

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 8:32 a.m. on Saturday, September 17, 2016 at the World Headquarters of the YMI in South San Francisco, California.

Opening Prayer

The opening prayer, led by Grand Director Mario De Vita, requested 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 Treasurer Jack Albrecht, 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, Bob Fiorito, Mario De Vita, Manuel Drumonde (via conference call), Nick Franceschine (via conference call); Grand President Michael Dimech; Grand First Vice President Mike Nelson (via conference call); Grand Second Vice President Carlos Rivas (via conference call); Grand Secretary Michael Amato; Grand Treasurer Jack Albrecht; Grand Inside Sentinel Richard Pisciotta; Grand Outside Sentinel Steve Cresci; and Junior Past Grand President George Terry.

The following Grand Officers were excused by Chairman of the Board, Brother Bob Bartoli: Grand Chaplain Father Agnel, Grand Directors Matt Nelson, Bill Walls and Domenic Carinalli.

Grand Marshal Chris McCann was marked absent.

The following YMI Brother was in attendance: Brother Tom Fourie #32, PGP.

Reading of the Minutes

The minutes from the July 30, 2016 Meeting of the Board of Grand Directors were reviewed.

MSC – DeVita/Fiorito – Unanimous - that the minutes of the July 30, 2016 meeting of the Board of Grand Directors be approved.

Communications

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

Brother Amato addressed the letter he sent to the pastor of the Church of the Assumption in San Leandro, CA. He has not received a reply as of yet.

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

- Council bulletins have been received from the following Councils: #1 (August and September), #2 (second half of 2016), #8 (August and September), #32 (August and September), #40 (September), #613 (September)
- Copy of the Catholic Herald
- Copy of the Voice of the YLI with picture and article covering the YMI Grand President's visit
- Copy of the Catholic Voice
- Cover Letters to Councils for the updated Grand Council By-Laws, 2015-2016 tax filings and documents from the 131st Grand Council Session to non-participating Councils

Grand Treasurer's Report

Grand Treasurer, Brother Jack Albrecht, reviewed his two reports dated from August 23, 2016. These reports were the expense spreadsheet and the income spreadsheet.

He invited all to ask questions. None were asked.

MSC – Bartoli/De Vita – Unanimous - to accept the Grand Treasurer's report of August 23, 2016.

Board of Grand Directors' Committees

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

Charters/Archives – Brother Bill Walls, Chr. – no report at this time

Finance: Brother Bartoli, Chr. - reported all bills were in order and they have been paid.

Long Range Planning – Br. Matt Nelson, Chr. – Brother Mike Nelson will follow up with Br. Matt.

Council Activities – Br. Carinalli, Chr. – no report at this time.

Insurance – Br. Franceschine reported that there was no activity since the last Board Meeting and there have been no claims.

Fund Raising – Brother Bob Fiorito, Chr. – deferred to the Grand President.

Supplies – Brother Mario De Vita, Chr. – no report until February

Grand President's Report

Grand President Brother Michael Dimech spoke on several topics:

- He covered various events he had attended: #613 Picnic and Council #54's BBQ in Sebastopol at Br. Carinalli's winery. He complimented #54 along with all the Brothers from other Councils who attended.
- He has plans to go to Council #1's Seminarian Presentations at the Italian American Club on Russia Street, working hard on the Bocce Ball Tournament, plans to visit Council #40 on October

- 4, #44 on October 9, #137 on November 14, Councils #59 and #111 on December 6.
- He urged nominations for both the Man of the Year and the Council of the Year.
 - He said the Bocce Ball Shirts are green this year and he still has two openings for teams.
 - He will participate October 9 at the San Francisco Heritage Parade celebrating Columbus Day and Fleet Week in SF.
 - He announced that the next meeting for the Seminarian Foundation will be a conference call and the new President of the Foundation is Br. Michael McGlynn from Council #99.

Grand First Vice President's Report

Brother Nelson credited his wife for the assembly of the raffle ticket mailings and he will bring the envelopes to the Bocce Ball Tournament. He has visited both Chowchilla #94 and Dos Palos #99 encouraging them to come to the Grand Council Convention and to support the Essay Contest.

Grand Second Vice President's Report

Br. Rivas reported that the Annual Red and White Mass has been set and will be held on March 11, 2017 at St. Rose Catholic Church in Santa Rosa. Council #40 will prepare a dinner after the Mass. He has prepared a flyer for the next Journal. He will continue to coordinate his activities with Br. Dimech.

Grand Secretary's Report/Business Manager's Report

Grand Secretary Michael Amato summarized the plans for the parade in San Francisco and commented on his Council's August picnic.

Business Manager Tom Fourie reviewed the work of the World Headquarters since the last Board of Grand Directors meeting:

- He sent out (e-mails and US mail) copies of the approved Grand Council Session Minutes.
- He sent out packets to non-participating Councils with the paperwork from the Grand Council Session.

- He sent out copies of the up-dated Grand Council By-Laws.
- Electronically filed tax returns for the 2015-2016 YMI year on behalf of 23 Councils. Sent out confirmation receipts to all Councils.
- Worked on the current issue of the Institute Journal including two trips to the printer in Manteca.
- Arranged for printing of raffle tickets, letters, envelopes, etc.
- Attended the Official Visit of the Grand President at Sebastopol Council #54.
- Prepared and attended the Seminarian Foundation meeting on September 1.
- Attended Council #613's picnic.
- Attended the August meeting of Council #613 for presentation to Seminararians.
- Attended Council #32's meetings.
- Handled all the other work necessary in the Grand Council Office.

Grand Directors Report on Grand Council Committees

Chairman of the Board, Brother Bob Bartoli, requested reports from Grand Directors serving on Grand Council Committees.

Audit (Br. Bill Walls and Br. Steve Cresci): auditing on process needs to begin – Br. Cresci had no report at this time, however, Br. Fourie footnoted that incorrect information has grown on SAR and he will follow up with the committee.

Budget (Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr.): The Grand Treasurer announced the first Budget Committee meeting will take place on February 21, 2017.

Coordinating (Br. Michael Dimech, Chr.): Will work to include the YLI in an event this year.

Ceremonials (Br. Manuel Drumonde, #44, PGP): No report at this time except for working with Br. Freeberg to update one of the ceremonies (prayers at funerals).

Grand Session Planning Committee (Br. Tom Fourie, Chr.) – our Tahoe Queen had a fire on board, don't know if it will be working next year.

Grand Session/Credentials Working Committee (Br. Michael Amato, Chr): will be ready in June 2017.

Institute Journal (Br. Tom Fourie, Chr.) – Br. Fourie announced it is finished and being distributed.

Laws and Revisions (Br. Rob Bartoli, Chr) – Council #497 has added a Ladies Auxiliary and their by-laws were reviewed and they needed one word to change. This was submitted to the Council.

Man of the Year and Council of the Year (Br. Bob Bartoli, Chr.) – the committee will prepare articles for the Journal.

Membership (Br. Matt Nelson and Br. Larry Andreatta, Chr.): Br. Fourie reported that Council #94 has still not submitted applications for their newest members.

Organization (Br. Michael Amato, Chr.): this report was deferred to later in the meeting.

Pro Deo (Carlos Rivas, Chr.): See Grand Second Vice President's report.

Pro Patria (Mike Nelson, Chr.): completed under the Grand First Vice President's report

Reserve Fund (Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr.) – reported the operating reserve balance at \$226,118.82. The Death Benefit Reserve stands at \$1,675,176.78. A meeting is being planned with our investor.

Resolutions (Br. Nick Franceschine, Chr.): no report at this time.

State of the Institute (Br. George Terry, Chr.): Br. George announced that Br. Frank Hepburn #2, PGP had sent out a letter to all Councils inviting them to submit any changes...and the letter will appear in the Institute Journal.

Workshop Committee (Brother Tom Fourie): will be ready in June 2017.

Unfinished Business

Brother Drumonde reported on a recent visit to the Montbleu Hotel in South Lake Tahoe (site of the 2017 Grand Council Session) and found it to be very nice.

The 133rd Grand Council Session will be in Reno, Nevada. Br. Pisciotta is working on this site and said Bocce Ball Courts are nearby and we might make use of them.

The next step for the committee on the Death Benefit for Associate Members will be to work on the birthdays of all members as soon as the Business Manager completes his report. A bill for services had been received from the lawyer that Br. Franceschine had asked to look into our work in this arena.

Br. Amato had sent a letter to the pastor of the Church of the Assumption in San Leandro concerning a new Council. No reply as of yet.

Br. Fourie covered the status of Petaluma Council #9 – nothing new has happened, no President, hope to close by November 1, 2016.

Br. Fourie covered the status of Hayward Council #76 – have not held a meeting in two years, owed Grand Council money, and wants to close down.

Br. Fourie reported on Gustine Council #93 – has had no communication. Br. Drumonde called Br. Frank Rego, it is a one man show. Drumonde will follow up before we send a letter.

Br. Dimech announced that the next Grand Council Pasta/Bingo will be January 14th, 2017 at the St. Veronica Parish Hall. Last year the profit totaled nearly \$1000. He will need two checks for this year (security and rent).

New Business

A suggestion to invite all District Deputy Grand Presidents to participate in the Board of Grand Directors Meeting by conference call or in person was discussed.

MSC – DeVita/Bartoli – Unanimous - to invite DDGP to call in or attend the Board Meetings.

The next Institute Journal will have the Matching Funds Application printed and available for Councils to use.

Junior Past Grand President Report

There was no report at this time.

Grand Chaplain's Report

Father Agnel could not be present. He is doing fine. He is praying for us.

Good of the Order

Brother Dimech, who had attended a recent Council #32 meeting was impressed with the plan by President Steve Cresci to reach out to the 7th/8th grade parents by having some type of sports tournament do draw in the Dads. He thought the YMI could help with this for #32 as well as other local Councils (e.g. basketball tournament).

The next Board Meeting will be on November 12, 2016, 8:30 a.m. at World Headquarters.

Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was led by Br. Bob Bartoli #32 PGP, GD

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, yours for God and Country,

Michael Amato #613

Grand Secretary

Thomas A. Fourie #32, PGP

Business Manager