manteca to pick up Journals on December 6, 2013
- Prepared the Journal for mailing
- Drove to Post Office to mail Journals on December 11, 2013
- Attended two YMI Christmas Parties (#32 and #613)
- Helped with the processing of 400 Christmas Food Baskets on December 14, 2013
- Attended the funeral Mass for Brother Hal Boyd, did a reading, all on December 26, 2013
- Daily updating for the Pro Patria Raffle ticket sales
- Prepared and mailed out the minutes from the November 2, 2013 Board meeting
- Vast increase in phone calls and e-mails at the World Headquarters
- Prepared Assessment #153 and mailed them out on January 2, 2014
- Frequent drop offs at Br. Albrecht's, Amato's and Bartoli's homes.

To do list for the Grand Council Office;

- In the next few weeks prepare the essays for judging
- Continue to record all Pro Patria Raffle tickets
- Keep a listing of Red and White Mass reservations
- Start the next Journal
- Attend the Education Foundation meeting
- Attend the Seminarian Foundation meeting
- Serious work on the Grand Council Session
- Everyday business

## **Grand Directors Report on Grand Council Committees**

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

Audit: Br. Michael Dimech, Chr. – the Chairman reported that he now has copies of the last audit sheets and wants to discuss Councils #9, #88 and #93.

Budget: Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr. – Br. Bob Bartoli and Br. Bill McNeany as Board members. The first meeting for the committee will be held on February 3, 2014 at World Headquarters beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Ceremonials: Br. Phil Oberst, Chr. – Br. Nick Franceschine and Br. Domenic Carinalli as Board members. Br. Fourie reported that requests are being made for copies of the Council Procedure Manual. Needs to be updated. Br. Franceschine will meet with the Business Manager to discuss updating the Manual.

Coordinating: Br. Joe Reza, Chr. – Br. Rudy Gutierrez, Board member. YLI Convention will be attended.

Credentials: Br. Michael Amato, Chr. – Br. Nick Franschine and Br. Domenic Carinalli as Board members. The collection of credentials time line for the 129<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session has been set by the planning committee on Monday and Tuesday (June 2014) at South Lake Tahoe

Institute Journal: Br. Tom Fourie, Chr. – Br. Rudy Gutierrez, Board member. Br. Fourie reported that the bulk mailing rate will be increased very soon. We now need to apply three mailing seals on each copy mailed. Br. Dimech asked that we seek information on how many Brothers would like to receive the Journal electronically. This prompted an active discussion of pro and con. A sidebar from Br. Fourie – YMI laptop keyboard is not working, needs to be repaired (10 days in the shop)

Laws and Revisions: Br. Rob Bartoli, Chr. – Br. Rudy Gutierrez, Board member. Council #2 has submitted changes to their by-Laws for approval.

Man of the Year: Br. Bob Bartoli & Br. Michael Amato, Chr. – Br. Peter Pasini, Board member. The committee has already advertised in the Journal for nominations.

Membership: Br. Frank Hepburn, Chr. – Br. Pete Pasini as Board member. The Chairman was never advised of Official Visits and therefore did not attend any. Put coupons out for membership and have a workshop???

Organization: Br. Michael Amato, Chr. – Br. Bob Bartoli, Board member. Brother Amato talked about YMI organizational growth via

FaceBook. Sunnyvale was recommended as a potential site for a new Council.

Pro Deo: Br. George Terry, Chr. – Br. Michael Dimech as Board member. Br. Terry said he needs both lectors and Eucharistic ministers for the Red and White Mass on March 1, 2014. He expects each and every Grand Officer to be present for the Mass and Dinner

Pro Patria: Br. Luther Evans, Chr. – Br. Michael Dimech, Board member. Essays are being turned in. We received a check for \$500 from an individual Brother for an additional scholarship to be given to a minority student who is chosen for their writing.

Reserve Fund: Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr. – Br. Bill McNeany, Board member. Everything is wonderful – the stock market is good.

Resolutions: Br. Nick Franceschine, Chr. – Br. Domenic Carinalli, Board member. No suggestions have been received thus far.

State of the Institute: Br. Frank Hepburn, Chr. – Br. Pete Pasini as Board member. No suggestions have been received.

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

## **Unfinished Business**

There is no additional news for the Grand Council Session.

Brother Dimech passed out a proposal for Council of the Year awards and asked that all review and make comments prior to the March 8, 2014 meeting.

The Website update is now complete.

As of January 15, 2014 \$6822 has been received for the Pro Patria raffle. Over half of the Councils have bought their tickets. YLI is doing well.

Brother Pisciotta will be visiting the Silver Legacy Hotel to begin discussion for the 130<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session.

Brother Carinalli is still waiting for a meeting with Petaluma Council #9. Brother Fourie suggested that Grand Council work with both Brothers Carinalli and Franceschine to get a date.



## **New Business**

Any ideas for future Councils...perhaps this should be a regular item for each Board meeting.

The next meeting will be on March 8, 2014 and then May 17, 2014, both at the World Headquarters.

## **Grand First Vice President's Report**

In Brother Luther's absence, Br. Fourie read his report covering his visits and work on the raffle.

## **Grand Second Vice President's Report**

Br. Terry went to the Kohl Mansion for a visit to Mercy High School. We are on the timeline for Serra High School and he attended a function at the Art Gallery of Notre Dame High School

## **Junior Past Grand President Report**

Brother Frank spoke to all promoting the YMI wherever we go.

## **Good of the Order**

Br. Hepburn asked us to remember Br. Chuck Gullo's father, a YMI Brother who recently passed away.

Br. John Spillane is not doing well in Sebastopol.

Brother Richard Burke thanked everyone who continues to pray for him.

Brother Fourie asked for support over the next two months by all Grand Officers for all YMI activities.

Brother Dimech thanked everyone for coming

### **Closing Prayer**

The closing prayer led by Br. Michael Dimech.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Happy New Year to All!!

Respectfully submitted, yours for God and Country,

*Michael Amato #613*

**Grand Secretary**

*Thomas A. Fourie #32, PGP*

**Business Manager**