

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 8:31 a.m. on Saturday, March 12, 2016 at the World Headquarters of the YMI in South San Francisco, California.

Opening Prayer

The opening prayer, led by Grand Director Bob Bartoli, requested 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 Treasurer Jack Albrecht, 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, William Effinger (via conference call), Alan Patrick, Domenic Carinalli (via conference call), Bob Fiorito, Manuel Drumonde (via conference call), Peter Pasini (via conference call), Nick Franceschine (via conference call); Grand President George Terry; 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 Officer was excused by Chairman of the Board, Brother Alan Patrick: Grand Chaplain Father Agnel. Grand Marshal Chris McCann was marked absent.

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

Reading of the Minutes

The minutes from the January 9, 2016 Meeting of the Board of Grand Directors were reviewed.

MSC – Fiorito/Carinalli – Unanimous - that the minutes of the January 9, 2016 meeting of the Board of Grand Directors be approved.

Communications

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

Brother Amato referenced the St. Veronica's Capital Campaign, the message from the Reno Aces, phone call from Oakland Diocese on the White Mass. Br Terry referenced the SF Archdiocese Mass on St. Patrick's Day.

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

- Council bulletins have been received from the following Councils: #1 (February and March), #8 (February and March), #32 (February and March), #40 (February and March), #44 (calendar for 2016), #573 (January and February), #613 (February and March)
- Several invitations from the California State Board of Equalization to attend non-profit seminar
- One copy of the Voice of YLI
- Three copies of the Catholic Voice
- One copy of the Catholic Herald
- One candle from Fatima
- Letter from Kairos in the Oakland Diocese on the White Mass
- Information on the Korean War Memorial

Grand Treasurer's Report

Grand Treasurer, Brother Jack Albrecht, reviewed his two reports dated from February, 2016. These reports were the expense spreadsheet and the income spreadsheet.

He invited all to ask questions. Brother Fourie asked various questions on line items on the expense report to better understand actual costs. Brother Amato asked for clarification on an entry in the Institute Journal column and it was determined that it should be eliminated.

Brother Fourie indicated that the Assessment check from Gustine Council #93 had bounced. However, a new check had been received which included the \$15.00 bank charge to the YMI.

MSC – Bartoli/Effinger – Unanimous - to accept the Grand Treasurer's report of February 2016 as corrected.

Board of Grand Directors' Committees

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

Charters/Archives – Brother Alan Patrick referred to Brother Fourie who reported that he had received phone calls from Br. Musso in Sacramento, Mrs. Patricia Languemi in Las Vegas, and Mrs. Baxter in El Cajon, who had come across old YMI items in their "house cleaning". They will be sending these items to be reviewed for the Archives.

Finance: Brother Bartoli reported all bills were in order and they have been paid. There was a brief report that we are moving to zero balance on many budget items as we come to the end of the YMI year.

Long Range Planning – Br. Drumonde reported that he wondered if the committee should meet. Brother Fourie said he would need any changes to the Plan by May 1.

Council Activities – Br. Carinalli did not have any knowledge of any requests.

Insurance – Br. Franceschine reported that there was no activity since the last Board Meeting and that everything was up to date.

Fund Raising – Brother Patrick thought it would be a good idea for shirts to be sold at the Grand Council Session in Santa Rosa. Brother Dimech said he would look into this possibility and Brother Fiorito and Albrecht expressed interest in polo shirts.

Supplies – all is in order, and the committee would be counting the pins on March 22, 2016.

Grand President's Report

Grand President Brother George Terry reviewed his recent travel plans for Official Visits. He commented on the joint District Meeting in San Francisco. Hawaii was very nice and he appreciated Br. Fourie and his wife, along with Brother Patrick joining him in the Islands. He still plans to visit Bakersfield in April. Brother Fourie asked him to inquire about the membership applications from Bakersfield that have never been turned into the Grand Council Office. He plans to attend the St. Patrick's Day Mass at the Cathedral in San Francisco.

Grand First Vice President's Report

Brother Dimech had attended the St. John Bosco Feast Day celebration in San Francisco, the Red and White Mass in Atwater and the St. John Bosco Council #613 Family Mass in February. He stated that the Pro Patria Raffle was successful.

Brother Fourie reported that \$11,909 was received in ticket sales from the Raffle. The raffle was held at the Red and White Mass and checks had been written and sent to the winners. 402 YMI Brothers bought tickets this year (19% of the total membership).

Brother Fourie reported that the essays have been distributed for judging and that we could use more judges. Anyone willing to read would be welcomed. 1502 essays were received. Brother Albrecht

suggested sending checks directly to the winners. Brother Fourie countered with the option to give out checks to Councils who will deliver them to the students.

Brother Dimech continued on the progress of the April 23, 2016 Pasta/Bingo Fundraiser at St. Veronica's Church Hall. He was still working on a possible raffle at the event, depends on reservations. Brother Andreatta offered to help.

The Bocce Ball Tournament is set for September 24, 2016 in SSF at Orange Avenue Park. There will be a fee this year to use the courts (\$75-\$100).

Grand Second Vice President's Report

Br. Patrick thanked Brother Nelson for the fine work on the Red and White Mass. Brother Nelson in turn thanked everyone who helped and participated. 65 folks braved the elements to attend. He thought the bus was a great idea. He and his wife will be attending the Pasta Bingo event.

Grand Secretary's Report/Business Manager's Report

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

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

- He is still awaiting Council #92's assessment. He asked if anyone would contact Brother Bacchetti? Br. George Terry said he would make the contact.
- He accompanied the Grand President on his recent visit to Santa Rosa Council #40.
- Several days have been devoted to preparing the essays for judging.
- He attended a meeting in Stockton with Council #5's new officers. Br. Drumonde and Br. Evans were also present.

- Worked on death benefits, Grand Council bills, many visits to the Post Office Box, worked on the Institute Journal, drove to Manteca and prepared the Journals for mailing.
- Hosted meetings for the Grand Council Session Planning Committee and the first Budget Committee meeting.
- Accompanied the Grand President on his Official Visit to Francis Council #573 in Hilo, Hawaii.
- Prepared the essay packets for judging.
- Offered help to Brother Nelson on the Red and White Mass, attended the Mass, brought all raffle materials to Atwater.
- Prepared Convention Packets for all Councils and mailed.
- Mailed checks to winners in the raffle.

Brother Fourie reminded all Officers that their reports for the Advance Proceedings were due on April 30, 2016.

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.): nothing new to report.

Budget (Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr.): The Grand Treasurer reported that the first meeting of the committee took place on February 23, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at World Headquarters. The second meeting is targeted for April 4, 2016.

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

Ceremonials (Br. Phil Oberst): nothing had been sent in, however, new regalia ribbons have been ordered for Grand Council Officers via Brother and Mrs Oberst.

Grand Session Planning Committee (Br. Tom Fourie, Chr.) – the Committee has met twice and Br. Fourie reviewed the Convention packets. Delegates should be making hotel reservation prior to the 15th of May. We are working on the first Mass on Monday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. to accommodate the BBQ.

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

Institute Journal (Br. Tom Fourie, Chr.) – Br. Fourie announced he will do one more issue in May before the Grand Council Session. He needs items by March 31, 2016.

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 flyers have been printed in the Institute Journal and they appear on the website. Waiting for nominations.

Membership (Br. Kelly Cox and Br. Larry Andreatta, Chr.): No report at this time. However, the secretary of San Francisco Council #1, Br. DeVita, sent in some thoughts on membership and Br. Fourie distributed the document to the Officers present.

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 balances at this time (\$1,480,958.32 in the Death Benefit and \$205,048.48 in the Grand Council fund).

Resolutions (Br. Nick Franceschine, Chr.): planned to prepare two resolutions for the pastors of the parishes being used for Masses during the Grand Council Session.

State of the Institute (Br. Luther Evans, Chr.): Br. Luther had submitted a written report. He had received a proposal from San Jose Council #2 and had forwarded it to the Grand Council Office. A similar suggestion was received from #32 so that the two will become one proposal for the Grand Council Session.

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

Unfinished Business

The report on the 131st Grand Council planning had been intermingled in previous reports given at this meeting. All is in order, packets sent. Waiting now for registrations.

The 132nd Grand Council is being planned for South Lake Tahoe – a bid has been received from the MontBleu Hotel. The Committee will meet and review the contract.

The results of the Death Benefit Surveys have been compiled. Br. Nick did a great job of summarizing the results. Brother Patrick requested a special meeting on this issue (a single item agenda). Brothers Patrick, Franceschine and Fourie will work on a date at the World Headquarters for this meeting

A thank you was received from the Korean War Memorial contribution committee that the Grand Council sent.

New Business

Brother Fourie reported on the status of candidates for Grand Council Office for the 2016-2017 YMI year. He had received nominations for the offices of Grand President, Grand First Vice President, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Directors. Openings still existed for Grand Second Vice President, Marshal, Sentinels and Grand Directors. He expressed interest in having candidates from the Santa Rosa area this year.

Brother Nelson was asked to begin consideration for the 2018 Grand Council Session site.

The contract for the Business Manager expires on March 31, 2016. He would consider staying on for one more year. A brief discussion ensued.

MSC – Bartoli/Effinger - Unanimous – to extend the current Business Manager contract to March 31, 2017.

The discussion of selling T-Shirts at the Convention continued.

MSC – Bartoli/Fiorito – Unanimous – to sell shirts at the 131st Grand Council Session.

The issue of liability of the Grand Council Officers was brought forward by Br. Pisciotta. He reported that a woman won her lawsuit against the San Mateo Elks club concerning female membership.

Should we look at blanket policies for this possibility? Br. Patrick will contact Br. Cresci for possible information.

Junior Past Grand President Report

Brother Fourie read Br. Evans reported on his participation at the Red and White Mass and that he plans to attend Council #44's St. Patrick's Dinner.

Grand Chaplain's Report

Father Agnel could not be present. He is doing fine. He is praying for us and he thoroughly enjoyed the Red and White Mass, he thanked everyone for coming.

Good of the Order

Brother Bartoli presented the earnings from the Super Bowl Pool (\$300). He asked that this money be placed in our fundraising fund.

Brother Amato felt the Red and White Mass/Dinner was done well

Brother Carinalli reported he is doing well following his surgery.

Br. Drumonde is cooking a corned beef dinner for St. Patrick's Day in Hilmar..all are welcome.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. at World Headquarters.

Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was led by Br. Frank Hepburn.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, yours for God and Country,

Michael Amato #613

Grand Secretary

Thomas A. Fourie #32, PGP

Business Manager