

YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE
BOARD OF GRAND DIRECTORS BI-MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES

Call to Order

Acting Chairman of the Board, Brother Mario De Vita, called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m. on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at the World Headquarters of the YMI in South San Francisco, California.

Opening Prayer

The opening prayer, led by Grand Director Manuel Drumonde requested God's guidance on the officers and their deliberations throughout the meeting. He acknowledged all veterans and thanked them for their service.

Pledge of Allegiance

In a true spirit of fraternalism, the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Grand Marshal Billy Avery, 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 Steve Cresci, Mario De Vita, Manuel Drumonde (via conference call), Jim Rohe (via conference call), John Kavanagh, Paul Walsh, Matt Nelson (via conference call) ; Junior Past Grand President and Grand Secretary Michael Dimech; Grand Second Vice President Michael Amato (via conference call); Grand Treasurer Jack Albrecht; Grand Marshal Bill Avery (via conference call); Grand Outside Sentinel Nick Franceschine (via conference call).

The following Grand Officers were excused by Acting Chairman of the Board, Brother Mario De Vita: Grand Director Bob Fiorito, Grand Chaplain Father Agnel De Heredia, and Grand Inside Sentinel Domenic Carinalli, Grand President Mike Nelson.

The following Grand Officer was marked absent: Brother Michael Thissen, Grand First Vice President.

The following YMI Brothers were in attendance: Brother Tom Fourie #32, PGP and Business Manager; District Deputy Grand President Cosmo Amato; District Deputy Grand President Alex Schmitt (via conference call).

Reading of the Minutes

The minutes from the July 28, 2018 Meeting of the Board of Grand Directors were reviewed.

MSC – Cresci/Kavanagh – Unanimous - that the minutes of the July 28, 2018 meeting of the Board of Grand Directors be approved as corrected.

Communications

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

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

- Council bulletins have been received from the following Councils: Council #1 (August), Council #2 (September), Council #8 (September), Council #32 (August and September), Council #40 (August and September), Council #613 (September).
- Three issues of the Catholic Voice.
- One copy of the Catholic Herald
- One copy of the ICF Bolletino (Marsili)
- Cover letters for Grand Council Office mailings: 2018 tax filings, Convention materials to Councils not present, up-dated By-Laws as a result of the State of the Institute proposals, and Assessment #172.
- Invitation to the Stockton's Bishop Awards Dinner.
- Invitation to the San Francisco Archdiocese 2018 Assumpta Awards Dinner – honoring Bishop Justice, a YMI Brother.

Grand Treasurer's Report

Brother Jack Albrecht referenced his two reports which were e-mailed to all Grand Council Officers the week previous. These reports, dated August, 2018, were the expense spreadsheet and the income

spreadsheet for the 2018-2019 year thus far. He opened the floor for any questions. Brother Fourie took the opportunity to report his findings on how much was collected at the Convention for shirts and hats..\$440.00.

MSC – Cresci/Kavanagh – Unanimous - that the Grand Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented.

Board of Grand Directors' Committees

Acting Chairman of the Board, Brother Mario De Vita, requested reports from the various Grand Director's Committees:

Charters/Archives – Brother Mario De Vita, Chr. – The chairman reported that certain Councils would be attaining a milestone this year as to their founding dates. These Councils were achieving 65, 60 and 10 year anniversaries. Brother Fourie reported that Councils receive Charters for 100 year anniversaries.

Archive space was brought forward. The space at All Souls School (the YMI closet) is becoming quite crowded. There are several boxes of materials in Officers' garages that need to be archived. Two Brothers are needed to work together to decide if any of the current items in storage can be tossed...thereby making more room. The Committee Chairman will be contacting these two Brothers (Bartoli and Fourie and maybe Alan Patrick) to see about this task.

Finance: Brother Bob Fiorito, Chr. – committee members reported all bills were in order and they had been paid for July and August. Br. Jim Rohe, a committee member, reported that everything looked good to him from where he was.

Long Range Planning – Br. Matt Nelson, Chr. – the chairman reported on his on-going letter campaign to bishops in YMI dioceses. He was informed that there was a new Bishop appointed to the Stockton Diocese as well as to the San Jose Diocese, and also to the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

Council Activities – Br. Paul Walsh, Chr. – nothing to report by the chairman at this time.

Insurance – Br. Franceschine . Chr. – the chairman turned the report over to Br. Fourie. The Insurance company had forwarded (without Grand Council approval) liability certificates to the holders in July. A copy was then e-mailed to the Grand Council Office. There have been several changes needed to the names of the Certificate holders, given the legal changes in ownership of property within many parishes. Hawaii asked to have their old building put back on the list as they are still the owners despite their new meeting site. Br. Fourie brought up an inquiry about insurance for non-owned vehicles. A discussion ensued and Br. Fourie said he would research with our present insurance providers and report back at the next meeting. Grand Council has paid the annual policy fee in full.

Fund Raising – Brother Bob Fiorito, Chr. – the chairman was excused, however, the next Pasta Bingo Dinner will be on November 17, 2018 and the Golf Tournament will be scheduled next year in the Santa Rosa area. Also, the two checks needed for St. Veronica Church in preparation for the Pasta/Bingo Night have been provided.

Supplies – Brother Mario De Vita, Chr. – The inventory will again be reported in February 2019.

Grand President's Report

Grand President Brother Mike Nelson, on assignment with charity work in Mexico, had his report read by Grand Director Matt Nelson.

- He has a planned a visit along with Grand First Vice President Mike Thissen to Santa Rosa Council #40 on October 2, 2018.
- He has not heard back from his District Deputy Grand Presidents on all the other visit schedules.
- October 20, 2018 is a planned Red Shirt Breakfast Visit to American Council #8.
- He hopes for a visit to the San Francisco District on January 16, 2019.

Grand First Vice President's Report

Brother Michael Thissen was absent for this meeting. However, the officers conducted a discussion on the Pro Patria Raffle and Essay Contest. Items brought forward:

- Changing the price structure of the raffle tickets.
- Need for an update from the Grand First Vice President on his schedule for stuffing tickets, mailing them out...etc. The Grand Second Vice President said he would make the necessary contacts to get this information.
- Discuss at the 134th Grand Council Session the possible changes for tickets sales in the future.

Grand Second Vice President's Report

Brother Michael Amato, announced that he had attended the Council picnics for both Sebastopol #54 and St. John Bosco #613 which were both great events. He will be participating in the Bocce Ball Tournament coming soon. He reminded everyone that all the initial planning for the Red and White Mass had been completed. The date is set for March 9, 2019 at St. Cecilia's Church in San Francisco, with dinner reception to follow in the Church Hall. The cost would be \$20.00 per person. He has a flyer prepared and it will be on the website and mailed as part of the next Institute Journal.

He continues to transition his previous duties and responsibilities as Grand Secretary to Brother Michael Dimech.

Grand Secretary's Report/Business Manager's Report

The newly elected Grand Secretary, Brother Michael Dimech, announced that he had requested changes to our website covering the change in the Seminarian Foundation wording, updated the Grand President's schedule and placing Council newsletters on the website.

Br. Tom Fourie reported on a lengthy list of activities completed by the Grand Council Office since the last Board meeting on July 28, 2018, which included the following:

- a. Sent out updated YMI Grand Council by-Laws.
- b. Continued to receive articles for the Journal – up to August 19, 2018.
- c. Prepared Death Benefit requests, sent out checks.
- d. Sent out non-participating Council mailings from the Convention.
- e. Daily trips to the Airport Post Office.
- f. Frequent drop offs at the Albrecht and Bartoli home mailboxes.
- g. Call from Bakersfield regarding Death Benefit for Br. Rudy Gutierrez – discussion on assessment payments.
- h. August 4, 2018 – new grandson, Brady, born
- i. Calls from several lawyers concerning benefits for deceased Brothers.
- j. Worked for several days with family members on funeral arrangements for our 102 year old aunt..thank all the YMI Brothers for their prayers and support.
- k. Worked daily on the Summer/Fall Issue of the Journal.
- l. Conversations with the Montbleu Hotel, signed contract for next year.
- m. Phone calls with Br. Clem Gusman #573 on their situation with the hall.
- n. Attended #32's Business and Social meetings.
- o. Attended Council #613's Picnic.
- p. Cared daily for four grandkids now.
- q. Prepared and mailed minutes from the July 28, 2018 Board Meeting.
- r. Represented YMI at the DMV on how to get a new license.
- s. Sent Councils the letters on filing taxes for this year.
- t. Prepared and hosted the Seminarian Foundation meeting.
- u. Paid YMI bills for August
- v. Little things from phone calls and many e-mails.
- w. Cleaned out YMI files to go to archives – two boxes.
- x. Prepared Assessment #172.
- y. Send the IJ PDF file to J & J printing.
- z. Shopped for mailing seals

Grand Directors Report on Grand Council Committees

Acting Chairman of the Board, Brother Mario De Vitao, requested reports from Grand Directors serving on Grand Council Committees.

Audit (Br. Steve Cresci, Chr.): No report at this time. However, the Business Manager reported that he is strongly urging all Councils to completely, accurately and in a timely manner fill out the September 30, 2018 Semi-annual report. Incomplete reports will be returned to the Councils.

Budget (Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr.): The committee will begin work, early in 2019.

Coordinating (Br. Mike Nelson, Chr.): Nothing specific to report at this time.

Ceremonials (Br. Manuel Drumonde, #44, PGP): No report at this time. Hopefully a report will be submitted soon on streamlining the YMI funeral ceremony.

Grand Session Planning Committee (Br. Tom Fourie, Chr.) – under Unfinished Business.

Institute Journal (Br. Tom Fourie, Chr.) – the most recent Institute Journal had several bumps in the road that need to be addressed in the future:

- Articles being turned in after the published deadline.
- The non-profit address was incorrectly printed on all the current copies of the Journal, resulting in many more hours of work to fix before mailing.
- Need to improve the e-mail addresses for future mailings.
- Given the fact that the Journal is on the Website, question, why are we going to do so much work in the present mailing process?
- Many Brothers are happy with getting the Journal as an e-mail directly from their own Council..a good job is being done here.
- Could we send each Council a certain amount of Journals to have available at their meetings for the Brothers who attend?
- The primary goal over the past few years has been to reduce cost...are we actually doing that now?
- There is much to discuss at the next Board meeting.

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.) – nothing to report at this time.

Membership (Br. Steve Cresci and Br John Kavanagh, Co-Chr): The committee met on August 18, 2018. A need to update the YMI Grand Council Pamphlet is needed and the committee will begin to work on this task. They are looking for suggestion on color matting for the document. They will bring back their work at the November Board Meeting. The Committee will meet again on October 20, 2018.

Organization (Br. Michael Dimech, Chr.): no report at this time.

Reserve Fund (Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr.) – Brother Albrecht continues to keep in contact with our investment advisor who has asked for a meeting before the end of 2018. The Committee meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2018 at World Headquarters. Brother Jack reported the amounts in both the Death Benefit Reserve and the Grand Council Reserve.

Resolutions (Br. Nick Franceschine, Chr.): there has been no person or group identified for next year as of this date.

State of the Institute (Br. Michael Dimech, Chr.): An article for next year will be presented at the November Board Meeting.

Workshop Committee (Brother Tom Fourie): will be ready in June 2019.

Unfinished Business

The report on the next Red and White Mass was covered by the Grand Second Vice President's report.

The recap of the Pro Patria Raffle progress was covered under the Grand First Vice President's Report.

Brother Fourie reiterated the need for constant recruitment of Brothers for Grand Council Office. Brother Nelson also addressed this activity in his report. Think about this early in the YMI year, find Grand Council potential officers for next year. Mention at all Council meetings.

The contract for the 134th Grand Council Session has been signed.

On behalf of the Planning Committee, Brother Fourie asked that the site for the 135th Grand Council Session begin to be discussed. It is necessary to plan two years out. Suggestions were made regarding

the Monterey Bay Area, a cruise, Disneyland, etc. The topic will be again discussed at the November 2018 Board Meeting.

The Grand Council Golf Tournament for next year will again be in the Santa Rosa Area (Bennett Valley).

The Bowling Tournament for 2019 will be on April 28, 2019 at Pacific Lanes...we need to obtain an up to date flyer for this event.

New Business

Br. Dimech recapped the next Bocce Ball Tournament (just a week away): date, times, sign-ups, etc. Looking forward to a great day.

Pasta/ Bingo on November 17, 2018 at St. Veronica Church Hall. Flyers have been distributed and put in the Journal. Hope everyone comes and has a good time: Cooks from #32 (and the bingo caller too). Great raffle and a good time for all.

A discussion was entertained for designating our Fund Raising Monies. Suggestions were made to possibly increase the prize monies for student scholarship through the Pro Patria Essay Contest (this would have to be for next year, as this year's entry form has already been published).

MSC – Kavanagh/Cresci – Unanimous – to earmark the profit from the 2018 Pasta Bingo Dinner to go toward the 2019 Pro Patria Essay Contest.

There will still be discussion on the other funds still in the account at the next Board meeting.

Junior Past Grand President Report

Brother Dimech's reports are listed previously in these minutes.

Grand Chaplain's Report

Father Agnel continues to pray for all of us and is currently out of the country on a trip.

Good of the Order

Brother Nick Franceschine #54, GOS thanked all the Brothers who came to Council #54's Picnic in August. It was a great BBQ and he especially thanked Br. Thissen for bringing all the produce to be raffled off.

Brother Manuel Drumonde #44, PGP, GD reported on the parish picnic hosted by YMI and YLI in Hilmar. It was provided free of charge to the parishioners and he thinks he will be getting new members for his Council from the picnic.

Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was led by Brother Mario De Vita, thanking all for participating and to please remember all veterans and also to pray for PGP Carl Franke #1 who is having health problems.

Adjournment

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

The next meeting is November 17, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.
at World Headquarters.

Respectfully submitted, yours for God and Country,

Michael Dimech #613

Grand Secretary

Thomas A. Fourie #32, PGP

Business Manager