

**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 8:35 a.m. on Saturday, May 9, 2015 at 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 Director Bob Bartoli, 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, Domenic Carinalli (via conference call), Michael Infusino, William Effinger (via conference call), Bill McNeany (via conference call); Grand First Vice President George Terry; Grand Second Vice President Michael Dimech; Grand Secretary Michael Amato; Grand Inside Sentinel Nick Franceschine (via conference call); Grand Outside Sentinel Larry Andreatta and Junior Past Grand President Joseph Reza (via conference call).

The following Grand Officers were excused by Chairman of the Board, Brother Bob Bartoli: Grand Chaplain Father Agnel, Grand Director Bill Gunn, Grand Treasurer Jack Albrecht, Grand President Luther Evans, and Grand Director Peter Pasini. Grand Marshal Chris McCann was marked absent.

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

## **Reading of the Minutes**

The minutes from the March 7, 2015 Meeting of the Board of Grand Directors were reviewed.

**MSC** – Patrick/Infusino – Unanimous - that the minutes of the March 7, 2015 Meeting of the Board of Grand Directors be approved as presented.

## **Communications**

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

Brother Amato read what had been forwarded to him by Br. Albrecht concerning the Golf Tournament and Brother Dimech reported on the nice write-up in the St. Veronica's bulletin concerning the YMI and the Red and White Mass.

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

- Council bulletins have been received from the following Councils: #1 (April, May), #2 (April), #8 (April, May), #32 (April, May), #40 (April, May), #59 (March), #573 (March), #613 (April, May)
- Cover letters for Assessment #158, the March 31, 2015 Semi-Annual Reports, Raffle winners, Essay and Council winners and Winning letters with checks
- Two copies of the Voice of the YLI, listing the YMI visit on June 27, 2015 at 4:15 p.m.
- A copy of the Catholic Herald
- Four copies of the Catholic Voice
- All Souls Catholic School News – containing five pages on the YMI

## **Grand Chaplain's Report**

Father Agnel could not be present. He continues to pray for all of us. It was noted that the Grand Chaplain has been transferred (effective June 30, 2015) to St. John's Parish in San Francisco as pastor.

## **Grand Treasurer's Report**

Grand Treasurer, Brother Jack Albrecht, was excused and so his report was presented by Brother Tom Fourie, Business Manager. The reports, dated April 20, 2015, were the expense spreadsheet and income spreadsheet.

Brother Alan Patrick asked a clarifying question and it was answered by Br. Fourie

**MSC** – Effinger/McNeany – Unanimous - to accept the Grand Treasurer's report of April 20, 2015.

## **Board of Grand Directors' Committees**

Chairman of the Board, Brother Bob Bartoli, asked for reports from the Committees of the Board of Grand Directors:

Finance: Br. Michael Infusino – all bills have been paid

Long Range Planning: Br. Bill McNeany – the plan will remain intact for the next year, Br. Fourie commented on this excellent report

Council Activities: Br. Domenic Carinalli – all requests have been processed

Insurance: Br. Nick Franceschine – deferred to Br. Fourie, who reported we are all paid up for this year, and he will be calling for Certificates for each Council for the 2015-2016 year.

Fund Raising: Br. Alan Patrick asked that we refer to the March 7, 2015 minutes

Supplies: Br. Bob Bartoli said the audit was completed on March 21, 2015 and he was assisted by Br. Amato and Br. Fourie. The results will be shown on the Grand Treasurer's report for the rings and pins inventory.

## **Grand President's Report**

Brother Evans was not present, however, his written report was read by Br. Tom Fourie. All his Official Visits have been completed and he is now preparing for the 130<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session in June. St. Christopher Council #80 will be hosting the Grand President's Welcome Home Dinner on May 20, 2015 in Atwater. He enjoyed the Golf Tournament and is looking forward to the Bowling Tournament. The Seminarian Education Foundation is doing well. He thanked all

the Brothers and Councils for all the hard work, dedication and patience this is being shown this 2014-2015 YMI year.

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

Grand Secretary Michael Amato covered his written report focusing on the website. Brother Fourie made a suggestion that the Grand Secretary make a one page flyer on what is on the website for the Grand Council Session.

Business Manager Tom Fourie reviewed the work of the World Headquarters since the March 7, 2015 Board of Grand Directors meeting:

- Daily work is being performed to prepare for the 130<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session, in particular, putting together the Advance Proceedings.
- Assessment #158 has still not been received from Council #5, Council #92 and Council #93. Council #93 has also not turned in Assessment #156. A special letter has been sent to these Councils concerning their lack of payment along with consequences.
- Brother Fourie read through the Semi-Annual Reports that he had received. He noted which were complete and those who had pages missing or had not turned in any part of the report. In addition to the three page report, there were many Councils who did not provide their most current and up-to-date Council rosters.
- Three Councils (#497, #9 and #94) have contacted the Grand Council Office for help with their membership lists. This task has been completed, after many hours (days) of research.
- A peek into what is showing up on the SAR forms: many mathematical errors on page 1 and out of balance membership numbers on page 2. Nearly every Council does not make any changes to the officer's page.
- Reports still missing for the Advance Proceedings: Grand Chaplain, Board of Grand Directors, Business Manager, Ceremonial, Institute Journal, Long Range Planning, Membership, State of the Institute, Workshop, Bowling and District Deputy Grand Presidents Reports from Alameda,

Contra Costa/Solano, Indiana South, Sonoma/Marin, and Valley South.

- Only 7 councils have returned their Council participation list.
- We have 96 people registered with 45 delegates. Councils represented are #1, #2, #8, #13, #32, #44, #54, #59, #80, #88, #137, #573, and #613.

## **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.): All pertinent Councils have been audited.

**Budget** (Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr.): In the absence of the Grand Treasurer, the Business Manager referred to the Grand Treasurer's report discussed previously during this meeting. The first column of the report was the proposed 2015-2016 Grand Council Budget as prepared by the Budget Committee. Br. Fourie reviewed and answered questions.

**MSC** – Bartoli/Patrick – Unanimous - to accept the proposed 2015-2016 Grand Council Budget as presented.

**Coordinating** (Br. Luther Evans, Chr.): contained with the already read Grand President's Report.

**Grand Session Planning Committee** (Br. Tom Fourie, Chr.) – all the information was presented in the report previously given by the Business Manager.

**Institute Journal** (Br. Tom Fourie, Chr.) – Br. Fourie announced that there were 6 boxes of Journals at his front door and he would like help to place the mailing seals on them so he can send out this issue with the next few days. Several Brothers volunteered to help.

**Membership** (Br. Frank Hepburn, Chr.) – The Chairman was not in attendance. Brother Bartoli reported how Council #32 was reaching out at St. Veronica's Parish and also Br. Fourie reported that St. Augustine #497 continues to grow.

**Organization** (Br. Michael Amato, Chr.): His comments were imbedded in his written report as Grand Secretary.

**Reserve Fund** (Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr.) – The Death Benefit has currently \$1,603,141 on hand and we are in good shape.

**Workshop Committee** (Brother Tom Fourie): still fine tuning the topics of the workshop for June. It would appear that the main topic will revolve around the Death Benefit Program. We are still talking about getting input from the Councils. The Death Benefit could increase, more conservative investments in the future, eliminating the death benefit contributions, etc. Br. Nick volunteered to draft a potential form for the Session.

## **Unfinished Business**

The summary of actions in preparation for the 130<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session has already been given.

The 131<sup>st</sup> Grand Council Session (with Br. George Terry presiding) has been researched in the Santa Rosa Area. Several Hotels have been contacted and prices provided. As the incoming Grand President, Br. George Terry, selected the Flamingo Hotel in Santa Rosa.

**MSC** – Bartoli/Patrick – (6 yes, 1 no)- to conduct the 131<sup>st</sup> Grand Council Session at the Flamingo Hotel in Santa Rosa, CA

The sale of baseball caps at the Grand Council Session has been completed as far as ordering the product.

Fund raising comments were referred back to March 7, 2015.

Stipends for Grand Council Officers attending the Grand Session was tabled to June 26, 2015.

The Archive Storage Facility in Ripon was visited by Brothers Fourie and Albrecht through the work of Br. Effinger in setting up the access. Br. Fourie provided a narrative of what took place that day: All of the materials placed there in the past few years was removed. Only old, very old, items remained. The last time anyone saw the more recent records, etc. was when Br. Albrecht returned the financial boxes

needed for the IRS audit. It was a shock to see nothing there. Br. Fourie undertook a inquest into what might have happened. Despite much effort, no one was able to provide any information. A very sad set of circumstances. On the positive side, the Order does have recent records at the home of the Grand Treasurer as well as at the World Headquarters Office. The plan at this time is to move the remaining items in Ripon to All Souls School, where Council #32 is preparing a room in their storage closet.

The next Bocce Ball Tournament is set for September, the Bowling Tournament is set for next week (May 2015).

A joint meeting with Sebastopol Council #54 and Petaluma Council #9 attended by the Business Manager and Grand Council Officers was recently held. The future of Petaluma Council was discussed. Options were presented by the Business Manager and everyone present was permitted input. Petaluma #9 met privately and decided to try one more year to breathe life into their Council. There will be no merger of the two Councils.

More candidates are needed to run for Grand Council Office...Br. Andreatta agreed to continue as Sentinel.

The Man of the Year and Council of the Year Awards are being processed.

Brother Fourie will follow up with El Retiro for a site of the original YMI lamp post.

## **New Business**

The 2015-2016 contract for the Business Manager was presented by the Chairman of the Board of Grand Directors. There were no changes from the current year.

**MSC** – Effinger/McNeany – Unanimous – to continue the present contract for one more year.

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

Brother Terry thanked everyone for their reports on activities. He detailed his participation in the Veteran's Healing Wall which was displayed at the Golden Gate National Cemetery, along with the help of Br. Phil Oberst. He is looking forward to next year.

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

Br. Dimech was provided authorization to order 25 baseball YMI hats to sell at the Grand Council Session. He is looking forward to the Grand Council Session and his opportunity to speak at the Grand Breakfast. He submitted information for the next Bocce Ball Tournament on September 29, 2015.

He reviewed the Red and White Mass thanking all, the nine Councils who participate, several Past Grand Presidents and the Men of the year. A total of 141 folks were in attendance.

He attended Council #32's Mass and Communion Breakfast at St. Veronica's Church and he went to the Seminarian Educational Foundation meeting where 14 seminarians were awarded scholarships this year.

## **Junior Past Grand President Report**

Br. Reza reported that no proposals were reported to the State of the Institute Committee, however, he was reminded that the committee did not make any requests or timelines for proposals to be turned in.

## **Good of the Order**

Brother Terry was asked to provide a short bio for his YLI presentation on June 17, 2015 at their Convention.

The Education Foundation has 15 Councils participating in the Matching Funds Program.



Happy Mother's Day everyone. The next meeting will take place in Reno, followed by a regular Board meeting on Friday, June 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the World Headquarters.

**Closing Prayer**

The closing prayer was led by Br. George Terry.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, yours for God and Country,

*Michael Amato #613*

**Grand Secretary**

*Thomas A. Fourie #32, PGP*

**Business Manager**