

**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 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 13, 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 Marshal Chris McCann, 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 Effinger (via conference call), Michael Infusino, Bill Gunn, Peter Pasini (via conference call); Grand First Vice President George Terry; Grand Second Vice President Michael Dimech; Grand Treasurer Jack Albrecht; Grand Secretary Michael Amato; Grand Marshal Christopher McCann; 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, Grand President Luther Evans, Junior Past Grand President Joseph Reza, Grand Director Domenic Carinalli, and Grand Director Bill McNeany.

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

**Reading of the Minutes**

The minutes from the August 2, 2014 Meeting of the Board of Grand Directors were reviewed. Brother Albrecht requested three edits to the minutes.

**MSC** – Infusino/Patrick – Unanimous - that the minutes of the August 2, 2014 Meeting of the Board of Grand Directors be approved as corrected.

### **Communications**

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

A letter from Br. Kevin Mullins #32, State Assemblyman, was read concerning the 2014 Man of the Year Award.

Brother Fourie reported on the following from the Grand Council Office:

- Council bulletins have been received from the following Councils: #1 (September), #2 (August/September), #8 (August/September), #32 (September), #40 (September), #80 (July), #613 (September)
- Returned letter from Mrs. John Spillane #54 assumed for the continuation of the Journal.
- Invitation from the Stockton Diocese (re DiMaggio) for the Bishops Awards Dinner
- Cover letters sent from the Grand Council Office for: minutes to delegates, packets to non-attending Councils at the Grand Council Session, tax filings, liability insurance and new Grand Council By-Laws
- One copy of the Catholic Voice
- One copy of the Catholic San Francisco
- One copy of the Catholic Herald
- One copy of the Patrician
- Copy of the Serra “Traditions”

### **Grand Chaplain’s Report**

Father Agnel could not be present. He continues to pray for all of us.

## **Grand Treasurer's Report**

Grand Treasurer, Brother Jack Albrecht, presented his Treasurer's Reports dated August 22, 2014. Both the expense spreadsheet and income spreadsheet were presented and reviewed by the Board.

**MSC** – Gunn/Patrick – Unanimous - to accept the Grand Treasurer's report of August 22, 2014.

The Grand Treasurer noted that five checks had still not been cashed from the Essay Contest.

## **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 is to contact Br. Bill McNeany.

Council Activities (Br. Domenic Carinalli): no requests have been received.

Insurance (Br. Nick Franceschine): Br. Nick had no report, however, Br. Fourie did receive the bill for 2014-2015 from Travelers which was fine and all Councils should have received their certificates. There is still an unanswered question as to the insurance coverage of Grand Officers during their term.

Fund Raising (Br. Alan Patrick): Three ideas were put forward, one was not accepted at this time, and the other two will be discussed further at the next meeting.

## **Grand President's Report**

Brother Luther Evans was not present due to work obligations. However, Br. Fourie read a written report which had been submitted by the Grand President. The Grand President reviewed his visits and especially the BBQ in Sebastopol. He had also visited San Jose Council #2. He plans to attend the Red Shirt Breakfast for American #8, and the Alameda County District Councils on September 20, 2014. October will find him with Council #59 and #111, the Grand President's Reception at #80 on October 11, 2014, the Columbus

Day Parade on October 12, 2014 with #613, Dos Palos #99 on the 14<sup>th</sup> and the Educational Foundation meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October.

He announced that he has appointed Brother Paul Flores #100 to the District Deputy Grand President position for the Valley South District. He is still waiting for replacements in the Marin/Sonoma area as well the Indiana positions.

It was noted that the Grand President needs to follow up with Golf Chairman, Br. Leo DeGroot #88 for organizational assistance.

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

Grand Secretary Michael Amato reviewed his written report concerning the website/Facebook, advertising, and the SF Italian Heritage Parade. There has been a slow and steady increase of activity on our website and Council newsletters are posted. No newsprint ads yet for this year. The parade will be exciting as usual with antique cars and a 1938 Muni Bus.

Business Manager Tom Fourie reviewed the work of the World Headquarters since the August 2, 2014 Board of Grand Directors meeting:

- Sent out minutes of the Grand Council Session
- Sent out edited copies of the Grand Council By-Laws
- Filed electronic taxes (IRS and State of California)
- Sent out copies of electronic tax receipts to the Councils
- Contacted Travelers Insurance to obtain Council certificates
- Printed out and sent insurance certificates to Councils
- Processed the latest batch of death benefits
- Began actuarial process with membership clean up
- Visited the Post Office Box every other day
- Attended the BBQ at #54, Picnic at #613, SJ Giants for #32, Seminarian Foundation Meeting, funeral for Br. Joseph Languemi, contacted Br. Wendell Serrao (Hurricane update), worked with several lawyers and estate executives on death benefits, contacted Holy Rosary School in Antioch.
- E-mail account hacked for YMI – take corrective measures

The Grand Council Office is still missing Assessment #155 from Councils #93 and #497.

Work to do in the next month: Finish the actuarial, prepare and send out the paperwork for the Semi Annual Reports, prepare and send out Assessments #156, assist with the mailing of the Pro Patria Raffle tickets.

## **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.): Three Councils have not been audited: #9, #93 and #88. Br. Fourie directed Br. Effinger to contact Br. Pete Padron #88 and set something up. The other two Councils do not need to be contacted at this time. Br. Effinger asked that the October 11, 2014 Grand President's Reception be posted on the website.

**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.

**Coordinating** (Br. Luther Evans, Chr.): refer to the Grand President' report – working with Knights of Columbus, Harvest of Love Dinner/Dance for St. Anthony's Church. Br. Dimech reported on the Seminarian Educational Foundation meeting – all officers have been elected and there are currently two openings on he Board.

**Grand Session Planning Committee** (Br. Tom Fourie, Chr.) – the committee will be in Reno the weekend of October 25, 2014 to complete the plans. Reno Aces will be in town next June, throw out the first pitch???

**Institute Journal** (Br. Tom Fourie, Chr.) – at the printers

**Membership** (Br. Frank Hepburn, Chr.) – Br. Hepburn, being present, reported on his attendance at American #8's meeting and what took place. He reminded everyone of the Junior YMI possibility for each Council – a great way to get started.

**Organization** (Br. Michael Amato, Chr.): Part of the Grand Secretary's written report focusing on the efforts to start a new Council in the Carson Valley of Nevada and also referred to starting a

Junior YMI at maybe Serra HS. He listed several Councils that might be in line for merging.

**Pro Deo** (Br. Mike Dimech Chr.) – The 2015 Red and White Mass will be held on March 14, 2015 at St. Veronica's Catholic Church in South San Francisco with a dinner to follow.

**Pro Patria** (Br. George Terry, Chr.) – 78,000 tickets have been printed and are here. There will be a stuffing party on September 23, 2014 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the All Souls School cafeteria.

**Reserve Fund** (Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr.) – he will send out information to the members. Br. Handlos #1 has been replaced by Br. Pignati #1 on the committee. We have about \$207,000 in the accounts. He will be arranging the first meeting with the stock broker.

## **Unfinished Business**

The Silver Legacy has been reserved for June 15-17, 2015 for the 130<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session - committee visiting Reno on October 25, 2014.

Br. Dimech reported on the teams signed up for the upcoming Bocce Ball Tournament in September.

Br. Fourie will work on the actuarial report for Br. Nick as time permits.

## **New Business**

Change of date for next Board Meeting to Saturday November 1, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. at World Headquarters.

Plans for the 131<sup>st</sup> Grand Council Session were briefly discussed by George Terry #32, GFVP: He has been looking into a cruise option as well as the Santa Rosa area.

Br. Larry Andreatta brought forward the suggestion of Grand Council providing stipends for Grand Council Officers, PGPs and District Deputy Grand Presidents to attend the Grand Council Sessions. A change in By-Laws would be necessary. There will be more discussion on this at the next several meetings.

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

Br. Terry reported on his attendance at the #54 BBQ, the #613 picnic, his visits to both Serra High School and Notre Dame High School to push the Essay Contest, and will need more time on fund raising.

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

Br. Michael had already reported on the Red and White Mass, however he added the Bocce Ball Tournament with 14 teams and 56 players thus far. He also attended a Council Meeting at #32, went to the SJ Giants YMI game, attended the BBQ at #54, and the Seminarian Educational Foundation meeting.

## **Junior Past Grand President Report**

Brother Joseph was bowling in Las Vegas at the time of this meeting.

## **Good of the Order**

Council #54 reported a small profit on their BBQ and so did #613 on their picnic. Please remember Br. Joseph Languemi and Mrs. Virginia Vavuris in your prayers.

## **Closing Prayer**

The closing prayer was led by Br. Frank Hepburn.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, yours for God and Country,

*Michael Amato #613*

**Grand Secretary**

*Thomas A. Fourie #32, PGP*

**Business Manager**

