

**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 8:31 a.m. on Saturday, August 2, 2014 in the World Headquarters of the YMI in South San Francisco, California.

**Opening Prayer**

The opening prayer was led by Grand First Vice President George Terry, requesting 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 Marshal Chris McCann, 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, Alan Patrick, Bill Effinger (via conference call), Bill McNeany (via conference call), Domenic Carinalli (via conference call), Michael Infusino, Bill Gunn, Peter Pasini (tardy via conference call); Grand First Vice President George Terry; Grand Second Vice President Michael Dimech; Grand Treasurer Jack Albrecht; Grand Secretary Michael Amato; Grand Marshal Christopher McCann; Junior Past Grand President Joseph Reza; Grand Inside Sentinel Nick Franceschine (via conference call); Grand Outside Sentinel Larry Andreatta.

The following Grand Officers were excused by Chairman of the Board, Brother Bob Bartoli: Grand Chaplain Father Agnel, Grand President Luther Evans.

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

## **Reading of the Minutes**

The minutes from the May 17, 2014 Meeting of the Board of Grand Directors were reviewed.

**MSC** – Carinalli/McNeany – Unanimous - that the minutes of the March 17, 2014 Meeting of the Board of Grand Directors be approved as presented.

The minutes from the 129<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session were reviewed.

**MSC** – Patrick/Infusino – Unanimous – that the minutes from the 129<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session be approved as corrected.

The minutes from the Special Meeting of the new Board of Grand Directors held during the 129<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session were reviewed.

**MSC** – Bartoli/Carinalli – Unanimous – that the minutes of the Special Meeting of the new Board of Grand Directors held during the 129<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session be approved as presented.

## **Communications**

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

A note from Br. Luther Evans, Grand President, was read.

The report on the 2014-2015 Committee Assignments for Grand Directors was referenced.

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

- Council bulletins have been received from the following Councils: #1 (June, July, August), #2 (June, July, August), #8 (July), #32 (June, July, August), #40 (June, July, August), #573 (July), #613 (June, July, August)

- E-mail invitation from Sebastopol Council #54 to their BBQ on August 27, 2014
- Thank you acknowledgement from Lois Gillio, widow of Bill Gillio #614/#900
- Save the Date card for the Bishop's Awards Dinner in the Stockton Diocese on October 11, 2014
- Save the Date card for the 2014 Four Pillars Gala of the SF Archdiocese on September 13, 2014
- Cover letter for Assessment #155
- Copy of letter sent to Laws & Revisions Committee concerning the State of the Institute proposal passed. Asking for their review, written report and subsequent Grand Directors vote
- Mailed copy of cover letter and application form for Council of the Year Award
- 2014 Diocese of Oakland Directory
- Four copies of the Catholic Voice (new seminarians ordained)
- Serra Traditions
- Sts. Peter and Paul Elementary School – annual report (Ordon #613)
- Copy of the Catholic Herald
- Catholic San Francisco (July 4 issue – page 4)
- Catholic San Francisco (July 18 issue – page 4)
- Note from Rev. Ken Weare
- Grand Council Session notes of thanks from Br. Patrick, Fr. Agnel and the Hotel
- Thank you note from essay winner, Sophia Cullinan, sponsored by #8

### **Grand Chaplain's Report**

Father Agnel could not be present. He continues to pray for all of us.

### **Grand Treasurer's Report**

Grand Treasurer, Brother Jack Albrecht, presented his Treasurer's Reports dated July 25, 2014. Both the expense spreadsheet and income spreadsheet were presented and reviewed by the Board.

**MSC** – Patrick/Gunn – Unanimous - to accept the Grand Treasurer's report of July 25, 2014.

## **Board of Grand Directors' Committee Reports**

Chairman of the Board, Brother Bob Bartoli, led a general discussion of the make-up of the 2014-2015 Board of Grand Directors Committees. The purpose and goal of each committee was reviewed and those Directors assigned were given an opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification of their responsibilities. Every Grand Officer had been provided with the updated listing of committees and responsibilities.

Chairman of the Board, Brother Bob Bartoli, then led a general review of the Grand Council Committees appointed by the Grand President for 2014-2015. He reviewed which Grand Director had been appointed to these committees, and again, the focus was on goals and objectives.

## **Grand President's Report**

Brother Luther Evans was not present, however Br. Fourie read a written report which had been submitted by the Grand President.

His immediate plans were to attend the BBQ in Sebastopol on August 27, and then determine if he was coming to #613's BBQ or #44's BBQ on August 24.

Br. Fourie spoke to the two Grand Vice Presidents reminding them to get in touch with the Grand President and map out their schedule for the year with respect to Official Visits, so that all would know when and where everyone can go and we can advertise these events.

Br. Fourie reported that he had spoken with the Grand President with regard to the status of certain District Deputy Grand Presidents; namely, Bakersfield, both North and South Indiana, and the Sonoma/Contra Costa districts. Names still needed and some need to be replaced. Br. Reza would seek a name for Bakersfield and Sebastopol Council #54 along with Santa Rosa Council #40 would also find a candidate. Br. Fourie will have to deal with Indiana.

Brother George Terry reported on the Educational Foundation work and Br. Michael Dimech was reminded he was the representative to the Seminarian Educational Foundation.

## **Grand Secretary's Report/Business Manager's Report**

Grand Secretary Michael Amato reviewed his written report concerning recent newspaper articles and pictures, the website updates, Facebook facts, the work of the Organization Committee to assist the Chairman of the Board of Directors in updating committee purposes and membership and the Credential Committee for the 129<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session. Br. Amato was asked by Br. Albrecht about printing off the website.

Business Manager Tom Fourie reviewed the work of the World Headquarters since the conclusion of the 129<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session:

- Sent notification to the Laws and Revisions Committee
- Prepared and sent out Assessment #155
- Prepared June 20, 2014 and July 20, 2014 Grand Council Bills, received checks from the Grand Treasurer, distributed checks
- Worked on acquiring a new set of Council Banners for Grand Council
- Worked on three sets of Board minutes
- Prepared Grand Council Session Financial Reports
- Worked on the the new Committee document for both the Grand Directors and Grand Council
- Attended the Education Foundation Meeting in July
- Sent out to Grand Council Officers all reports and materials for this August 2 Board Meeting
- Responded to many e-mails following the Grand Council Session
- Everyday office phone calls, e-mails, etc.

The Grand Council Office is missing Assessment #155 from Councils #44, #59, #60, #93, #94, #100, #497, #573 and #612

## **Grand Directors Report on Grand Council Committees**

Chairman of the Board, Brother Bob Bartoli had already reviewed these assignments. Some of the committees made the following announcements.

Budget: Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr. – reported that the first meeting of the committee would be on February 10, 2015, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the World Headquarters.

Credentials: Br. Michael Amato, Chr. – Br. Amato thanked Brothers Richard Pisciotta #613 and Domenic Carinalli #54 for their help in South Lake Tahoe

Institute Journal: Br. Tom Fourie, Chr. – the next deadline was July 31, 2014 (don't forget Br. Joseph)

Laws and Revisions: Br. Rob Bartoli, Chr. – Br. Rob Bartoli submitted his committee report as requested following the 129<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session. The By-Law changes were approved and forwarded to the Business Manager.

Membership: Br. Frank Hepburn, Chr. – Br. Fourie reported on new members and he discussed a death benefit claim for a non-member.

Organization: Br. Michael Amato, Chr. – A possible site for a new Council was brought forward by Br. Fourie. Site: Carson Valley, Nevada. Contact folks are Br. Bill Cole, Br. Nick Franceschine, and Br. Carinalli. See Br. Jim Hammer

Pro Deo: Br. Mike Dimech Chr.. – The 2015 Red and White Mass will be held on March 14, 2015 at St. Veronica's Catholic Church in South San Francisco with a dinner to follow.

Pro Patria: Br. George Terry, Chr. – 78,000 tickets have been printed and are here today. He is planning to have a work plan for September so that the mailing can go out on October 1, 2014.

Resolutions: Br. Nick Franceschine, Chr. – There are no names yet for this year. Br. John Spillane did pass away. Br. Albrecht and Pignati brought the resolution for Br. Ron Ennis to him in person.

## **Unfinished Business**

Br. Fourie initiated a report on the summary of income and expenses for the 129<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session. His report was edited by the Grand Treasurer as to the spending of money from the Grand Council. Br. Fourie together with Br. Albrecht will issue a final balance for the Session via e-mail.

The Silver Legacy has been reserved for June 15-17, 2015 for the 130<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session.

Br. Dimech reported on the teams signed up for the upcoming Bocce Ball Tournament in September.

### **New Business**

Br. Nick Franceschine spoke to his proposal to review the current Death Benefit funding process given the number of Benefit Members reported at the 129<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session (see the Advance Proceedings). From his perspective we are in great shape with the monies we already have invested, and perhaps we should consider raising the amount, possibly terminating the program, or going conservative on our investments. He has volunteered to do the “actuarial process” of determining our present status (his work would be free, thank you). Br. Fourie will have to provide the necessary statistics to Br. Nick as soon as possible.

Possible future dates for Board Meetings:

September 13, 2014 – 8:30 a.m.

November 8, 2014 – 8:30 a.m.

January 6, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

March 7, 2015 – 8:30 a.m.

May 2, 2015 – 8:30 a.m.

All meetings to be held at World Headquarters.

Fund Raising was an important topic with questions from Br. Patrick on the concept in general. Br. Terry reported on the possibility of working the concession stands at AT&T Park. More info still to come.

Br. Bartoli asked what the Board wanted to accomplish this year. Goals for membership need to be worked on was the most important item as well as a serious increase in the raffle sales.

Plans for the 131<sup>st</sup> Grand Council Session are being possibly explored in the Santa Rosa area.

### **Grand First Vice President's Report**

Br. Terry reported on his conversation with KQED Radio/TV to go and help on the phones for pledges – good publicity. He also had spoken with Deacon John Norris of the SF Archdiocese on providing ministry support. Also has ideas on selling CD's at the Shoreline Theatre.

### **Grand Second Vice President's Report**

Br. Michael had already reported on the Red and White Mass, the Bocce Ball Tournament and invited everyone to #613's BBQ on August 27.

### **Junior Past Grand President Report**

Brother Joseph thanked everyone for attending the 129<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session and in particular acknowledged the work done by Br. Michael Amato and Br. Tom Fourie on behalf of the entire YMI.

### **Good of the Order**

Br. Jack Albrecht asked about contacting Notre Dame High School in Belmont, CA for the essay contest – he was given a “go at it” response.

### **Closing Prayer**



The closing prayer led by Br. Joseph Reza. Please remember Br. John Spillane, Br. Joseph Languemi and the mother of Br. Michael Sanzeri.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, yours for God and Country,

*Michael Amato #613*

**Grand Secretary**

*Thomas A. Fourie #32, PGP*

**Business Manager**