

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

Call to Order

Chairman of the Board, Brother Michael Dimech, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 8, 2014 in the World Headquarters of the YMI in South San Francisco, California.

Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was led by Grand Director and Chairman of the Board, Brother Michael Dimech, 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 Richard Burke, 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 Michael Dimech, Bob Bartoli, Alan Patrick, Nick Franceschine (via conference call), Peter Pasini (via conference call), Bill McNeany (via conference call); Grand Secretary Michael Amato; Grand Treasurer Jack Albrecht; Grand Second Vice President George Terry, Grand Marshal Richard Burke, and Junior Past Grand President Frank Hepburn.

The following Grand Officers were excused by Chairman of the Board, Brother Michael Dimech: Grand Chaplain Father Agnel, Grand First Vice President Luther Evans, Grand President Joseph Reza, Grand Inside Sentinel William Effinger and Grand Directors Domenico Carinalli and Rudy Gutierrez.

The following Grand Officers were marked as absent: Grand Outside Sentinel Chris McCann.

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

Reading of the Minutes

The minutes from the January 18, 2014 Meeting of the Board of Grand Directors were reviewed.

MSC – Bartoli/Patrick – Unanimous - that the minutes of the January 18, 2014 Meeting of the Board of Grand Directors be approved as presented.

Communications

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

Brother Amato reported on the following:

- Receipt of the Reno Aces Baseball Schedule for this year.

Brother Fourie continued the report from the Office:

- Council bulletins have been received from the following Councils: #1 (February), #2 (March), #5 (February), #8 (February, March), #32 (January, March), #40 (February, March), #59 (March, April), #613 (February, March)
- Three copies of the Catholic Voice
- Calendar from Holy Rosary Council #44
- Copy of the Voice of the YLI
- Copy of the Catholic Herald (new auxiliary bishop for Diocese)

Grand Chaplain's Report

Father Agnel could not be present. However, he did celebrate the Red and White Mass on March 1, 2014 at All Souls Catholic Church and did a fantastic job.

Grand Treasurer's Report

Grand Treasurer, Brother Jack Albrecht, presented his Treasurer's Reports dated February 22, 2014. Both the expense spreadsheet and income spreadsheet were presented and reviewed by the Board.

The Grand Treasurer reported that at this time we are spending more than we're taking in and the shortfall will come from the reserves.

MSC – Patrick/Dimech – Unanimous - to accept the Grand Treasurer's report of February 22, 2014

With regard to a death benefit check for a member of Vallejo Council #13, Br. Albrecht sent the check and it came back unopened two years later. It was decided to do nothing until someone comes forward to claim the death benefit.

Brother Hepburn needs to put forward a claim for a member of San Jose Council #2.

Board of Grand Directors' Committee Reports

Chairman of the Board, Brother Michael Dimech asked for reports.

- Charters ~ Br. Bob Bartoli, Br. Michael Dimech, and Br. Alan Patrick ~ Review the need for anniversary charters and the replacement of lost charters as needed. Everything is fine as of now. No report.
- Finance ~ Br. Michael Dimech, Br. Bob Bartoli, and Br. Bill McNeany ~ Review and approve for payment all bills for Grand Council. All bills for February had been reviewed and approved for payment. Br. Hepburn presented a bill for 8 laminated copies for the membership committee poster.
- Long Range Planning ~ Br. Alan Patrick and Br. Peter Pasini ~ Update and edit the Five-Year Plan for the Young Men's Institute. A meeting was held on February 21, 2014 with Br. Fourie. The plan was reviewed and there was a need to correct some parts. Also there is a need to incorporate present and future Grand Officers in the planning process.
- Council Activities ~ Br. Bill McNeany ~ Review and sign off on forms submitted by Councils for activities which could gross more than \$1500. No report
- Supplies ~ Br. Michael Dimech and Br. Bob Bartoli ~ perform an annual inventory of YMI property at the World Headquarters. Br. Dimech completed the inventory and distributed a list of

- supplies. A discussion followed of placing an order form on the website. Br. Fourie will provide a schedule to Br. Amato.
- Insurance ~ Br. Nick Franceschine ~ Work with the Grand Council Office on any possible liability claims against the Order through the Travelers Insurance Company. No report at this time. A final payment has been sent to Travelers for this year.
 - Fund Raising ~ All Grand Directors – The Super Bowl Pool was sold out, YMI will realize \$300. Are we possibly pursuing more Super Bowl Pools? We will try to promote them at the Grand Council Session.
 - “Proud To Be Catholic” ~ All Directors – will be discussed under the Grand President’s report, no report at this time.

Grand President’s Report

Brother Joseph Reza thanked Br. George Terry GSVP for all his work in connection with the Red and White Mass. He will be going to visit Francis Council #573 in Hilo, Hawaii on April 1st and will be visiting Our Lady of the Pines Council #137 in Pioneer, CA on May 4th. He is also planning to be participating in both the Bowling and Golf Tournaments.

The Seminarian Foundation met February 6, 2014 and they still have at least two openings for Directors. Several applications from Seminarians have been received for financial help this year. Br. Hepburn donated the printing costs for all the new Seminarian tri-folds.

From the Educational Foundation, Br. Bartoli reported that so far several Councils have participated in the Matching Funds Program. Also the Foundation has to register with the Department of Justice, under the Attorney General of California and pay a \$25.00 fee.

April 6th is the Bowling Tournament (no dinner at #5 after Bowling Tournament) and golf is scheduled for April 27, 2014.

Grand Secretary’s Report/Business Manager’s Report

Grand Secretary Michael Amato reported on the role Facebook is playing for the YMI: promote YMI membership, events such as the Red and White Mass/Dinner. He broke down the followers by gender, age and geographical location as well as language. The website is working very well and there are many items which can be down loaded at any time. Several Council newsletters have been posted as well as issues of the Institute Journal. Newspaper ads are finished for this YMI year.

The YLI has been contacted and names given of YMI Brothers who will make an appearance at their annual Convention on June 10, 2014 at 2:15 p.m. in Rohnert Park, CA

The Grand Secretary is looking for any history to put on the website.

Brother Hepburn suggested we advertise in a US Catholic magazine and Br. Dimech noted you can also advertise in the SF Catholic at no cost.

Business Manager Tom Fourie reported on what had been done since the last Board meeting at the Grand Council Office:

- Met with the Long Range Planning Committee.
- On 1/23/14 – attended #32 Social Meeting
- Worked daily recording the return of raffle tickets.
- Worked daily on Red and White Mass reservations.
- Flew to Nashville, Tennessee for 3 days for baptism of our grand neice.
- On 1/27/14 attended the Education Foundation Meeting
- Pickup of repaired Laptop at Best Buy
- Superbowl Pool
- Hosted first Budget Committee meeting on 2/14/2014
- Prepared monthly YMI bills
- Obtained info on Br. Procaccio's death.
- Attended Seminarian Education Foundation meeting on 2/6/14.
- One week project to prepare essays for judging.
- Met with Brother George Terry to help prepare for the Red and White Mass.
- Helped with the actual Red and White Mass.
- Baptized grand son.

- Prepared for the YMI inventory.
- Prepared for the Board of Directors Meeting

To do list for the Grand Council Office;

- Work on the Journal
- Convention paperwork
- Collect essays and move them to the judges
- Prepare Assessment #154
- Prepare the March 31, 2014 Semi Annual Reports
- Start the Advance Proceedings
- Much, much, more
- Everyday business

Grand Directors Report on Grand Council Committees

Chairman of the Board, Brother Michael Dimech asked for reports:

Audit: Br. Michael Dimech, Chr. – the Chairman reported that he now has copies of the last audit sheets and wants to discuss Councils #9, #88 and #93 however, no report.

Budget: Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr. – Br. Bob Bartoli and Br. Bill McNeany as Board members. The next meeting will be on April 7, 2014. Br. Fourie handed the website cost estimate to Grand Treasurer Jack Albrecht and Br. Bartoli discussed changes in phone charges he negotiated with AT&T – saving the YMI \$32 per month.

Ceremonials: Br. Phil Oberst, Chr. – Br. Nick Franceschine and Br. Domenic Carinalli as Board members. Br. Nick to call Br. Fourie for a discussion.

Coordinating: Br. Joe Reza, Chr. – Br. Rudy Gutierrez, Board member. No report.

Credentials: Br. Michael Amato, Chr. – Br. Nick Franschine and Br. Domenic Carinalli as Board members. The collection of credentials time line for the 129th Grand Council Session has been set by the planning committee on Monday and Tuesday (June 2014) at South Lake Tahoe

Institute Journal: Br. Tom Fourie, Chr. – Br. Rudy Gutierrez, Board member. Br. Fourie reported that the bulk mailing rate will be increased very soon and as such total cost of the Journal. We now need to apply three mailing seals on each copy mailed. He also

mentioned the difficulty he was having in reaching the Tahoe Queen Cruise Boat in Tahoe.

Laws and Revisions: Br. Rob Bartoli, Chr. – Br. Rudy Gutierrez, Board member. Council #2 submitted changes to their by-Laws for approval and the Committee approves.

MSC – Bartoli/Patrick - Unanimous – to accept the committee's recommendation and approve the changes submitted by San Jose Council #2.

Man of the Year: Br. Bob Bartoli & Br. Michael Amato, Chr. – Br. Peter Pasini, Board member. The committee has already advertised in the Journal for nominations and is awaiting applications due April 1, 2104.

Membership: Br. Frank Hepburn, Chr. – Br. Pete Pasini as Board member. Br. Hepburn distributed a written report. He reviewed its contents of the recent efforts of his Committee. The written report will also serve as the report for the Advance Proceedings for 2014.

Organization: Br. Michael Amato, Chr. – Br. Bob Bartoli, Board member. Brother Amato talked about YMI organizational growth via FaceBook. Sunnyvale was recommended as a potential site for a new Council. Also to look into Sacred Heart Parish in Saratoga (Fr. Gary Thomas, Pastor). Perhaps a By-Law change on composition of a new Council would help.

Pro Deo: Br. George Terry, Chr. – Br. Michael Dimech as Board member. Br. Terry said he was done with the Red and White Mass as it came out very well. Financially a charge of \$13-\$14 would have been better and asked Grand Council for those additional funds to pay the bills and he will submit the receipts. He made \$17 on the event. Br. Fourie said the entire event was well organized and the consensus was that Br. George did a great job.

Pro Patria: Br. Luther Evans, Chr. – Br. Michael Dimech, Board member. Essays have been turned in and are in the process of being judged (could use more judges). Raffle raised \$11,413. 400 YMI Brothers bought tickets (18.12%). 65% of the YLI Institutes bought tickets. We will have enough money to continue the contest next year. 20 out of 29 Councils (62.35%) bought tickets and Council #497 increased their participation.

Reserve Fund: Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr. – Br. Bill McNeany, Board member. Everything is wonderful – the stock market is good. Br. Albrecht asked if we should buy the Indiana property?

Resolutions: Br. Nick Franceschine, Chr. – Br. Domenic Carinalli, Board member. Received info from Br. Fourie for a resolution. Looking for any more suggestions by June 1.

State of the Institute: Br. Frank Hepburn, Chr. – Br. Pete Pasini as Board member. One proposal has been received and a copy was passed out by Br. Hepburn. It will be brought to the floor at the 129th Grand Council Session.

Workshop: Br. Tom Fourie, Chr. – All Directors on committee. No report at this time.

Unfinished Business

There is no additional news for the Grand Council Session. However, all contacts with South Lake Tahoe have been made and confirmed.

Brother Dimech, in respect to the Council of the Year Award, did not receive any negative comments. Br. Fourie suggested a few changes to make it better.

MSC – Dimech/Patrick - Unanimous – to make an annual presentation of the Council of the Year Award, sponsored by the Board of Grand Directors, at each Grand Council Session.

Brother Pisciotta will be visiting the Silver Legacy Hotel to begin discussion for the 130th Grand Council Session to see what is possible.

Brother Carinalli is still waiting for a meeting with Petaluma Council #9. Nothing has happened as of yet.

More discussion was held on sending the Institute Journal electronically. Brothers Fourie, Bartoli, Amato, Dimech and Hepburn will be on March 14, 2014 to continue discussion.

Br. Dimech attended the Fund A Dream Dinner at Serra High School and spoke with Bishop William Justice.

New Business

Any ideas for future Councils...perhaps this should be a regular item for each Board meeting. Br. Dimech suggested St. Pius in Redwood City, CA.

No fund raising ideas were brought forward.

The next meeting will be on May 17, 2014 at the World Headquarters.

Future Board Positions: Br. Fourie announced that all Grand Council Offices are open again this year with the exception of Dimech, Bartoli, McNeany and Carinalli who have one more year as a Grand Director.

Advance Proceeding Reports are due May 1, 2014.

Br. Dimech would like to present each delegate present in South Lake Tahoe with a pin.

Grand First Vice President's Report

Already covered above.

Grand Second Vice President's Report

Already covered above.

Junior Past Grand President Report

Brother Frank reported he attended PGP Marty Procaccio's funeral and the family had returned the regalia for a Past Grand President.

Good of the Order

Simply put by Br. Amato – we need men to sign up.

Closing Prayer

The closing prayer led by Br. Frank Hepburn

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, yours for God and Country,

Michael Amato #613

Grand Secretary

Thomas A. Fourie #32, PGP

Business Manager