

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, May 6, 2017 at the World Headquarters of the YMI in South San Francisco, California.

Opening Prayer

The opening prayer, led by Grand Director Mario De Vita, 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 Director Bob Bartoli, 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, Bob Fiorito, Mario De Vita, Nick Franceschine (via conference call) and Bill Walls; Grand President Michael Dimech; Grand First Vice President Mike Nelson; Grand Second Vice President Carlos Rivas (via conference call); Junior Past Grand President George Terry, Grand Secretary Michael Amato; Grand Treasurer Jack Albrecht (via conference call); and Grand Outside Sentinel Steve Cresci.

The following Grand Officers were excused by Chairman of the Board, Brother Bob Bartoli: Grand Chaplain Father Agnel, Grand Directors Manuel Drumonde and Matthew Nelson.

Grand Marshal Chris McCann, Grand Director Domenic Carinalli, and Grand Inside Sentinel Richard Pisciotta were marked absent.

The following YMI Brother was in attendance: Brother Tom Fourie #32, PGP and Business Manager.

Reading of the Minutes

The minutes from the March 16, 2017 Meeting of the Board of Grand Directors were reviewed.

MSC – Franceschine/De Vita – Unanimous - that the minutes of the March 16, 2017 meeting of the Board of Grand Directors be approved.

Communications

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

The Grand Secretary referenced a flyer from Our Lady of the Pines Council #137 concerning their Chicken/Ravioli Fund Raiser Dinner on June 10, 2017.

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

- Council bulletins have been received from the following Councils: #1 (April and May), #8 (April and May), #32 (April and May), #40 (April and May), #613 (April and May)
- Letters and bulletins from the Korean War Memorial were received and forwarded to Brother Terry
- A copy of the New Grand Council Certificate of Death was referenced
- The cover letters for Assessment #166, the Bank Certification Form and the Semi Annual Reports were available
- A thank you letter from Grand Chaplain Father Agnel was received regarding the stipend check he received for saying Masses for the YMI during the year
- An acknowledgement from Mrs. Osvaldo Musso on the receipt of the death benefit for her late husband
- A copy of the San Francisco Catholic which published a picture of Council #613's essay contest winners and the Council President
- Three copies of the Catholic Voice
- One copy of the Catholic Herald

- A letter from Council #93 concerning their plans for dissolving.

Grand Treasurer's Report

Brother Tom Fourie distributed the four page packet prepared by Grand Treasurer, Brother Jack Albrecht, who reviewed his reports over the telephone. These reports were the expense spreadsheet and the income spreadsheet for the entire 2016-2017 YMI year as well as the first month of the 2017-2018 YMI year. Brother Fourie informed those Grand Council Officers not physically present that he would mail them their copies.

Br. Albrecht made note of an expense of \$40.96 as a penalty for the late arrival of the tax forms to the Franchise Tax Board for the past year..they were sent electronically. Some discussion followed about supply expenses and the Institute Journal that have increased.

MSC - De Vita/Walls – Unanimous - to accept the Grand Treasurer's report.

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.

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

Long Range Planning – Br. Matt Nelson, Chr. – deferred to later in the meeting.

Council Activities – Br. Carinalli, Chr. – no requests had been received since the last Board meeting.

Insurance – Br. Franceschine reported that there were no changes to his knowledge, however, Br. Fourie stated that there had been no communication thus far from Arthur Gallagher Inc. with

regard to fees for the next year. Our current policy with Traveler's covers us until June 18, 2017.

Fund Raising – Brother Bob Fiorito, Chr. – defer to the Grand President's report.

Supplies – Brother Mario De Vita, Chr. – The report for the year was presented at the last Board meeting.

Grand President's Report

Grand President Brother Michael Dimech spoke on several topics:

- He invited all to attend with him on June 10 in Pioneer for their Chicken/Ravioli Dinner. Several officers said they would also attend.
- He and other Grand Officers attended the 90th Anniversary of Sadoc #59 in Pittsburg. He complimented Brothers DiMaggio and Sanzeri for their dinner and program which honored PGP Sal Enea.
- He attended the Educational Foundation Meeting where he learned that they would be increasing the benefits to the children of our deceased Brothers and that the Foundation would name the Matching Funds Program after our late Brother Frank Pignati. He also noted that the Foundation would conduct future meeting using the "conference telephone" so as not to have Brothers drive to San Leandro.
- He attended the Seminarian Foundation meeting which announced that 44 seminarians will be receiving financial assistance this year...an all time high in applications. He stated that this Foundation will also be using the "conference telephone" for future meetings.
- He reminded everyone that the Grand Council Bowling Tournament is tomorrow, however, no Grand Officer stated that they were attending.
- He confirmed the next Pasta/Bingo Event for November 18, 2017 at St. Veronica Parish Hall and asked the Grand Treasurer for two checks to rent the building for the evening (\$300) and to cover the security of the property (\$250). The

Business Manager would collect the checks and deliver them to the Grand President.

- The Bocce Ball Tournament flyer has been prepared for September (10th year anniversary of the event). It will appear in the Journal, on the website, and be placed in the welcome packets for the upcoming Grand Council Session.
- He had completed his first article for the Advance Proceedings.
- He gave an emotional thank you to all present who had supported him and his family during the recent loss of his father, Brother Angelo Dimech.
- Brother Fourie provided the Grand President with an update on reports from his District Deputies for the Advance Proceedings. The following district reports have been received: Gold Country, San Francisco, Sonoma/Solano, Valley North and Valley South. The following have yet to arrive: Alameda, Contra Costa, Hawaii, Indiana North, Indiana South, San Joaquin, Mid-Valley, and Santa Clara. Brother Fourie asked that the Grand President inform those missing that the District Deputies have until May 13, 2017 to turn them in or they will be listed as “report not submitted” in the Advance Proceedings.

Grand First Vice President’s Report

Brother Nelson reported that his Grand President’s Program for 2017-2018 is in process of being completed and turned in by May 15, 2017. He asked for some clarification on present Councils (informed there were now 25) and the number of members (informed to use approximately 2000).

Grand Second Vice President’s Report

Br. Rivas provided an overview of Santa Rosa Council #40’s recent Cinco de Mayo/Mother’s Day celebration which attracted over 200 attendees.

He acknowledged that he was working on his report for the Advance Proceedings.

Grand Secretary's Report/Business Manager's Report

Grand Secretary Michael Amato reported on his completion of three written reports for the Advance Proceedings and his updating of the website as information is received.

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

- Provided the Grand Treasurer with a signed copy of the new Business Manager's contract for 2017-2018
- Submitted Death Benefit requests to the Grand Treasurer, signed the prepared checks, and mailed the checks with the appropriate letter to the beneficiaries
- Prepared March and April YMI bills for the Grand Treasurer, received and signed the prepared checks and distributed them for payment
- Collected all the outstanding Pro Patria Essays from the judges, recorded the scores, determined the winners, printed out more than 1500 student participation certificates, prepared Council packets, requested checks for the winners and mailed everything to the respective Councils
- Worked with St. Columba Council #94 officers to redo their membership lists
- Attended Council #32's meetings and socials
- Prepared and sent out all paperwork for Assessment #166 and the March 31, 2017 Semi Annual Reports
- Daily drop-offs at the Albrecht, Bartoli and Amato homes
- Frequent trips to the San Francisco Airport Post Office to pick up mail
- Received and responded to an increased number of phone calls and e-mails
- Completed, prepared and mailed Board Minutes from March 16, 2017 to all Grand Council Officers
- Researched, recorded and e-mailed the requested data for Br. Nick Franceschine's preparation of the next Actuarial Report on Benefit and Associate Brothers Death Benefits
- Spent a week in New York/New Jersey for our newest grand daughter's baptism

- Bought Lady Pat Fourie a new car (first time in 21 years)
- Attended the Education Foundation Meeting in San Leandro
- Hosted at World Headquarters the Seminarian Foundation Board Meeting
- Hosted Council #32's Lapsation Committee meeting
- Begin to prepare for all the work involved with the upcoming Grand Council Session: reports, etc.

Brother Fourie then provided the Grand Council Officers with an update on receipt of Assessment #166 and the March 31, 2017 Semi Annual Reports. He requested that for those missing documents, Grand Officers would step forward to make contacts to the respective Councils and ask that all missing information be received by World Headquarters within the next week.

Assessment #166

- a. Gustine Council #93 had three unpaid assessment bills – this issue would be discussed under Unfinished Business
- b. Diablo Valley Council #111 had two unpaid assessment bills – this too would be discussed under Unfinished Business
- c. Dos Palos Council #99 had not sent Assessment #166 (Brother Bartoli will contact them)
- d. Francis Council #573 had not sent Assessment #166 (Brother Fourie has been in contact with them, will have money on next Monday)

Semi-Annual Reports for March 31, 2017

- a. Stockton Council #5 did not provide their current officer's list (Brother Terry will contact them)
- b. American Council #8 did not provide their current membership list (Brother Dimech to contact them)
- c. Vallejo Council #13 did not provide their current membership list (Brother De Vita to contact them)
- d. Vinyes Council #16 did not provide their current membership list (Brother De Vita to contact them)
- e. Holy Rosary Council #44 did not provide their current membership list as well as the council officers list (Brother Fourie will contact them)

- f. Sadoc Council #59 has provided none of the reports for March 31, 2017 (Brother Dimech will contact them)
- g. Manteca Council #88 did not provide their current membership list (Brother Bartoli will contact them)
- h. Tracy Council #92 did not provide their current membership list (Brother Nelson will contact them)
- i. Dos Palos Council #99 did not provide their current membership list (Brother Bartoli will contact them)
- j. Bakersfield Council #100 did not provide their current membership list as well as their current officer's list (Brother Terry will contact them)
- k. St.. Augustine Council #497 did not provide their current officer's list nor their current membership list (Brother Dimech will contact them)
- l. Francis Council #573 has provided none of the reports for March 31, 2017 (Brother Fourie has been in contact with them and will have info on Monday)
- m. Gonzaga Council #612 has provided none of the reports for March 31, 2017 (Brother Bartoli will contact them)

Grand Directors Report on Grand Council Committees

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

In order to expedite these reports, Brother Tom Fourie, Business Manager reported on the status of Advance Proceedings reports which had or had not been received by the World Headquarters.

Advance Proceedings information still missing as of this time:

- a. In order to complete the In Memoriam Page, all Semi-annual Report information must be received (see above)
- b. In order to complete the Roll Call pages, all Councils need to submit their Council Participation Form...only 10 Councils (#1, #2, #13, #54, #59, #80, #88, #137, #612 and #613) have submitted their forms thus far
- c. The Grand Second Vice President report is needed from Brother Carlos Rivas

- d. The Grand Chaplain report is needed from Fr. Agnel (Brother Fourie has reminded him of this)
- e. The Board of Grand Directors report is needed from Brother Bartoli (he will prepare this report following receipt of these minutes)
- f. The Business Manager's report is needed from Brother Fourie (will be completed upon self reflection)
- g. The Auditing report is needed from Brother Cresci and Brother Walls (will be e-mailed within a few days)
- h. The Coordinating Report is needed from Brother Dimech (will be here this week)
- i. The Institute Journal report is needed from Brother Fourie (will be here as soon as the editor has time to squeeze it in)
- j. The Pro Deo report is needed from Brother Rivas (will be here this week)
- k. The State of the Institute report is needed from Brother Terry (will be here this week)
- l. The introduction report for the Education Foundation is needed from Br. West (will be written by other members of the Foundation this week)
- m. The introduction report for the Seminarian Foundation is needed from Brother McGlynn (Brother Hepburn will contact him to help)

****Please note that the receipt of these and all other reports is but the first step in preparation for publication. Each report needs to be read, edited if needed and of course see that it responds to the duties and responsibilities of the committee as stated in the Grand Council by-Laws and the Grand President's Program.

Audit (Br. Bill Walls and Br. Steve Cresci): Br. Fourie stated that those Councils needing to be audited this YMI year have for the most part dissolved.

Budget (Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr.): The Grand Treasurer presented the budget for 2018-2018 in his Grand Treasurer's packet. It will be formally voted upon at the Grand Council Session.

Coordinating (Br. Michael Dimech, Chr.): No report at this time.

Ceremonials (Br. Manuel Drumonde, #44, PGP): Absent, although still working on the funeral rite.

Grand Session Planning Committee (Br. Tom Fourie, Chr.) – There will be two more meetings of this committee (May 15, 2017 and June 12, 2017) to finalize plans and stuff the welcome packets.

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

Institute Journal (Br. Tom Fourie, Chr.) – next issue will be prepared as soon as all the necessary information becomes available. He hopes this week to have the Grand President's Article, Convention Events sheet, Ed. Memorials, In Memoriam names, New Members listed, Essay Winners, Report on the Red and White Mass, Boxes for Grand Council Candidates, State of the Institute, Bocce Ball flyer, Pasta/Bingo flyer, etc.

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 – deadline was May 1, 2017.

Membership (Br. Matt Nelson and Br. Larry Andreatta, Chr.): working on their reports

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.) – no reported balances given at this time

Resolutions (Br. Nick Franceschine, Chr.): has two resolutions to prepare thus far for the Grand Council Session

State of the Institute (Br. George Terry, Chr.): Br. George states there will be one proposal to present at the Grand Council Session

Workshop Committee (Brother Tom Fourie): will be ready in June 2017 along with Br. Franceschine.

Unfinished Business

The update on the 132nd Grand Council Session in Lake Tahoe is as follows:

- a. Thus far, 40 registrations have been received by the World Headquarters

- b. We are missing registrations from some important Councils who always come: #32, #40, #573 and #100 just to name a few
- c. So far there will be delegates from #1, #2, #8, #32, #40, #44, #54, #59, #80, #88, #94, #100, #137, #573, #612 and #613.
- d. Three priests will be present
- e. The boat ride registration is smaller (due to cost)
- f. Br. Dimech inquired about refunds for those who cannot make it...will be giving their money back.

The update on the 133rd Grand Council Session is as follows:

- a. Br. Pisciotta did visit and have sent to the World Headquarters a contract from the Silver Legacy Hotel but as of yet the contract has not been signed
- b. We need to nail down the venue.
- c. Options include the Silver Legacy, the Atlantis and the Pepper Mill
- d. More discussion is needed

Brother Fourie provided an update on those Brothers who have submitted their names to run for Grand Council Office in June. He has received the requested nomination in writing thus far from:

- a. Brother Mike Nelson for Grand President
- b. Brother Michael Amato for Grand Secretary
- c. Brother Jack Albrecht for Grand Treasurer
- d. Brother Steve Cresci for Grand Director
- e. Brother John Kavanagh for Grand Director
- f. Brother Manual Drumonde for Grand Director

At this time, via the conference call we have these additional candidates:

- g. Brother Carlos Rivas for Grand First Vice President
- h. Brother Nick Franceschine for Grand Outside Sentinel

*****BREAKING NEWS*****

Right after the Board Meeting ended we learned that Brother William Avery of Council #80 will be nominated for Grand Marshal and that Brother Domenic Carinalli will be nominated for Grand Inside Sentinel.

This leaves us with two positions still to fill: one Grand Director and the Grand Second Vice President. All Grand Officers are responsible to seek out qualified candidates for these positions and when you have them, please let the Grand Council Office know their names.

Brother Nick Franceschine presented his report on the on-going work for Death Benefits for both Benefit Members and Associate Members. The current Death Benefit Program for the Benefit members is well funded at this time and does not recommend any changes to this program. He presented his own assumptions as to what could happen for the Associate members given that he now had all the statistics provided from the Grand Council Office. He stated that if a \$1000 death benefit was to be provided, the estimated need of \$546,000 would be needed to cover costs, which would mean a cost of \$72 per each associate member each year. (This suggestion would not fly according to those Grand Officers present). He also recommended that whatever program is designed, it should be mandatory. After a lengthy discussion, Br. Nick was asked to chair a sub-committee to work on this issue, send an e-mail to officers for volunteers, and then come up with a presentation at the Grand Council Session.

The status of Gustine Council #93 and Diablo Valley Council #111 was reviewed. Both Councils owed back assessments: Gustine #93 was at \$1000 and Diablo Valley was at \$88. Both Councils have a zero balance in their accounts and are closing down. Brother Albrecht reported that their short falls were already noted in the amount of monies he was going to have to move from the Reserve Fund to the General Operating Fund Budget. Therefore no other action was needed.

The Golf Tournament was cancelled due to poor advertisement and organization. Brother Mike Nelson was encouraged to rectify the situation for next year with perhaps a different chairman, change golf courses, and advertise in a more efficient manner.

The new Certificate of Death form for Grand Council has been completed.

Dates for future Grand Council Session planning have been set.

New Business

The Bocce Ball Tournament flyer has been prepared and sent for the Journal, Website and Convention packets.

Junior Past Grand President Report

Br. George Terry received an invitation from Notre Dame High School in Belmont, California to attend their awards ceremony on May 24, 2017 where the YMI scholarship will be announced for this year.

Grand Chaplain's Report

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

Good of the Order

Brother Bartoli spoke on behalf of those Grand Council Officers thanking all for their work and support this year, although the work will not be completed until South Lake Tahoe.

Brother Nelson reported that he was invited to attend the YLI Grand Convention in Reno the week after the YMI Session. He and his wife will be attending to offer greetings and a short speech on his new position.

The next Board Meeting will be at the 132nd Grand Council Convention in South Lake Tahoe, June 19-21, 2017

Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was led by Br. Mario DeVita #1, GD – he read the YMI closing prayer. We remembered all YMI Brothers who were ill and the father of our Grand President who passed away recently.

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