

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 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2015 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 Christopher 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, Peter Pasini (via conference call), Domenic Carinalli (via conference call), Michael Infusino, William Effinger (via conference call); Grand First Vice President George Terry; Grand Second Vice President Michael Dimech; Grand Treasurer Jack Albrecht; Grand Secretary Michael Amato; Grand Inside Sentinel Nick Franceschine (via conference call); Grand Outside Sentinel Larry Andreatta; and Grand Marshal Christopher McCann.

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

The following Grand Officer was marked as absent: Junior Past Grand President Joseph Reza.

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

Reading of the Minutes

The minutes from the November 1, 2014 Meeting of the Board of Grand Directors were reviewed.

MSC – Patrick/Pasini – Unanimous - that the minutes of the November 1, 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 a request for historical pictures from past YMI activities for Brother Foley and the Ward family. He also reported that Santa Rosa Council #40 has a new address (see updated list of Council Officers sent by the Business Manager) and that there was a time change for the Reno Aces Baseball Game in Reno this summer.

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

- Council bulletins have been received from the following Councils: #1 (November, December, January), #2 (November, December), #8 (November, December), #32 (November, December, January), #40 (November, December, January), #613 (November, December, January)
- A thank you letter/acknowledgement from the IRS for submitting our Supplemental Group Ruling Information
- A letter from Juniper Serra High School regarding their Fund A Dream Scholarship Benefit
- Correspondence from Father Luis Jayme Council #65 concerning their closure
- Two issues of the Voice of YLI
- Two copies of the Catholic Herald
- A copy of the Patrician Magazine

- The annual report from Junipero Serra High School
- A copy of the ICF Bollentino that contains several references to the YMI (Tracy Council #92)
- Four copies of the Catholic Voice
- The cover letter for Assessment #157

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 December 21, 2014. Both the expense spreadsheet and income spreadsheet were presented and reviewed by the Board.

MSC – Cardinalli/Effinger – Unanimous - to accept the Grand Treasurer's report of December 21, 2014.

Board of Grand Directors' Committee Reports

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

Finance (Br. Michael Infusino): there was nothing new to report and the bills have all been paid.

Long Range Planning (Br. Bill McNeany): the Board Chairman still needs to contact Br. Bill McNeany.

Council Activities (Br. Domenic Carinalli): there was no report at this time.

Insurance (Br. Nick Franceschine): The current policy is fine.

Fund Raising (Br. Alan Patrick): Brother Alan had spoken to the President of Council #32, Steve Cresci, concerning the Mystery Play Night and he will come back with more details at the next meeting.

Grand President's Report

Brother Fourie read the written report which had been submitted by the Grand President. The Grand President reviewed his scheduled visits for January-May 2015: Manteca Council #88, St. Christopher Council #80, Francis Council #573, St. John Bosco Council #613, San Francisco Council #1, South San Francisco Council #32, Tracy

Council #92, Our Lady of the Pines Council #137 and Madera Council #60. He listed his completed schedule of Council #2, #8, #40, #44, #54, #59, #65 (via telephone), #93, #94, #99, #100, #497 and #612 #59. He still has not been able to make contact with Stockton Council #5.

He is seeking the date and time for the annual "Walk for Life" in San Francisco during January 2015.

St. Christopher Council #80 started a book program last year with the Knights of Columbus during Easter and together they intend to keep the tradition going and discussing options with other Parish (St. Anthony) clubs for Easter 2015.

Grand Secretary's Report/Business Manager's Report

Grand Secretary Michael Amato highlighted his written report concerning the website/Facebook, advertising, the work of the Organization Committee, and the Grand Council Session working committee. He also provided an update on the health condition of Grand Director Bill Gunn.

Business Manager Tom Fourie reviewed the work of the World Headquarters since the November 1, 2014 Board of Grand Directors meeting:

- Father Luis Jayme Council #65 in El Cajon, California is down to 6 members and the Grand Council Office has worked with them on their options to continue. They have voted to disband and have all moved to Council #900. All their paperwork has been forwarded, monies in checking account have been sent to the Grand Council and any other supplies, etc. will be forwarded to Grand Council.
- Gonzaga Council #612 in Richmond, Indiana has completed the sale of their building and received a check.
- The Proud to be Catholic Award was given to St. Augustine Council #497, are we going to continue this practice and perhaps provide an individual plaque each year ??

- The Business Manager accompanied the Grand President to Indiana, along with the Chairman of the Board of Grand Directors
- Attended three different Council Christmas parties
- Councils still owing their assessment payments: #40, #76, #93 and #612. Grand Officers volunteered to contact these Councils.
- Semi-annual reports still outstanding: #94, #44(no membership page), #94 (no membership or officer page)

Grand Directors Report on Grand Council Committees

Chairman of the Board, Brother Bob Bartoli requested reports from the Board members assigned to these committees:

Audit (Br. Bill Effinger, Chr.): Brother Effinger and Brother Fourie did an audit at Manteca Council #88 and completed the process. No specific arrangements have been made for access to Ripon for the Archives. Wednesdays are best thus far.

Budget (Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr.): again reported that the first meeting of the committee would be on February 3, 2015, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the World Headquarters. This is a change from February 10, 2015.

Coordinating (Br. Luther Evans, Chr.): refer to the Grand President' report.

Grand Session Planning Committee (Br. Tom Fourie, Chr.) – the committee now needs to meet in light of the change of timing for the Reno Aces Baseball game. A date was set for January 12, 2015.

Institute Journal (Br. Tom Fourie, Chr.) – Br. Fourie asked for a Board summary article and we need sports information for the Bowling Tournament and the Golf Tournament.

Membership (Br. Frank Hepburn, Chr.) – no report was provided.

Organization (Br. Michael Amato, Chr.): No activity reported during this period.

Pro Deo (Br. Mike Dimech Chr.) – He reported he attended the Seminarian Foundation Meeting and there was an opening for a director. The 2015 Red and White Mass Committee have distributed the invitations and a meeting with the pastor of St. Veronica's is being planned. He will make the arrangements.

Pro Patria (Br. George Terry, Chr.) – Raffle ticket sales are down from last year. Br. Terry has been calling Councils encouraging them to buy their Council tickets as well as having individual Brothers buy their tickets. As of last Thursday, \$6699 has been collected. Essays are due on January 15, 2015.

Reserve Fund (Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr.) – The Death Benefit has currently \$1.631 million on hand and the Grand Council Reserve fund stands at \$220,000. We are in good shape.

Unfinished Business

The Silver Legacy Event is ready to go and there will be a meeting of the Committee on January 12, 2015.

Plans for the 131st Grand Council Session are to have the Grand Council Session in Santa Rosa. Brothers Terry, Carinalli and Franceshine to coordinate.

Br. Dimech looked into getting hats for the Grand Council Session, and the cost would be \$15 per hat.

Br. Franceshine discussed his Actuarial Valuation Report. Two assumptions were made: mortality rate and the true value of money assuming 2% growth per year. Our value of the promise is \$750,000 and our assets are \$1,507,645. Suggestions: to improve benefits, to increase the death benefit, reducing the annual payment from benefit members. He recommended more conservative investments and being low risk. Brothers chimed in:

Br. Albrecht – stop death benefit going forward and reduce the annual payments.

Br. Patrick – feels we should be able to vote for a change. Can money in death benefit be moved? Franceshine says the IRS may view this as an insurance program.

Br. Effinger – make it a simple process

Br. Patrick – propose we seek a tax attorney, not a member, to be paid through the death benefit

Br. Pasini seconded the idea.

Br. Fourie will make a call to the Archdiocese.

This topic will be considered again at the next Board Meeting.

Fund raising has already been discussed.

With regard to our insurance coverage for Grand Council Officers, the policy covers liability for events and does not cover driving to events.

The topic of stipends for Grand Council Officers attending Grand Council session is still a work in progress. It was tabled until the next Board meeting.

The Archives Storage Facility needs to be visited in Ripon asap.

New Business

Br. Albrecht had some information on the rental cost for a facility to replace Ripon: a five foot by ten foot facility will cost \$1700 per year. We need a dry facility. It should be discussed at the budget committee meeting.

We still need accurate information for the 2015 Sports Activities.

Grand First Vice President's Report

Br. Terry had already made his report.

Grand Second Vice President's Report

Br. Dimech had already made his report.

Junior Past Grand President Report

No report

Good of the Order

The next meeting will take place on March 7, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. at World Headquarters.

Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was led by Br. Bob Bartoli.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, yours for God and Country,

Michael Amato #613

Grand Secretary

Thomas A. Fourie #32, PGP

Business Manager