

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 7:02 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at the World Headquarters of the YMI in South San Francisco, California.

Opening Prayer

The opening prayer, "The Brotherhood Prayer", was led by Grand Director Alan Patrick, 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.

Special Order of Business

The Grand Secretary, Brother Michael Amato, read a written note received from Grand Director, Brother Michael Infusino, stating that he was resigning from the Board of Grand Directors. In accordance with the Grand Council By-Laws, Grand President George Terry, nominated Brother Bob Fiorito of St. John Bosco Council #613 to the Board of Grand Directors. Brother Alan Patrick, Board Chairman, seconded the nomination. The Board voted unanimously to elect Brother Fiorito as a Grand Director.

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), Manuel Drumonde (via conference call), and Bob Fiorito; Grand First Vice President Michael Dimech (via conference call); Grand Second Vice President Michael Nelson (via conference call); Grand Secretary Michael Amato; Grand Treasurer Jack Albrecht; Grand Inside Sentinel Richard Pisciotta; Grand Outside

Sentinel Larry Andreatta and Junior Past Grand President Luther Evans (via conference call).

The following Grand Officers were excused by Chairman of the Board, Brother Alan Patrick: Grand Chaplain Father Agnel, Grand Directors Nick Franceschine and William Effinger, and Grand President George Terry. Grand Marshal Chris McCann and Grand Director Peter Pasini were marked absent.

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

Reading of the Minutes

The minutes from the June 26, 2015 Meeting of the Board of Grand Directors were reviewed.

MSC – Bartoli/Drumonde – Unanimous - that the minutes of the June 26, 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 referred to his written report which had been e-mailed to all Grand Officers. He summarized the YMI Website/Facebook, Media/Print Advertising and other activities.

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

- Council bulletins have been received from the following Councils: #1 (July, August, September), #2 (June and August), #8 (July, August, September), #32 (July, August, September), #40 (July, August, September), #573 (July), #613 (September)
- Cover letters were sent with materials for Councils not present in Reno, the Death Benefit Survey for Councils not present in Reno, Grand Council minutes to the delegates, Assessment

- #159, Certificates of Liability Insurance and the IRS/State of California tax filings.
- One copy of the Voice of the YLI
 - Thank you notes from Seminarians along with the picture in the San Francisco Catholic
 - Four copies of the Catholic Voice
 - Two copies of the Catholic Herald
 - Another reminder invitation to the Bishop's Awards Dinner in Stockton, CA

Grand Director Manuel Drumonde stated that he and his wife would like to attend the Bishop's dinner. Therefore, the process was put in place to have him attend on behalf of the YMI.

Grand Chaplain's Report

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

Grand Treasurer's Report

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

A question was raised about the \$1220 listed on the Institute Journal line. Br. Albrecht did not have any other place to put this amount, but it represented the monies received from the 50/50 raffle at the Grand Council Session and have been disbursed to the two Foundations.

MSC – Carinalli/Bartoli – Unanimous - to accept the Grand Treasurer's report of August, 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 is planning to clean out a space in the YMI closet at All Souls School to accommodate what is

left at the Archive closets in Ripon. Once this is accomplished, the items will be moved to South San Francisco.

Long Range Planning – Br. Drumonde and his group will be working on this document soon.

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

Insurance – Br. Fourie reported that all Liability Insurance Certificates had been mailed to the respective Councils.

Fund Raising – Br. Dimech distributed and discussed the See's Candy Program as a possible fundraiser. Br. Patrick asked that this be reviewed and discussed at the November Board Meeting.

Supplies – No problems, everything is in order at this time.

Grand President's Report

Grand President Brother George Terry was excused from this meeting, however, he provided a written report which was read to those present by Br. Tom Fourie, Business Manager. The report covered all the various events attended thus far by the Grand President and those he planned to attend in the next several weeks. He had spoke to both Br. Sanzeri and Br. DeGroot and announced that the Bowling Tournament would be May 14, 2016 and the Golf Tournament is planned for April 24, 2016. Plans are being made for his Official Visit to Hawaii in the February 6-9, 2016 time frame.

Grand Secretary's Report/Business Manager's Report

Grand Secretary Michael Amato highlighted the website work and his committee assignments.

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

- The semi-annual report from Stockton Council #5 has still not been received.
- The Business Manager spent a lot of time with the insurance agency representative, Kiki Goldschmidt in Southern California (she is new). He had to start from the beginning on what type of services the YMI expected. Everything worked out except they not only sent the Certificates to the Grand Council Office, but also to the insured address listed on each certificate.
- Assessment #159 has been sent to all Councils. However, Assessment #158 has still not been received from Councils #92, #99 and #612.
- The electronic filing process for the IRS and the State of California has changed with the assignment of new passwords for each account. Another challenge (time consuming) for the Grand Council Office this year.
- The contract for the Flamingo Hotel for next year's Grand Council Session has been received, signed and returned. Everything is in order as of now.
- Grand President George Terry did an excellent job representing the YMI at the YLI convention.
- The Business Manager reviewed the various events he had attended since the last Board Meeting.
- The reservations for the Indiana Official Visit have been made. Those attending are Grand President George Terry, Past Grand President and Business Manager Tom Fourie, Past Grand President and Grand Director Bob Bartoli and Past Grand President Richard Guaraldi.
- Trips to Manteca have been made to the printers for raffle tickets, etc.

Grand Directors Report on Grand Council Committees

Chairman of the Board, Brother Alan Patrick, requested reports from Grand Directors on the Grand Council committees:

Audit (Br. Bill Effinger, Chr.): Br. Fourie asked once again if all the Councils are going to be visited this year in regard to their

financial record keeping process. Br. Patrick suggested that Br. Fourie send an e-mail and speak to the Committee chairman.

Budget (Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr.): The Grand Treasurer stated that the committee will meet after the first of the year.

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

Ceremonials (Br. Phil Oberst): new regalia ribbons need to be ordered and that message needs to be communicated to the chairman.

Grand Session Planning Committee (Br. Tom Fourie, Chr.) – the chairman read aloud an e-mail that was received from the Brothers of Sebastopol Council #54 and Santa Rosa Council #40 who are working hard to plan the activities.

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

Institute Journal (Br. Tom Fourie, Chr.) – Br. Fourie announced that the present edition is ready to go to the printer. The next deadline will be October 31, 2016 and he is starting the process for electronic files for the Journal.

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

Man of the Year and Council of the Year (Br. Bob Bartoli, Chr.) – application forms in Journal

Membership (Br. Kelly Cox and Br. Larry Andreatta, Chr.): Br. Fourie reported that 42 new members were entered into the computer since April 1, 2015. The majority of these new members were from St. Augustine Council #497 in Huntingburg, Indiana.

Organization (Br. Michael Amato, Chr.): already discussed, but Petaluma #9 is on a short leash and will not go to Sebastopol #54.

Pro Deo (Michael Nelson, Chr.): see GSVP report

Pro Patria (Michael Dimech, Chr.): see GFVP report

Reserve Fund (Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr.) – Br. Albrecht reported that the General Reserve Fund has \$207,324 and the Death Benefit Reserve has \$1,601,271,

Resolutions (Br. Nick Franceschine, Chr.): no report

State of the Institute (Br. Luther Evans, Chr.): no report

Workshop Committee (Brother Tom Fourie): no report

Unfinished Business

The 131st Grand Council Session (with Br. George Terry presiding) is being planned (see notes already listed). There might be two

different churches for our Masses in Santa Rosa. The Grand Council Committee will be meeting with the Sebastopol/Santa Rosa Brothers soon.

The next Bocce Ball Tournament set for a few days from now has 18 teams coming from #32, #80, #137, #40, #1, and #137. The largest tournament thus far.

Fund raising idea(s) have already been discussed.

The Death Benefit Surveys are to be sent to Br. Franceschine after the deadline of September 30, 2015.

New Business

Dates for the bowling and golf tournament have already been listed.

Grand First Vice President's Report

Brother Fourie read the written report from Br. Dimech. He reviewed his activities since the last Board Meeting and invited everyone to St. Cecilia's Church on Sept. 16, 2015 to help with the stuffing of the Pro Patria Raffle Tickets. He also listed those Councils he was hoping to meet with in the next few weeks.

Grand Second Vice President's Report

Br. Mike Nelson reported that he will be participating along with his family in the Bocce Ball Tournament. He again stated that the Red and White Mass/Dinner will be held on March 5, 2016 in Atwater. He received comments and suggestions from the other Grand Council Officers.

Junior Past Grand President Report

Br. Fourie read Br. Luther's report which revolved around his work in the Valley, especially with St. Christopher Council #80 and how he is helping the Grand Second Vice President.

Good of the Order

Brother Drumonde offered to help with the movement of materials from Ripon and he apologized to Br. Carinalli for not attending the BBQ at #54.

Brothers Amato and Fiorito reminded everyone of the Italian Heritage Parade in San Francisco in October and the presence of YMI.

Brother Fourie reported that Saturday morning Board meetings are much more productive and feasible and suggested that we not meet any more in the evenings. Therefore the January 2016 meeting will be on Saturday, January 9, 2016. *Note date change

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 7, 2015 at the World Headquarters beginning at 8:30. am.

Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was led by Br. Jack Albrecht, asking all to remember those affected by the wild fires in California.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, yours for God and Country,

Michael Amato #613

Grand Secretary

Thomas A. Fourie #32, PGP

Business Manager