

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 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at the World Headquarters of the YMI in South San Francisco, California.

Opening Prayer

The opening prayer, led by Grand Outside Sentinel Steve Cresci, 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, Domenic Carinalli (via conference call), Bob Fiorito, Mario De Vita, Manuel Drumonde (via conference call), Nick Franceschine (via conference call), Bill Walls, Matthew Nelson (via conference call); Grand President Michael Dimech; Grand First Vice President Mike Nelson (via conference call); Grand Second Vice President Carlos Rivas (via conference call); Grand Secretary Michael Amato; Grand Treasurer Jack Albrecht; Grand Inside Sentinel Richard Pisciotta; and Grand Outside Sentinel Steve Cresci.

The following Grand Officers were excused by Chairman of the Board, Brother Bob Bartoli: Grand Chaplain Father Agnel, and Junior Past Grand President George Terry.

Grand Marshal Chris McCann was marked absent.

The following YMI Brothers were in attendance: Brother Tom Fourie #32, PGP and Business Manager, District Deputy Grand President Cosmo Amato #613 and Brother Frank Hepburn #2, PGP.

Reading of the Minutes

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

MSC – DeVita/Fiorito – Unanimous - that the minutes of the November 12, 2016 meeting of the Board of Grand Directors be approved.

Communications

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

The Grand Secretary sent a letter to Gustine Council #93 noting past unpaid assessments.

Br. Bartoli reported that the YMI was mentioned in a recent edition of the Ingleside Excelsior Life Newspaper.

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

- Council bulletins have been received from the following Councils: #1 (December and January), #2 (January and February), #32 (December and January), #40 (December and January), #59 (December), #573 (December), #612 (December), #613 (December and January)
- A Christmas card from the Flamingo Hotel in Santa Rosa
- A bulletin from the Korean War Memorial Foundation
- A notice that YLI Institute #122 had disbanded
- Thank you card from Mary Vogelgesang on the death of her husband
- Thank you card from Tillie Lopez following the death of her husband
- Thank you card from Annette Borge on the death of her husband
- A copy of the State of the Institute memo
- Financial request from St. Joseph School in Hilo, Hawaii

- Financial request from Love-a-Child Mission
- Copy of the letter sent to #93 by the Grand Secretary
- Acknowledgment from the IRS for sending in the Supplemental Group Ruling Information List
- Cover letter for Assessment #165
- Letter from Br. Jim Smith in #9
- Two issues of the Voice of the YLI
- One copy of the Catholic Herald
- One copy of the Patrician
- Three copies of the Catholic Voice (closing 5 Catholic schools in the Oakland Diocese)

Grand Treasurer's Report

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

He invited all to ask questions. The \$1260 was a pass through from the recent Grand Council Session.

MSC - De Vita/Carinalli – Unanimous - to accept the Grand Treasurer's report of December, 2016.

Board of Grand Directors' Committees

Chairman of the Board, Brother Bob Bartoli, requested reports from the various Grand Director's Committees:

Charters/Archives – Brother Bill Walls, Chr. – no report at this time, however, Br. Albrecht provided some material

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

Long Range Planning – Br. Matt Nelson, Chr. – The Chairman stated that he was trying to update the Report for our next meeting. Brother Fourie reminded him that the report is needed before that date and could he move up his work by one month. The Chairman replied in the affirmative.

Council Activities – Br. Carinalli, Chr. – no report at this time from the Chairman, however, Br. Fourie was in receipt of two requests from Council #54: a pasta dinner and a corned beef dinner, and both had been approved.

Insurance – Br. Franceschine reported that there was no activity since the last Board Meeting and there have been no claims.

Fund Raising – Brother Bob Fiorito, Chr. – The Pasta Bingo was held last week and it went very well with 104 people in attendance and a profit of \$1730. Members of #32 and #613 provided all the man and women power to work the event. It was a good model for a fundraiser for any Council according to the Grand President. He wants to continue doing this again maybe next November. A round of applause followed this report.

Supplies – Brother Mario De Vita, Chr. – no report until February 21 when the inventory is taken.

Grand President's Report

Grand President Brother Michael Dimech spoke on several topics:

- He covered his schedule for the past six weeks – has been very busy.
 - He will be going to Stockton #5 next month
 - He attended a Foundation meeting at Harry's Hofbrau
 - In February he will visit Francis #573 in Hilo, HI
 - In December he went to #59 with Brother DeVita. #59 will be celebrating its 90th anniversary in March 2017
 - He recapped his entire visit to the two Councils in Indiana (see below)
 - He attended Christmas Parties of several Councils
 - He made his official visit to the San Francisco District at #32 on January 12..it was very nice, good turn out , great food...the message was to get involved in the community, promote awareness of YMI as we are competing for members.
 - He covered Santa Rosa Council #40's membership drive

- He will be attending St. Christopher Council #80's meeting next week
- Br. Dimech summarized his visit to Indiana along with Brothers Mike Amato, Tom Fourie and Richard Guaraldi. He was met by Br. John Mundy in Huntingburg, had a nice Saturday night dinner at their restaurant/bar. Attended Mass/Breakfast the next morning with YMI families (65 in attendance). They are doing much better now as a club. The next day was attendance at Mass at St. Meinrad's Archabbey walked the grounds..nice and calm. From Monday to Thursday, the visit centered on Richmond, IN. Greeted by Br. Scott Vogelgesang, Mass with the students at Seton Catholic High School, visited the high school as well as the elementary schools. The principal spent half of a day with us...very nice. Attended #612's monthly meeting on Wednesday evening.

Grand First Vice President's Report

Brother Nelson was on the conference line from Mariposa, CA.

The Pro Patria Raffle goal is \$12,000. At this time we are at \$7500.00. He read aloud the sales percentages by Councils. Brother Fourie reported that the YLI is doing very well in supporting the raffle. It would be good to get 20% of the YMI membership to participate.

Br. Nelson asked the Grand President to urge the District Deputies to promote the raffle in each of their Councils and they each should have a raffle chairman.

Fourie reported on the essay contest, another year of 1500 submissions.

Br. Nelson reported he went to Hilmar's installation and attended the Pasta Bingo in South San Francisco.

Grand Second Vice President's Report

Br. Rivas reported that the Annual Red and White Mass has been set and will be held on March 11, 2017 at St. Rose Catholic Church in Santa Rosa. Council #40 will prepare a dinner after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. He has sent out all the fliers and hopes to receive many reservations in advance. There will be a no host bar before dinner (after the Mass). He suggested a raffle at the event, but was informed that the Pro Patria Raffle will take place after dinner and it would not be wise to have two. He confirmed he would have a drum for the raffle. The Red and White Mass flyer is on the website.

MSC – Bartoli/Walls – Unanimous – for Grand Council to contribute \$500 out of fundraising to help defray the cost of a bus from the San Francisco District to Santa Rosa for the Red and White Mass.

He also attended the Pasta Bingo in South San Francisco.

Grand Secretary's Report/Business Manager's Report

Grand Secretary Michael Amato commented on the items he listed on his written report. He made mention of the Veteran's Park in Richmond, Indiana.

Business Manager Tom Fourie reviewed the work of the World Headquarters since the last Board of Grand Directors meeting (a brief summary):

- Daily trips to the Post Office Box with raffle and essays coming in
- Ordered/received/delivered 5 sterling silver rings for Madera Council #60
- Weekly/daily deliveries to Brothers Albrecht, Dimech, Bartoli and Amato
- Prepared November, December and January YMI monthly bills
- Phone calls to Indiana to prepare for the Grand President's visit
- Daily posting of raffle ticket purchases
- Processed two groups of Death Benefits
- Accompanied the Grand President, Brother Amato and Brother Guaraldi on the six day visit to Indiana
- Attended #32, #613 and #1's Christmas parties

- Worked with SSF City Hall staff on the Food Basket Program, helped to deliver as well
- Worked on the Institute Journal deliveries
- Spent several hours working with the MontBlue Hotel
- Worked on different aspects of two deaths of significant Brothers: Frank Pignati and James Vogelgesang
- Prepared and mailed Assessment #165
- Several hours spent on the paperwork for the Education Foundation
- Re-edited the Journal
- Attended #32's business meetings
- Pasta Bingo

Notified the Board of the work with the Journal in transportation, etc. Brother Hepburn volunteered to pick up the next issue of the Journal and bring it to SSF.

World Headquarters will be doing most of its work from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. on weekdays as well as on the weekends from now on.

Grand Directors Report on Grand Council Committees

Chairman of the Board, Brother Bob Bartoli, requested reports from Grand Directors serving on Grand Council Committees.

Audit (Br. Bill Walls and Br. Steve Cresci): no report at this time.

Budget (Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr.): The Grand Treasurer announced the first Budget Committee meeting will take place on February 21, 2017.

Coordinating (Br. Michael Dimech, Chr.): Doing what he can at this time to have the YLI buy raffle tickets.

Ceremonials (Br. Manuel Drumonde, #44, PGP): Have not started, but the committee wants to work on the funeral rite.

Grand Session Planning Committee (Br. Tom Fourie, Chr.) – the deposit check has been sent to the Montbleu Hotel.

Grand Session/Credentials Working Committee (Br. Michael Amato, Chr): will be ready in June 2017.

Institute Journal (Br. Tom Fourie, Chr.) – already discussed in the Business Manager’s report.

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.) – the committee has prepared and published articles/application forms for the website and the Journal.

Membership (Br. Matt Nelson and Br. Larry Andreatta, Chr.): Br. Dimech said he will be encouraging the two chairmen to reach out and mentioned the concept of a membership drive. Br. Cresci announced a membership drive at All Souls Church following Sunday Masses in the next week.

MSC – Bartoli/DeVita – Unanimous – to cap financial assistance at \$75 from the membership budget to Councils conducting membership drives.

Organization (Br. Michael Amato, Chr.): already covered
Pro Deo (Carlos Rivas, Chr.): See Grand Second Vice President’s report.

Pro Patria (Mike Nelson, Chr.): completed under the Grand First Vice President’s report

Reserve Fund (Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr.) – reported the operating reserve balance at \$231,335.15. The Death Benefit Reserve stands at \$1,695,745.87.

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

State of the Institute (Br. George Terry, Chr.): Br. Frank spoke on behalf of Br. George. A letter had been sent to each Council requesting any proposals.

Workshop Committee (Brother Tom Fourie): will be ready in June 2017.

Unfinished Business

As reported previously, a deposit check has been sent to the Montbleu Hotel for the Grand Council 2017 Session. The Committee will be meeting on January 30, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at World Headquarters.

The 133rd Grand Council Session will be in Reno, Nevada. Br. Pisciotta is working on this site. No other work has been done in planning this event as of yet.

Br. Fourie has been in contact with Br. Franceshine in working on the report needed for the Benefit Program. Br. Fanceschine confirmed the type of report. It is in progress.

The Grand Secretary requested that the concept of a new Council in San Leandro be removed as an agenda item.

Council #76 is now terminated.

Br. Fourie read a letter from Br. Smith of Council #9. Payments of assessments for this Council are written on personal checks of Br. Smith. He wants more time to get his Council finances in order. After a discussion:

MSC – Bartoli/DeVita – Unanimous – direct the Grand Secretary to write a letter to Council #9 expressing the concern that Grand Council has with the operation or lack of operation within Council #9, and offer help to remedy the situation.

We still need a bowling flyer and we have a bare bones golf flyer.

Thirty YMI hats have been ordered and they will be brought to sell at the Grand Council Session.

New Business

Discussion on bus to Red and White Mass has been reported above.

A discussion ensued on contributing monies to the Catholic Schools in Hilo (which had sent a request) and to the elementary schools in Richmond, Indiana (to thank the principal for her time)

MSC – Carinalli/DeVita – Unanimous – to contribute \$250 each to the Catholic Schools in Hilo, Hawaii and the Catholic elementary schools of Richmond, Indiana.

Brother Jack Albrecht brought to the Board the updating of the Grand Council Death Certificat which had not be changed or reviewed since 2003. The Business Manager will work on a draft and bring it to the next Board meeting.

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

Please remember Brothers Frank Pignati and James Vogelgesang in your prayers.

The monies from the Super Bowl Pool were turned in to the Business Manager.

Donations are coming in to both the Education and Seminarian Foundations due to the deaths of prominent YMI Brothers.

The next Board Meeting will be on March 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at World Headquarters. (A Thursday night)

Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was led by Br. Mario DeVita #1, GD

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, yours for God and Country,

Michael Amato #613

Grand Secretary

Thomas A. Fourie #32, PGP
Business Manager