

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, March 7, 2015 at the World Headquarters of the YMI in South San Francisco, California.

Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was led by Grand Outside Sentinel Larry Andreatta, 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), Bill McNeany (via conference call); Grand President Luther Evans (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 Gunn, and Junior Past Grand President Joseph Reza.

The following YMI Brothers were in attendance: Brother Tom Fourie, PGP and Business Manager and Brother Frank Hepburn, PGP and Chairman of the Membership Committee.

Reading of the Minutes

The minutes from the January 6, 2015 Meeting of the Board of Grand Directors were reviewed.

MSC – Cardinali/Patrick – Unanimous - that the minutes of the January 6, 2015 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 that Brother Infusino had a special presentation to make at this time: a raffle prize for the Grand Council Session Grand Banquet, which was a stay at the Griffon Hotel in San Francisco.

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

- Council bulletins have been received from the following Councils: #1 (February, March), #2 (February, March), #8 (January, February, March), #32 (February, March), #40 (February, March), #44 (2015 year calendar), #573 (January), #612 (January, February), #613 (February, March)
- Copies of all the materials sent in the Pre-Grand Council Session Packets to all Councils
- Original e-mails sent from the Grand Treasurer concerning his research on the Death Benefit question
- Letters of intent from several Brothers to run for Grand Council Office
- Copy of invitation from the State Board of Equalization to attend a seminar for Non-Profit Organizations concerning their investments
- Copies of the San Francisco Catholic with ads for YMI and announcements of the Red and White Mass
- Three copies of the Catholic Voice
- One copy of the Catholic Herald
- A copy of the Grand Council Golf Letter sent out to all Councils

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 February 20, 2015. Both the expense spreadsheet and income spreadsheet were presented and reviewed by the Board.

MSC – Patrick/Infusino – Unanimous - to accept the Grand Treasurer's report of February 20, 2015.

Grand President's Report

Brother Evans reported that all of his visitations have been completed except for one, that being Our Lady of the Pines Council #137 in Pioneer, California, which he is still scheduled to meet. He will be present at the Red and White Mass. Brother Fourie reminded the Grand President to have his District Deputies and Council Deputies begin preparing their reports for the Advance Proceedings.

Grand First Vice President's Report

Brother Terry reported that the raffle ticket sales were doing well. Br. Fourie provided a summary of the funds collected to date: in excess of \$11,000.

With regard to the Pro Patria Essay Contest, all essay packets (except one) have been returned to Brother Fourie from the judges. Soon the judges' scores will be tallied and we will know the winners.

Brother Terry also paid a visit to San Jose Council #2 He also reported on the Vietnam Memorial Wall that was coming to the north Peninsula area and the South San Francisco Police Department was having an event for Veterans.

Brother Fourie, who accompanied Br. Terry to Santa Rosa Council #40, referenced the wine glasses that were given to him and Brother

Terry to mark the visit...they were glasses from 1983 when the YMI celebrated its centennial anniversary.

Grand Second Vice President's Report

Br. Dimech reported he was very active in preparing for the Red and White Mass on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at St. Veronica's Church in South San Francisco. He visited the Church Community Center to make sure the microphone was in place and how to turn it on. The set up will be on the Friday (March 13, 2015) and he hopes that all the Brothers who volunteered to help will be able to come in the evening. There are 126 reservations for the event representing eight Councils. The deadline for reservations in March 10. He discussed the change in the procession order with everyone from each Council present to march in behind their banner. Br. Infusino volunteered to help sell drink tickets at the reception. Each table will be numbered and seating will be assigned. He covered all the arrangements for the meal and program that had been planned.

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 referenced his work for the Red and White Mass, work on the Budget Committee and the large number of essays he judged. The Credential form is ready and the Reno Aces game was changed, so the YMI will not be attending in June.

Business Manager Tom Fourie reviewed the work of the World Headquarters since the January 6, 2015 Board of Grand Directors meeting:

- All reports for the Advance Proceedings are due to the Grand Council Office on or before May 1, 2015
- All the Convention Packets have been prepared
- Essays are nearly done being judged and good progress is being made
- A round of death benefits has been prepared and checks issued

- The latest edition of the Institute Journal has been prepared, processed and mailed out
- All raffle returns have been recorded daily and deposits prepared
- The letter referencing the golf tournament was written and then mailed out to all the Councils
- The Business Manager visited Santa Rosa Council #40 and St. John Bosco Council #613
- All other daily issues of the Grand Council Office completed

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): Brother McNeany reported on the three types of goal ranges listed in the current Long Range Plan: Immediate, Inter-mediate and Long Range. He reviewed the goals and said he would have an updated copy for the Advance Proceedings.

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

Insurance (Br. Nick Franceschine): The current policy is fine and he sent his report for the Proceedings. Br. Fourie added that Council #612 did sell their building and will probably have to be added to the Travelers policy. Br. Franceschine also commented on Resolutions for 2015: Pastor in Reno, Joe Languemi and Wendell Serrao.

Fund Raising (Br. Alan Patrick): Brother Alan continued his update of information for the Mystery Night Play and hopes that something might be done next year.

State of the Institute (Br. Joe Reza): No request for proposals has been made this year.

Man of the Year (Br. Bob Bartoli): Deadline for submitting nominations is May 15.

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.): All pertinent Councils have been audited. Two dates were offered to visit the archives in Ripon: March 31 and/or April 14 - Brother Effinger to confirm.

Budget (Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr.): the next meeting for the Committee will be April 20, 2015 at the World Headquarters beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Coordinating (Br. Luther Evans, Chr.): St. Christopher Council #80 is working well with the local Knights of Columbus and he is not happy that some Councils are complaining about the Knights (the wrong approach). He also praised Tracy Council #92 for the great number of younger members in their Council.

Grand Session Planning Committee (Br. Tom Fourie, Chr.) – the committee continues to prepare for the Grand Session and has made changes due to the Baseball game change.

Institute Journal (Br. Tom Fourie, Chr.) – Br. Fourie announced there would be one more issue (sometime in May) before the Grand Council Session. All suggestions for articles are most appreciated.

Membership (Br. Frank Hepburn, Chr.) – The Chairman apologized for not having any meetings as he has been contacting the District Deputies. The visiting Grand Council Officers have been great when attending the Council functions.

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

Reserve Fund (Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr.) – The Death Benefit has currently \$1,603,141 on hand and the Grand Council Reserve fund stands at \$208,049. We are in good shape. The next dinner meeting will be on April 16, 2015 with one of our investors.

Workshop Committee (Brother Tom Fourie): still determining the topic of the workshop for June.

Unfinished Business

The Council Packets for the 130th Grand Council Session have been prepared and are now being distributed. They contain time lines, registration forms, credentials and Council participant lists. All the paperwork is due back to the World Headquarters Office on May 1, 2015. The Committee was able to replace the Aces Baseball Game with a night at the Basque Restaurant.

Brother George Terry is working with the Brothers from Sebastopol Council #54 and Santa Rosa Council #40 for the 2016 Grand Council Session. The Double Tree Hotel and the Flamingo Hotel are being researched.

A motion was made and passed (Bartoli/Effinger) to purchase 25 YMI hats to be sold at the Grand Council Session for \$15 each.

Brother Bartoli distributed a report from the committee assigned to discuss the stipends for Grand Council Officers attending the Grand Council Sessions. Options were suggested and a discussion ensued. Br. Dimech said the monies should come from the Reserves of Grand Council. Bartoli requested the budget committee to look at the issue.

A continuation from the January Board Meeting followed concerning the Death Benefit Program, the actuarial report and information garnered by various Grand Officers on this topic. Br. Albrecht had sent out two e-mails on his findings. It was understood by all that the Death Benefit Program is not an insurance program and the monies collected can only be used as death benefits. Given all the aspects of this Grand Council subject, Brother Fourie suggested that this topic be presented during the Workshop at the 2015 Grand Council Session. This became a motion by Patrick/Bartoli and it was unanimously adopted.

Although fund raising had been briefly touched upon earlier in the meeting, Brother Bartoli reported that both he and Br. Reza had sold out their Super Bowl Pools and the Grand Council realized \$600.

Brother Dimech raised the possibility that Councils be sent more than five Pro Patria Raffle ticket books. Brother Fourie felt that five is enough at this time.

Having our Archives move from Ripon was discussed with possible sites such as All Souls Convent. Dates for an inventory have already been mentioned in these minutes.

The two remaining YMI Grand Council sports activities were briefly mentioned and discussed: Golf and Bowling

New Business

Although previously mentioned a few Board Meetings earlier, finding a home for the YMI Historical Lamp Post was revisited. Brother Fourie suggested as a possible site, El Retiro in Los Altos at the YMI grotto.

Brother Fourie announced that he had received several letters of intent from Brothers who will be running for Grand Council Office in June. Still looking for a Grand Second VP, Grand Outside and Grand Inside Sentinels, more for the Board of Directors. Please forward letters of intent to the World Headquarters.

Junior Past Grand President Report

No report

Good of the Order

The next meeting will take place on May 9, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. at World Headquarters.

Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was led by Br. Frank Hepburn and keeping Br. Bill Gunn in our prayers.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30a.m.

Respectfully submitted, yours for God and Country,

Michael Amato #613

Grand Secretary

Thomas A. Fourie #32, PGP

Business Manager