

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

Call to Order

Chairman of the Board, Brother Bob Fiorito, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 19, 2019 at the World Headquarters of the YMI in South San Francisco, California.

Opening Prayer

The opening prayer, led by Grand Director Manuel Drumonde requested God's guidance on the officers and their deliberations throughout the meeting. He acknowledged all veterans and thanked them for their service.

Pledge of Allegiance

In a true spirit of fraternalism, the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Grand Marshal Billy Avery, 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 Steve Cresci, Mario De Vita, Manuel Drumonde, Jim Rohe (via conference call), Bob Fiorito and Matt Nelson (via conference call); Grand President Mike Nelson; Junior Past Grand President and Grand Secretary Michael Dimech; Grand Second Vice President Michael Amato; Grand Marshal Bill Avery; Grand Inside Sentinel Domenic Carinalli (via conference call).

The following Grand Officers were excused by Chairman of the Board, Brother Bob Fiorito: Grand Chaplain Father Agnel De Heredia, Grand Outside Sentinel Nick Franceschine; Grand Treasurer Jack Albrecht; Grand Director Paul Walsh; Grand Director John Kavanagh;

The following Grand Officer was marked absent: Brother Michael Thissen, Grand First Vice President, however, joined by the conference call later in the meeting.

The following YMI Brothers were in attendance: Brother Tom Fourie

#32, PGP and Business Manager, and Brother Bob Bartoli #32, PGP, Communications Consultant.

Reading of the Minutes

The minutes from the November 17, 2018 Meeting of the Board of Grand Directors were reviewed.

MSC – Cresci/De Vita – Unanimous - that the minutes of the November 17, 2018 meeting of the Board of Grand Directors be approved.

Communications

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

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

- Council bulletins have been received from the following Councils: Council #1 (December), Council #8 (December), Council #32 (December and January), Council #40 (December and January), Council #573 (Fall 2018), Council #613 (December and January).
- List of 75 participating schools in the Pro Patria Essay Contest provided to the Grand First Vice President.
- Copy of the receipt/expenses report from the Pasta Bingo Fund Raiser.
- Letter from the IRS noting a change of address.
- Christmas card from Notre Dame High School in Belmont.
- Annual request for a donation from Oakland's Elizabeth House.
- Cover letter for Assessment #173.
- Thank you card from the Amato Family for the donation to the Race to Cure Sarcoma.
- One copy of the Catholic Herald (list of all Catholic Schools in the Sacramento Diocese, given to the Grand Second Vice President).
- Three copies of the Catholic Voice.
- Two copies of the Voice of the YLI.

Grand Treasurer's Report

Brother Jack Albrecht's two reports which were e-mailed to all Grand Council Officers the week previous were reviewed. These reports, dated December 22, 2018, were the expense spreadsheet and the income spreadsheet for the 2018-2019 year thus far. There were no questions from the floor.

MSC – DeVita/Cresci – Unanimous - that the Grand Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented.

Board of Grand Directors' Committees

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

Charters/Archives – Brother Mario De Vita, Chr. – Archive space was brought forward. The space at All Souls School (the YMI closet) is becoming quite crowded. There are several boxes of materials in Officers' garages that need to be archived. There has been no progress on this matter at this time.

Finance: Brother Bob Fiorito, Chr. – committee members reported all bills were in order and they had been paid for November and December. Br. Jim Rohe, a committee member, reported that everything looked good to him from where he was.

Long Range Planning – Br. Matt Nelson, Chr. – the chairman had nothing to report at this time.

Council Activities – Br. Paul Walsh, Chr. – nothing to report by the chairman at this time.

Insurance – Br. Franceschine . Chr. – the chairman turned the report over to Br. Fourie. Liability Certificates for the Pasta Bingo and the #32 Communion Breakfast have been requested.

Fund Raising – Brother Bob Fiorito, Chr. – the Pasta/Bingo Event would be discussed later in the meeting.

Supplies – Brother Mario De Vita, Chr. – The inventory of supplies will take place on January 19, 2019.

Grand President's Report

Grand President Brother Mike Nelson's thanked Brother Kavanagh for e-mailing the address lists of Council Officers. He noted that he has only six months left in his second term as Grand President. There is an opportunity for someone to visit Francis Council #573 in Hawaii this term. Brothers Fourie, Bartoli, Rohe can't go. Brother Drumonde would speak to his wife to see if they could make the trip.

Grand First Vice President's Report

Brother Michael Thissen reported that Essays have begun to arrive. He asked that everyone push the raffle tickets. He said the Valley was trying to get a bus to come to the Red and White Mass.

Brother Fourie completed this report by updating the raffle returns (\$5905) and the fact that 206 Brothers have participated thus far (11.34% of the membership). Low turnout from the YLI thus far as many of their Institutes have merged.

Brother Fourie made the list of Council members who have bought their tickets thus far available to the Brothers in attendance.

Grand Second Vice President's Report

Brother Michael Amato, announced that he is accepting reservations for the Red and White Mass in March. Thus far he has twenty reservations. He is hoping for a bus from the Valley to be discussed later in this meeting.

He suggested a committee be formed to discuss a change in the raffle tickets for the Pro Patria Contest: e.g. \$100 a ticket, or three tickets for \$30, etc. A committee to discuss this possibility was formed with Br. Amato, Br. Dimech and Br. Fourie.

He represented the Grand President at the Official Visit to the San Francisco District. He thanked San Francisco Council #1 for hosting the event and putting on the dinner. Twenty-five Brothers were in attendance on a very rainy evening.

Grand Secretary's Report/Business Manager's Report

The first year Grand Secretary, Brother Michael Dimech, announced that he had made contact with Tom Burke of the San Francisco Catholic concerning an article and picture advertising the Red and White Mass.

Br. Tom Fourie reported on a lengthy list of activities completed by the Grand Council Office since the last Board meeting on November 17, 2018, which included the following:

- a. Attended/helped at the Grand Council Pasta Bingo Event.
- b. Prepared the November YMI bills for the Grand Treasurer.
- c. Prepared for the Official Visit to Indiana.
- d. Visited the two Councils in Indiana...received a special plaque as an official Hoosier.
- e. Attended Council #32's Christmas Party.
- f. Attended Council #613's Christmas Party.
- g. Began conversations with Br. Pete Padron on the future of Council #88.
- h. Worked through Council #100's returned mail.
- i. Helped with Council #32's Christmas Food Basket Distribution (310).
- j. Completed all necessary work on the Winter 2019 Institute Journal – sent to Cindy Fondale, then to Councils, then to J & J Printing (closed for the holidays) and redid Page 1.
- k. Prepared the December YMI bills for the Grand Treasurer.
- l. Made daily trips to the San Francisco Airport Post Office.
- m. Daily updating of raffle ticket sales on the computer.
- n. Prepared Assessments for Councils and mailed them.
- o. Prepared and mailed the November 7, 2018 Board Minutes.
- p. Attended #32's January Business meeting.
- q. Attended the San Francisco District Official Visit.
- r. Gathered information on the possible Official Visit to Hawaii.

s. Presently in progress for the bulk mailing of the Journal.

Grand Directors Report on Grand Council Committees

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

Audit (Br. Steve Cresci, Chr.): No report at this time.

Budget (Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr.): The committee will begin work, early in 2019 and the next meeting will be February 5, 2019.

Coordinating (Br. Mike Nelson, Chr.): The Grand President along with Grand Director, Brother Manuel Drumonde, attended a meeting with Council #88 about their future. They do not want to close. Brother Drumonde is going to work with the Council and meet again in March and possibly meet with the pastor.

Ceremonials (Br. Manuel Drumonde, #44, PGP): No report at this time. Hopefully a report will be submitted soon on streamlining the YMI funeral ceremony.

Grand Session Planning Committee (Br. Tom Fourie, Chr.) – under Unfinished Business.

Institute Journal (Br. Tom Fourie, Chr.) – went out to Councils who had submitted their Brothers' e-mail addresses. Council #44 will provide a list of their members' e-mails so as to reduce the number having to be mailed. Having e-mails on record is a potential subject for the workshop at the Convention.

Laws and Revisions (Br. Rob Bartoli, Chr) – no report at this time.

Man of the Year and Council of the Year (Br. Bob Bartoli, Chr.) – the nomination forms are on the website for both awards. There was no Council of the Year last year, hope that changes. May 1, 2019 is the deadline for submissions.

Membership (Br. Steve Cresci and Br John Kavanagh, Co-Chr): The committee continues to work on a new membership pamphlet. Asked how many to print and place in the package for the Convention.

Organization (Br. Michael Dimech, Chr.): no report at this time.

Reserve Fund (Br. Jack Albrecht, Chr.) – The balances in the reserve funds were read by the Business Manager and there was no discussion.

Resolutions (Br. Nick Franceschine, Chr.): there has been no person or group identified for next year as of this date.

State of the Institute (Br. Michael Dimech, Chr.): The chairman sent a letter to each Council President along with the article for the next Journal so that a discussion can be held at each Council concerning improving our Order. Feedback needed by March 1, 2019. Example; change the name of the Junior Past Grand President.

Workshop Committee (Brother Tom Fourie): will be ready in June 2019.

Unfinished Business

The report on the next Red and White Mass was covered by the Grand Second Vice President's report, however Br. Avery is requesting a bus for the valley folks to come to the event. He reported on his research for bus size, timing, etc. He asked for financial assistance from the Grand Council.

MSC – Cresci/Fiorito – unanimous - to provide \$1000 from the membership account for a bus for the Red and White Mass from the Valley.

Candidates for next years Grand Council Offices are continuously being sought. Brother Fourie reviewed the offices that are open and after some discussion would report back on the status of the Grand Directorships for this upcoming year. All who would like to run were asked to submit in writing their intentions.

The contract for the 134th Grand Council Session has been signed and the committee will be meeting soon for decisions on specifics. St. Theresa's Church in South Lake Tahoe has been contacted for our two Masses. Advanced Proceeding articles can begin to be written after April 1, 2019.

On behalf of the Planning Committee, Brother Fourie asked that the site for the 135th Grand Council Session continue to be discussed. Br. Thissen would be happy with a return to Reno or perhaps the Embassy Suites in Seaside.

The Grand Council Golf Tournament for next year will again be in the Santa Rosa Area (Bennett Valley). The date is set for June 2, 2019. Brothers from Santa Rosa Council #40 are needed to help with the raffle at the tournament.

The Bowling Tournament for 2019 will be on April 28, 2019 at Pacific Lanes...we need to obtain an up to date flyer for this event.

The Bocce Ball Tournament will take place on September 28, 2019.

New Business

The Pasta Bingo Event had a profit of \$1600. It will be held again in November of 2019.

Council #54 is having a corn beef and cabbage dinner on March 2, 2019.

St. John Bosco Council #613 is having an Elvis Tribute Event on October 19, 2019.

The Grand President pointed out that all Councils should be reviewed to see if they can stay in business as a Council.

Junior Past Grand President Report

Brother Dimech's reports are listed previously in these minutes.

Grand Chaplain's Report

Father Agnel continues to pray for all of us.

Good of the Order

Brother Bartoli reminded everyone of the Education Foundation meeting this coming Thursday evening.

Prayers were requested for many Brothers and their family members who are ill. Also, several recently deceased Brothers were mentioned and prayers would be in order.

Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was led by Brother Drumonde, said by all, thanking all for participating and to please remember all veterans and also to pray for all YMI Brothers in poor health and those recently deceased.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

The next meeting is March 23, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.
at World Headquarters.

Respectfully submitted, yours for God and Country,

Michael Dimech #613

Grand Secretary

Thomas A. Fourie #32, PGP

Business Manager