

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, May 14, 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, Alan Patrick, Domenic Carinalli (via conference call), Manuel Drumonde (via conference call), Nick Franceschine (via conferece 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 Officers were excused by Chairman of the Board, Brother Alan Patrick: Grand Chaplain Father Agnel, and Grand Director Bob Fiorito Grand Marshal Chris McCann and Grand Director Peter Pasini were marked absent.

The following YMI Brothers were in attendance: Brother Tom Fourie, PGP and Phil Oberst #32, PGP.

Reading of the Minutes

The minutes from the March 12, 2016 Meeting of the Board of Grand Directors were reviewed.

MSC – Franceschine/Bartoli – Unanimous - that the minutes of the March 12, 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 article in the San Francisco Catholic on the ordination of Br. Andrew Ginter.

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

- Council bulletins have been received from the following Councils: #1 (April and May), #2 (April and May), #8 (April and May), #32 (April and May), #40 (April and May), #59 (May and June), #613 (April)
- Original copy of the signed one year contract with the Business Manager
- Cover letter for Assessment #162
- Cover letter for the Semi Annual Report and flyer for the membership list
- Cover Letter to Councils sponsoring essays
- Cover letter to winning students receiving money from the essay contest
- Cover letter for the Grand Council Session packets
- San Francisco Catholic – picture from Council #613
- One copy of the Voice of the YLI – date for YMI presentation
- One copy of the Catholic Herald
- Five copies of the Catholic Voice
- Sadoc #59 Scholarship Breakfast

Grand Treasurer's Report

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

He invited all to ask questions. Brother Fourie noted that monies were not reflected on insurance payments in the revenue sheet.

MSC – Bartoli/Effinger – Unanimous - to accept the Grand Treasurer's report of April 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 announced that he had completed his committee's report for the Advance Proceedings.

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

Long Range Planning – Br. Drumonde sought input on the plan from any of the Grand Council Officers. He suggested leaving the report as it is and tweeking it at the Grand Council Session. Br. Drumonde agreed to call next Saturday with his findings.

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 said that all had been covered by Br. Dimech at previous meetings.

Supplies – all is in order, and the committee completed the counting and submitted a report to the Grand Treasurer.

Grand President's Report

Grand President Brother George Terry spoke on several topics:

- He thanked all the Board members for their service this past year
- He did travel to Bakersfield Council #100 for his visit
- He enjoyed the Grand Council Golf Tournament
- He shared ideas that Br. Leo DeGroot had for items from the archives
- He was planning to go to Stockton for the Grand Council Bowling Tournament
- He will attend the awards night at Notre Dame High School, Belmont, California for the presentation of the YMI Scholarship
- He attended both the Seminarian and Educational Foundation meetings

Grand First Vice President's Report

Brother Dimech thanked all that had judged the Essay Contest. Essays were read 4500 times. Many read 100-200 essays. He suggested that we might consider a better way to judge the essays.

The Pasta Bingo dinner was a success. He thanked the Brothers from South San Francisco Council #32 and St. John Bosco Council #613. He named Brothers Joe Ortisi #32, Alan Patrick #32, George Terry #32 and the Brothers from his Council. 72 people attended and a profit of almost \$1000 was made. He would like to do it again.

T-shirts for the Grand Council Session, he plans to order 40 shirts with the YMI logo.

He covered his end of the year activities and Councils visited.

Grand Second Vice President's Report

Br. Michael Nelson requested that in 2018 he would like to preside at the Grand Council Session in Reno, Nevada....passed on to the planning committee.

Br. Michael Nelson said he had completed his input for the Essay Contest for next year.

Grand Secretary's Report/Business Manager's Report

Grand Secretary Michael Amato yielded the floor to Br. Bill Effinger who asked that we post the form for signing up for YMI Grand Council events on the website.

Br. Amato reviewed his end of the year plans for advertisements.

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

- He has completed supervising the essay judging process, entered all the scores on the spreadsheet, finalized the winners, prepared 1500 certificates of participation, stapled individually the entry form, essay and certificate, prepared packets to return to the Councils, requested checks from the Grand Treasurer, assembled the packets and mailed or hand-delivered them.
- Prepared YMI bills for March and April.
- Prepared a group of Death Benefit requests and mailed them.
- Updated the Business Manager contract, obtained signatures and filed with Br. Jack Albrecht #1, GT.
- Ordered pocket insignias for the next three Grand Presidents.
- Hosted the Inventory Committee – prepared results for the committee and Grand Treasurer
- Prepared Assessment #162, statement, letters and mailed
- Prepared March 31, 2016 Semi Annual Reports forms, letter and mailed
- Made daily trips to the SF Airport Post Office
- Daily drop offs for Brothers Dimech, Bartoli, Amato and Albrecht
- Increase in volume for #800 phone calls and e-mails
- Mass and Dinner with the Bartoli's and the Grand Chaplain
- #32 Communion Breakfast – MC'd the program
- Began files for the Advance Proceedings document including the cover

- Attended #32 meetings, social, Education Foundation and Seminarian Foundation meetings
- Hosted the Convention Planning Committee and Budget Committee meetings
- Worked on the contract for the 2017 Convention at the MontBleu Hotel
- Worked on Journal articles, prepared copy and drove to printer in Manteca
- Pushed for candidates
- Prepared for March Board Meeting minutes and e-mails
- Worked with the IRS on address changes
- Began the process of Grand Council Session registration
- Visited the Flamingo Hotel in Santa Rosa

Last weekend, took stock on everything needed for the Santa Rosa meeting and shared the four lists with Grand Council officers.

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 completed the budget on April 4, 2016 and it will be published in the Advance Proceedings.

Coordinating (Br. George Terry, Chr.): Already covered in the Grand President's report.

Ceremonials (Br. Phil Oberst): the report had been submitted, new ribbons are available for medallions and you can replace your old one if needed.

Grand Session Planning Committee (Br. Tom Fourie, Chr.) – the Committee has met twice and Br. Fourie said they would be back to work on the 19th of May.

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

Institute Journal (Br. Tom Fourie, Chr.) – Br. Fourie announced it is almost ready to go.

Laws and Revisions (Br. Rob Bartoli, Chr) – Council #497 has added a Ladies Auxiliary and their by-laws will be reviewed.

Man of the Year and Council of the Year (Br. Bob Bartoli, Chr.) – the committee will meet to review the applications received.

Membership (Br. Kelly Cox and Br. Larry Andreatta, Chr.): No report at this time.

Organization (Br. Michael Amato, Chr.): his report has been submitted for the Advance Proceedings.

Pro Deo (Michael Nelson, Chr.): no specific report at this time. See Grand Second Vice President's report.

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

Reserve Fund (Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr.) – reported the operating reserve balance at \$281,000 and will remove \$6600 to cover this year's budget. The Death Benefit Reserve stands at \$1,611,160.56.

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 two proposals concerning the Death Benefit program and the eligibility of delegates. His work is being prepared for distribution.

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

Unfinished Business

Brother Fourie reported that candidates for all Grand Council Offices have been named. As of this date 14 Council reports have not been provided. Assessments from Councils #76, #93 and #99 are still not turned in. Semi Annual Reports from #8, #13, #16, #44, #59, #76 #92, #99, #100, #111, #497 and #612 have not been submitted.

It is impossible to do some of the Advance Proceedings reports (List of deceased Brothers, Roll Call, etc.) without the Council reports. Also the following reports have not been received as of yet: Grand Chaplain, Long Range Planning, Bowling Tournament, a few District Deputy Reports and work is needed on the Foundation reports.

So far 56 delegates have registered for the Session, and we are expecting more to have somewhere in the neighborhood of 65 delegates.

Grand President George Terry plans to discuss with Br. Michael Dimech the enhanced use of District Deputies in the coming year.

Br. Michael Amato recapped the arrangements that are being placed for the 132nd Grand Council Session in Lake Tahoe, as requested by the incoming Grand President.

The results of the Death Benefit Special Committee meeting on April 15, 2016 were reviewed by Br. Nick Franceschine #54. It was generally agreed to change the financial benefit to \$1500. What to do with Associate Members is still not determined and there will need to be more time to work on this topic. He will present the current findings at the Grand Council Session during the Workshop.

Candidates for Grand Council Office had already been covered.

An insurance policy to cover the actions of Grand Council Officers had been brought forward to Br. Steve Cresci #32. He and Br. Alan Patrick would look into this matter, however, a personal umbrella policy should cover all actions.

New Business

Brother Fourie reported that one of our sponsored seminarians (now ordained) is becoming a Pastor in Hayward and is interested in setting up a YMI Council at his new parish (Church of the Assumption).

A question on how to handle the fund raising profits was brought forward and how to show it in the ledger.

MSC – Patrick/Bartoli – Unanimous – to have a separate ledger entry for fund raising monies.

The monies would be kept in this account and used for unforeseen expenses at this time.

Junior Past Grand President Report

There was no report at this time.

Grand Chaplain's Report

Father Agnel could not be present. He is doing fine. He is praying for us.

Good of the Order

Brother Bill Effinger #80, who is completing his term on the Board, said it was an enjoyable experience and he plans to continue to be around to help.

Brother Larry Andreatta #32, who is completing his term as a Grand Officer learned much after taking over for the late Br. Burke.

Brother Alan Patrick #32, finishing his term on the Board, said it was a wonderful experience.

Brother Mike Nelson sent it an e-mail response for the discussion on the role of the District Deputy.

Brother Amato announced a reception for the next Grand President on July 23, 2016 in San Francisco. A flyer will be distributed at the Santa Rosa meeting.

Brother Manuel Drumonde #44, thanked all present for the service to the YMI.

Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was led by Br. Phil Oberst #32, PGP.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted, yours for God and Country,

Michael Amato #613

Grand Secretary

Thomas A. Fourie #32, PGP

Business Manager