

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

Call to Order

Chairman of the Board, Brother Alan Patrick, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 7, 2015 at the World Headquarters of the YMI in South San Francisco, California.

Opening Prayer

The opening prayer, "The Brotherhood Prayer", was led by Past Grand President and Council Deputy Grand President, Brother 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 Outside Sentinel Larry Andreatta, 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), Bob Fiorito, Nick Franceschine (via conference call), William Effinger (via conference call); Grand President George Terry; Grand First Vice President Michael Dimech; Grand Secretary Michael Amato; Grand Treasurer Jack Albrecht; Grand Inside Sentinel Richard Pisciotta; and Grand Outside Sentinel Larry Andreatta.

The following Grand Officers were excused by Chairman of the Board, Brother Alan Patrick: Grand Chaplain Father Agnel, Grand Directors Peter Pasini and Manuel Drumonde, Grand Second Vice President Mike Nelson, Grand Marshal Chris McCann and Junior Past Grand President Luther Evans.

The following YMI Brothers were in attendance: Brother Tom Fourie, PGP and Business Manager, and Brother Frank Hepburn, Past Grand President and Council Deputy Grand President.

Reading of the Minutes

The minutes from the September 15, 2015 Meeting of the Board of Grand Directors were reviewed. Brother Bob Fiorito's name was corrected.

MSC – Franceschine/Fiorito – Unanimous - that the minutes of the September 15, 2015 Meeting of the Board of Grand Directors be approved as corrected.

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, November), #2 (November, December), #8 (October, November), #32 (October, November), #40 (October, November), #573 (October), #613 (November)
- Two cover letters from raffle mailings: YLI and Councils
- One copy of the Voice of the YLI
- Two cover letters for the Semi Annual Report and Assessment #160
- Two copies of the Catholic Voice
- Thank you letter from the Bishop of Stockton for Awards Dinner
- Nine commentaries on the Communist Party in China
- Letter from Cardinal Levada re: Pro Patria Raffle
- Report from the Bocce Tournament
- New and improved Education Foundation Matching Funds application
- Report from the Grand Second Vice President on the Red and White Mass
- Written report from Grand First Vice President on his visit to Council #94
- Copy of "The Oaks" from Mercy High School Burlingame with many references of support by the YMI
- Copy of the "Traditions" from Junipero Serra High School

- Copy of the Catholic San Francisco with a picture of the Seminarians

Grand Treasurer's Report

Grand Treasurer, Brother Jack Albrecht, reviewed his two reports dated from October, 2015. These reports were the expense spreadsheet and the income spreadsheet.

He had corrected his initial report with the deficit in the Grand Chaplain's account. It was a computer error.

He summarized the balances and stated that there was not a lot of activity during the past few months.

MSC – Carinalli/Franceschine – Unanimous - to accept the Grand Treasurer's report of October, 2015.

Board of Grand Directors' Committees

Chairman of the Board, Brother Alan Patrick, asked for reports from the various Grand Director Committees:

Charters/Archives – the committee of Brothers Patrick, Terry, Bartoli and Fourie cleaned out an entire shelf at the YMI closet in All Souls School. Br. Fourie has placed three phone calls to Br. Carl Joaquin #88 to arrange a date to move the archives from Ripon to South San Francisco. The matter is pending.

Finance: Brother Bartoli reported all bills were in order and they have been paid.

Long Range Planning – Br. Drumonde was not present.

Council Activities – Br. Carinalli did not have any knowledge of any requests, however, Br. Fourie assisted him by saying that two requests (Our Lady of the Pines #137 and Santa Rosa #40) had been received, signed off and sent back. All is well

Insurance – Br. Franceschine reported that there was no activity since the last Board Meeting with the exception of a name change for Our Lady of the Pines #137 that was completed by Br. Fourie.

Fund Raising – moved to later in the agenda.

Supplies – all is in order, however, Br. Bartoli reported that his wife had found the Grand Council Grand Session banners, etc. in their garage and they will be placed in the All Souls YMI closet.

Grand President's Report

Grand President Brother George Terry covered the various locations he had visited officially as the Grand President. He commented positively on the visit to Our Lady of the Pines #137 in Pioneer, CA. His next visits include Stockton, Oakland, Santa Rosa, Atwater and Dos Palos. He will visit Indiana at the end of November and Hawaii in February. He is working on a District Meeting for the San Francisco area in early 2016.

He enjoyed the SF Heritage Parade with his family, thanking #613 for the great experience.

He attended the Education Foundation meeting and reported on by-law works once it could be located.

He also attended the Seminarian Foundation meeting which has grown stagnant. Nothing has been done by committees over several years. They elected officers, however, Br. John West at the end of the meeting resigned. A new President will need to be chosen. It would appear that the Vice President, Brother Larry Andreatta, is next in line. The next meeting (February 4, 2016) will be done by a teleconference call. Br. Patrick thanked Br. West for his past work.

He announced that the Golf Tournament will be held April 23, 2016 and the Bowling Tournament on May 15, 2016.

Grand First Vice President's Report

Brother Dimech discussed the various Council visits he had made. He has been speaking to promote the Pro Patria Raffle and Essay contest. He commented on Council #94's purchase of tickets and how they took more books of tickets to continue to sell. He spoke well of all the Councils he visited including the Pioneer Pasta Bingo which made a profit of \$1050.

As chair of the Bocce Ball Tournament he gave a most favorable report and stated that the details have been provided for the next Journal as well as the Advance Proceedings.

Raffle envelopes were stuffed at St. Cecilia's Church on September 16, 2015 with lots of help.

He, too, was honored in the SF Heritage Parade as the YMI Man of the Year.

He attended Council #613's Hour of Memory and Dinner. He will be attending the business meetings of Council #40 and #59 in the near future.

With regard to the Pro Patria Raffle, he is encouraging all District Deputies to promote ticket sales. He distributed a handout covering strategies to promote raffle sales. He has a goal of a 10% increase in sales by YMI Brothers this year. Br. Fiorito shared how Council #613 helps to promote sales with a free dinner. Br. Jimmy Souza #573, thanked him for his phone call to Hawaii.

Br. Tom Fourie provided a sales report of the ticket sales. During the first month a total of \$4832 was received (last year it was \$2925). Seven Councils have bought their tickets and 167 YMI members have bought their tickets. Several Brothers have been very generous with purchases in excess of \$100 each. Also some YMI Brothers have sold tickets outside the Order.

Brother Fourie is looking for an increase in submitted essays this year, therefore, more judges. A discussion of using other folks to judge was entertained.

Grand Second Vice President's Report

Br. Fourie read Br. Nelson's report. He has completed all the arrangements for the Red and White Mass in March 2016 and has provided a flyer.

Br. Amato brought up the idea of renting a bus/van for the San Francisco District to take folks to the Mass.

Grand Secretary's Report/Business Manager's Report

Grand Secretary Michael Amato referred all present to his written report on the YMI Website/Facebook, media/print advertising and other activities.

Business Manager Tom Fourie reviewed the work of the World Headquarters since the last Board of Grand Directors meeting:

- Assessment #160 payments are still missing from Councils #9, #5, #93, #94, #100, #99, #497, #573 and #612.
- Missing Semi Annual Reports from Councils #5 (owes two reports), #13, page #1 of #44, #60, #93, #94, #99, #100, #573, and #612.
- Brother Fourie reported the positive improvement of St. Augustine Council #497 in Huntingburg, IN. Growth in membership, good financial footing on their Club building and hard working officers.
- Things accomplished by the Business Manager: travel plans, etc. for the Official Visit to Indiana are complete; worked with the envelope stuffing for the raffle, placed mailing labels on all envelopes and mailed them; prepared and mailed raffle tickets to YLI Institutes and YMI Council; daily trips to the Post Office Box to collect all raffle returns and mail; recording all raffle sales on the computer file; attended both the Educational Foundation and Seminarian Foundation meetings; helped to clean out locker at All Souls School for archives; prepared monthly check requests; prepared death benefit check claims and mailed; sent Death Benefit surveys to Br. Franceschine; trips to Manteca for the Institute Journal, prepare all Journals for mailing and then mailed them; a cameo appearance at the

- Bocce Ball Tournament; and prepared and sent Assessment #160 and Semi Annual Reports to all Councils.
- Contact Br. Michael Red on several occasions concerning the membership applications missing from Council #94.
 - The next Journal should be prepared around Christmas.

Grand Directors Report on Grand Council Committees

Chairman of the Board, Brother Alan Patrick requested reports from all Committee Chairman:

Audit (Br. Bill Effinger, Chr.): will be meeting from Br. Fourie to compile a list of Councils that are not following directions on their reports and will be following up on possible visits to these Councils.

Budget (Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr.): The Grand Treasurer reported that the first meeting of the committee will take place on February 23, 2016 at World Headquarters.

Coordinating (Br. George Terry, Chr.): no report at this time.

Ceremonials (Br. Phil Oberst): new regalia ribbons have been ordered for Grand Council Officers.

Grand Session Planning Committee (Br. Tom Fourie, Chr.) – Br. Nick Franceschine and Brothers from Santa Rosa want to meet some time in November and December to finalize all their plans. The standing Grand Council Committee will set this up.

Grand Session/Credentials Working Committee (Br. Michael Amato, Chr): will be ready in June 2016.

Institute Journal (Br. Tom Fourie, Chr.) – Br. Fourie announced that he has received a few articles for the next issue which he will prepare around Christmas. Open to more information, of course.

Laws and Revisions (Br. Rob Bartoli, Chr) – no report at this time.

Man of the Year and Council of the Year (Br. Bob Bartoli, Chr.) – application flyer have been printed in the Institute Journal.

Membership (Br. Kelly Cox and Br. Larry Andreatta, Chr.): Br. Fourie reported the growth of Huntingburg and we now have added 42 new members to the YMI since April 1, 2015.

Organization (Br. Michael Amato, Chr.): no report at this time

Pro Deo (Michael Nelson, Chr.): no specific report at this time, already reported previously on the Red and White Mass.

Pro Patria (Michael Dimech, Chr.): completed under the Grand First Vice President's report

Reserve Fund (Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr.) – reported the reserve for the Grand Council is \$192,000 and the Death Benefit at 1.4 million.

Resolutions (Br. Nick Franceschine, Chr.): none submitted so far this year.

State of the Institute (Br. Luther Evans, Chr.): no proposals submitted so far this year.

Workshop Committee (Brother Tom Fourie): will be ready in June 2016.

Unfinished Business

The report on the 131st Grand Council planning was already given.

The Death Benefit Surveys have been sent. Brother Franceschine will collate the results. Br. Hepburn asked if Council #2's death benefits program might be included in the discussion and he was told yes.

Br. Dimech brought forward a better idea for fund raising than the See's Candy Sale. He suggested a Pasta/Bingo Dinner at St. Veronica's Church Hall sponsored by the San Francisco District Councils (#1, #32 and #613). Discussion followed and all were in favor. Br. Dimech to report back later.

Br. Pisciotta brought up the idea of a bus trip to an Indian Casino.

Brother Dimech shared the results of the Bocce Tournament. He thanked all who helped especially from #613 and #32.

Other fund raising ideas were a trap shoot tournament (Terry), and softball tournament (Andreatta)

Br. Albrecht asked about updating pictures and removing deceased Brothers names from the website. Br. Amato said that the website is set up as an archive for the Order. Deceased Brothers names can be modified to those published in the Institute Journal.

New Business

Brother Michael Dimech stated his preference for Lake Tahoe for the 132nd Grand Council Session.

A check for \$2211 was received from closed Council #6. A discussion with background ensued and it was motioned to have the monies put into the capital equipment account.

MSC – Unanimous – Bartoli/Franceschine – to deposit the money into the Capital Equipment Account.

The final monies from the Noel Smith Trust were discussed as to their place in YMI. A discussion ensued on the nature of the monies and what it was to be used for. Br. Fourie reminded everyone of the designated wish that the monies go the youth of San Mateo County. Br. Fourie suggested that the monies in some way be put in the Pro Patria Account.

MSC – Unanimous – Bartoli/Fiorito – that the check should be credited to the Pro Patria Fund.

Brother Fourie brought forward the tri-fold pamphlet that Grand Council produced several years ago. The supply has dwindled. He asked that everyone review the pamphlet (he distributed a copy to all present) and provide feedback for updating the information. He will work with Br. Eric Dengler #40 who probably still has the electronic file. The information is to be placed on the website.

Brother Dimech recalled the trip to Chowchilla which led him to speak to using some of the money in the Reserve Fund to help Councils put on membership drives. It was decided that this topic would be considered by the Budget Committee.

Given that the next Board Meeting would be a face-to-face meeting (all Grand Council Officers are to be physically present), it was suggested that Grand Council subsidize lunch at a restaurant after the meeting.

MSC – Unanimous – Patrick/Bartoli – that Grand Council pay for lunch after the January 9, 2016 Board Meeting.

Junior Past Grand President Report

Brother Fourie stated that Br. Luther Evans had called earlier in the morning to say he would not be present today. He commented on the new Church for Holy Rosary Council #44 – it is something we all should see. He also sadly reported that there did not appear to be much support (life) in Gustine Council #93.

Grand Chaplain's Report

Father Agnel could not be present. He is doing fine. There was no report.

Good of the Order

Brother Hepburn stated he was interested in the workings of the Membership Committee.

Brother Patrick complimented Br. Andreatta on becoming the President of the Seminarian Foundation.

A reminder to all that the next Board of Grand Directors meeting will take place on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at World Headquarters beginning at 8:30 a.m. Lunch to follow.

Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was led by Br. Frank Hepburn.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, yours for God and Country,

Michael Amato #613

Grand Secretary

Thomas A. Fourie #32, PGP
Business Manager