

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

Call to Order

Chairman of the Board, Brother Bob Bartoli, called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. on Saturday, November 1, 2014 in the World Headquarters of the YMI in South San Francisco, California.

Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was led by Grand First Vice President George Terry, 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 Second Vice President Michael Dimech, 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 Bob Bartoli, Alan Patrick, Bill Gunn, Peter Pasini (via conference call), Domenic Carinalli (via conference call); Grand President Luther Evans (via conference call), Grand First Vice President George Terry; Grand Second Vice President Michael Dimech; Grand Treasurer Jack Albrecht; Grand Secretary Michael Amato; Grand Inside Sentinel Nick Franceschine (via conference call); Grand Outside Sentinel Larry Andreatta.

The following Grand Officers were excused by Chairman of the Board, Brother Bob Bartoli: Grand Chaplain Father Agnel, Junior Past Grand President Joseph Reza, Grand Director Michael Infusino, Grand Director William Effinger and Grand Director Bill McNeany.

The following Grand Officer was marked as absent: Grand Marshal Christopher McCann.

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

Reading of the Minutes

The minutes from the September 13, 2014 Meeting of the Board of Grand Directors were reviewed.

MSC – Bartoli/Patrick – Unanimous - that the minutes of the September 13, 2014 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 from the Grand Council Office:

- Council bulletins have been received from the following Councils: #1 (October), #2 (October), #32 (October), #40 (October), #613 (October)
- A flyer from St. Christopher Council #80 on the Grand President's Reception
- The cover letter for the bulk mailing of the Pro Patria Raffle Tickets to the Brothers
- Cover letters sent from the Grand Council Office for Assessment #156, the Semi-Annual Reports and the Bank form
- Three copies of the Catholic Voice
- One copy of the Mercy Oaks with four references to the YMI and a picture
- Voice of the YLI with references to YMI attendance at their Convention along with a picture

Grand Chaplain's Report

Father Agnel could not be present. He continues to pray for all of us. He is also conducting baptisms this morning.

Grand Treasurer's Report

Grand Treasurer, Brother Jack Albrecht, presented his Treasurer's Reports dated October 20, 2014. Both the expense spreadsheet and income spreadsheet were presented and reviewed by the Board.

Br. Fourie asked for clarification on the line item of the Grand Chaplain's expenses for the Grand Session. The Grand Treasurer provided the information.

MSC – Cardinalli/Gunn – Unanimous - to accept the Grand Treasurer's report of October 20, 2014.

Board of Grand Directors' Committee Reports

Chairman of the Board, Brother Bob Bartoli, requested reports from the Grand Director's Committees.

Finance (Br. Michael Infusino): there was nothing new to report and the bills have all been paid.

Long Range Planning (Br. Bill McNeany): the Board Chairman still needs to contact Br. Bill McNeany.

Council Activities (Br. Domenic Carinalli): Br. Fourie presented Council #137's request for a dinner and Council #40's Polenta Dinner – both were approved

Insurance (Br. Nick Franceschine): The current policy is fine.

Fund Raising (Br. Alan Patrick): Three ideas were put forward: Holy Cross Cemetery Tour with \$5 per person, and look through the archives to see if there is anything to sell (these two ideas were put forward by Br. Alan Patrick); a murder mystery evening put on by a local high school (suggested by Br. George Terry)

Grand President's Report

Brother Fourie read the written report which had been submitted by the Grand President. The Grand President reviewed his scheduled visits for November: Council #100, Council #94, Madera Council #60, St. Augustine #497 and Gonzaga #612. He listed his completed schedule of Council #2, #13, #40, #44, #54, #93, #99, #111 and #59. He is working with his District Deputies for additional visits and has just confirmed February 5 for Council #137.

He informed us that Br Jeff Tassej had resigned from the Education Foundation Board of Directors as well as St. Christopher Council #80.

Grand Secretary's Report/Business Manager's Report

Grand Secretary Michael Amato reviewed his written report concerning the website/Facebook, advertising, the SF Italian Heritage Parade, the work of the Organization Committee, and the Grand Council Session working committee.

Business Manager Tom Fourie reviewed the work of the World Headquarters since the September 13, 2014 Board of Grand Directors meeting:

- Completed the actuarial report for Br. Nick Franceschine
- Closed Oakland Council #6, with residual monies having been provided to the Grand Treasurer for future assessments
- Attended the Circle of Mercy (Burlingame) reception, met the new President of the School, and acknowledged her for mentioning the YMI in her general remarks – a very favorable impression
- Assisted the Pro Patria Raffle Chairman with the stuffing and mailing of the tickets
- Made all the necessary travel arrangements for the Official Visit to Indiana
- Met the Archbishop of San Francisco on his pastoral visit to All Souls Parish, not very impressed
- Assessments still due from #5, #40, #76, #93, #137, #497, #573, #612
- Received Semi Annual Reports from #1, #2, #8, #16, #32, #40, #76, #92, #111, #613, #54
- Attended the Reserve Committee Meeting
- Attended the Red and White Mass Planning Committee meeting
- Processed death benefits
- Sent both assessment notices and Semi Annual Report forms to all Councils
- Planned and attended the Grand Council Session trip to Reno

Work to do in the next month: daily visits to the Post Office, daily recording of the Pro Patria raffle tickets purchased, enter info from the Semi Annual Reports, go to Indiana for the Official Visit, attend three YMI Christmas parties, etc.

Grand Directors Report on Grand Council Committees

Chairman of the Board, Brother Bob Bartoli requested reports from the Board members assigned to these committees:

Audit (Br. Bill Effinger, Chr.): No report was given. According to the Business Manager we were supposed to be auditing Manteca Council #88. Still need to move on the Ripon issue. Br. Bartoli to call the chairman and get the ball rolling.

Budget (Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr.): again reported that the first meeting of the committee would be on February 10, 2015, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the World Headquarters. The concept of a storage locker was asked to be considered by the Budget committee.

Coordinating (Br. Luther Evans, Chr.): refer to the Grand President' report, and now Council #59 has initiated a new member, their first in over 5 years.

Grand Session Planning Committee (Br. Tom Fourie, Chr.) – the committee went to Reno over the October 25 weekend. Met with the hotel and the priest at Immaculate Conception Church in Sparks. Everything is on schedule.

Institute Journal (Br. Tom Fourie, Chr.) – Br. Fourie asked for a Board summary article from Br. Patrick for the next issue. Will attempt to have the next issue out before Christmas.

Membership (Br. Frank Hepburn, Chr.) – So far this year only 18 new members have been brought into the Order.

Organization (Br. Michael Amato, Chr.): Br. Carinalli is working with Br. Jim Smith of Petaluma Council #9.

Pro Deo (Br. Mike Dimech Chr.) – The 2015 Red and White Mass Committee met October 23, 2014 to help plan the Mass for March 14, 2015. A flyer is being prepared for the website, Institute Journal and Council monthly bulletins.

Pro Patria (Br. George Terry, Chr.) – 78,000 tickets have been printed and are now in the mail. He will be going to Santa Rosa to sell tickets. As of this date \$2925 has been received from the sale of

tickets. 109 members have purchased. It is suggested that each Council have a member to push these sales.

Reserve Fund (Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr.) – A meeting with the investor from UBS took place on October 15 and from World Equity on October 16. The Death Benefit has currently \$1.5 million on hand and the Grand Council Reserve fund stands at \$203,000. We are in good shape.

Unfinished Business

The Silver Legacy has been reserved for June 15-17, 2015 for the 130th Grand Council Session – see previous report.

Plans for the 131st Grand Council Session are targeting Santa Rosa (according to Br. George Terry). They have agreed to help.

Br Nick is still working on preparing the final copy of the actuarial report.

Fund raising has already been discussed.

With regard to our insurance coverage for Grand Council Officers, the policy covers liability for events and does not cover driving to events. It does cover Grand Council Officers doing regular work. Br. Fourie will provide insurance coverage material to be sent to Br. Gunn.

An active discussion took place on the topic of stipends for Grand Council Officers attending Grand Council Session. Who would be covered? What would be covered? How would it be funded? A Board sub-committee of Brothers Patick, Bartoli and Gunn will meet.

New Business

Br. Bartoli needs to get in touch with Br. Effinger to get things organized for our Archives. Brother Carl Joaquin and Brother Ron Hansen need to be contacted by the Sunday before Thanksgiving, so that we can plan. Also Manteca Council #88 needs to be audited.

We need to ask Councils to provide prizes for the raffle at the Grand Council Session. (gift cards would be a good idea)

We need to use the Grand Marshal and the Grand Sentinels to help with fund raisers.

A quick discussion on hats for the Grand Council Session.

Br. Albrecht brought up the lamp post in front of Notre Dame des Victoires Church in San Francisco. Possible site to relocate the lamp post could be at the Jesuit Grotto in El Retiro. Presently the lamp post is not being taken care of properly.

Grand First Vice President's Report

Br. Terry reported on his attendance at the Bocce Ball Tournament and Luther's reception in Atwater.

Grand Second Vice President's Report

Br. Michael reported on the Bocce Ball Tournament with 6 different Councils participating. He helped at the Raffle Stuffing Party, and rode in the Italian Heritage Parade for #613. He also attended the Seminarian Educational Foundation meeting.

Junior Past Grand President Report

No report

Good of the Order

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to everyone. The next meeting, an evening meeting, will take place on January 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at World Headquarters.

Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was led by Br. Michael Amato.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, yours for God and Country,

Michael Amato #613

Grand Secretary

Thomas A. Fourie #32, PGP

Business Manager