

Young Men's Institute
Board of Grand Directors Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2024

Call to Order – Brother Mike Amato #613, Chairman of the Board of Grand Directors 9:00 am

Opening Prayer – Fr. Agnel De Heredia led prayer

Pledge of Allegiance – Brother John Cleary, #613 Led pledge

Roll Call – Brother Michael Dimech #613, Past Grand President, GS

Domenic Carinalli #54 GD	present
Michael Amato #613 PGP GD	present
Nick Franceschine #54 PGP GD	excused
Richard Murphy #32 GD	excused
Mario Balistreri #613 GD	present
Luis Alvarenga #32	present
Bill McNeany, #40	present
Steve May, #44	present
Gus Solidum	present
Steve Cresci #32 GP	present
Billy Avery #80 GFVP	present
Bill Walls #80 GSVP	present
Rev. Angel De Heredia #32 GC	excused
Michael Dimech #613 GS PGP	present
Bob Bartoli #32 PGP, GT	present
Bob Fiorito #613 GOS	excused

Tom Fourie #32 PGP Business Manager	present
Clement Gusman #573 DDGP	present
John Cleary, #613 GM	present
Paul Larson #32 GD	excused
Alex Preciado #2 DDGP	excused
Eugene Espinola #94 DDGP	present
Danny Avila,	present
Alex Schmidt	present

**Approval of the Minutes from the Board of Grand Directors
May 18, 2024**

Meeting – Chairman of the Board, Brother Mike Amato, Grand Director, asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the May 18, 2024 Board of Grand Directors meeting, June 19, 2024 Session GD Board Meeting and the 139th Grand Session Minutes Motion made by Br. Walls and seconded by Brother Br. Mario, GD. There was no other discussion. The Board unanimously accepted the minutes.

Communications - Brother Michael Dimech #613, Past Grand President did not have any communications. Br. Tom reported that he received several Council newsletters along with the YLI Spring issue, Catholic Voice. Br. Tom dropped off Council newsletters to Br. Mike Dimech

Reports of the Grand Treasurer – Brother Bartoli #32, GT presented the Grand Treasurer’s two-page financial report that had been e-mailed to all Officers. He reported that the budget is up to date and reported the account balances for the YMI are updated.

Motion to approve the Grand Treasure’s report as reported by Br. Bartoli by Br. Domenic and seconded by Br. Mario.

Motion passed

**Reports of Grand Directors on the Board of Grand Directors
Committees for the year 2023-2024 – Brother Mike Amato,
Chairman of the Board of Grand Directors**

**Charters/Archives: Brother Steve May, Domenic Carinelli,
Nick Franceshine, PGP**

There was no report from this committee at this time.

**Finance: Brothers Michael Amato #613, PGP as Chairman,
Luis Alvarenga, #32 and Mario Balistreri**

Bills have been paid.

**Long Range Planning: Brother Mario Balistreri #613,
Chairman, Michael Amato #613, PGP, Bill McNeany, #40 and
Gus Soldium, # 94**

**Will look at immediate / current plans from last year and work
with them.**

**Council Activities: Brothers Domenic Carnelli #54 as
Chairman, Paul Larson #32, and Richard Murphy #32**

**BBQ at Br, Carnelli's vineyard on August 28, 2024 in
Sebastopol. Reservations are coming in.**

Insurance: Br. Nick Franceshine (chair)

Insurance will be addressed during Br. Fourie's report.

**Fund Raising: Br. Bill McNeany, #40 (chair), Domenic
Carnelli, #54**

**Brother Michael Dimech #613, PGP, GS and Grand President
Cresci reported that the Pasta / Bingo dinner will take place
in mid-January of 2025 at St. Cecilia's Parish.**

Supplies: Brother Luis Alvarenga, (Chair), Mike Amato #613

**Nothing to report at this time. Will work with Br. Luis on his
duties.**

Technology Advancements; br. Gus Solidum (chair), Br. Mike Amato

New committee this year. To inventory Software accounts, review By-Laws and speak to Br. Mike Amato

Grand President's Report

Since being installed as the Grand President in June I have been working on my schedule for visits to councils and YMI Events. The week after sessions I was at my council # 80 to report back to the brothers of Atwater.

1 June 26th attended Atwater #80 meeting and report on sessions

2 July 13th YMI Night at the Ball Park (and Marvel Night)

The Giants won the Game and I got to get a photo with Brothers of the YMI and also with Capt. Marvel



3 July 23rd Three Rivers Seminararians Retreat with the Grand 1st VP



4 July 24th attended Atwater #80 meeting



5 July 25th attended Holy Rosary #44 Business Meeting (w/G1VP)

Two new brothers were initiated and the G1VP and I were there to see the installation.

6 Jan 28th attended Holy Rosary #44 Chicken BBQ

YMI Style BBQ Chicken and my wife was happy that we didn't have to cook that night

Thanks Brothers for the great event.

7 July 30th attended YMI Educational Zoom Meeting

8 Aug 3rd attend BOARD OF DIRECTORS Zoom MEETING

Upcoming Events

Aug 11th Council #80 YMI YLI Picnic at Veterans Park

Aug 13th San Jose #2 Essay and Scholarship Awards Night

Aug 25th SSF #613 32 Summer Picnic in San Bruno Br Mike Amato

Aug 28th Sebastopol YMI Wine Country BBQ Br Nick Franceschine

Grand First Vice President's Report – Brother Bill Walls reported:

- **Attended the Three Rivers Seminarian Lunch & Mass**
- **Attended YLI / YMI meeting**
- **Will be attending meetings with Br. Billy**
- **Have questions regarding essay and raffle**

- Have paperwork regarding the Raffle tickets
- Will be sending out information on raffle
- Was suggested that Br. Bill loop on Br. Fourie

Grand Second Vice President's Report – Brother Richard Murphy, # 32 Grand Second Vice President reported the following:

Was excused from our meeting as he was in Paris at the time of our meeting

Grand Secretary's Report

Since our May 18th Grand Director Board Meeting:

I requested several updates from our Webmaster to our YMI Website to include to include

- **Council newsletters received from the Business manager and the individual Councils have been uploaded onto the YMI Website**
- **I also asked the webmaster to update the website with this year/s 2024-2025**
- **Prepared and sent out the Minutes from the May 18th, and June 19th Grand Director Board Meeting, and along with the Minutes from the Grand Session f June 18th and 19th.**
- **I have also been working on the 14th annual Bocce Ball Tournament**
- **Also working with Br. Steve Cresci on the next Pasta Bingo Dinner event**
- **I also attended Council 613's June Business meeting**
- **And Like many of you attended the sessions in South Lake Tahoe this past June.**

Business Manager

- **Everything has been getting completed**
- **Br. Tom thanked Br. Bartoli and his wife Nancy for all**

their work during his Absence

- **Thanked Br. Mike Amato for his work on the Pro Patria Essay contest**
- **Met with Br. Bartoli and Br. Amato when he returned from his vacation to go over the work that was performed during his absence**
- **Pins provided at convention**
- **Convention packages, name tags,**
- **Prepared two financial reports**
- **Ordered Insurance certificates**
- **Worked on preparing Grand Presidents Program**
- **Many other items were performed by the Business and not listed**
- **Will send out updated contact information for Grand Directors and Officers**
- **Went over names of Grand Directors & Officers**

Danny Avila is not a Grand Director and is welcomed to continue to attend the meetings. If an opening comes up Br. Avila may be able to take this position.

Br. Avery will follow-up with Br. Nick to see if he will continue as a Grand Director.

Immediate Past Grand President's Report – Br. Steve Cresci

Thanked the Grand Session Planning committee and everyone for all their work for the successful 2024 Grand Session

25 people attended the San Jose Giants game and everyone seemed to enjoy this event and will look to schedule a similar event next year.

Report of Grand Directors to Grand Council Committees for the year 2023-2024 - In accordance with the Grand Council By-Laws a member of the Grand Council Board of Directors is to be assigned to each of the Grand Council Committees that are delineated in the Grand President's Program for 2023-2024. In the program, each committee chairman, as chosen by the Grand President, is listed along with the goals and objectives of each committee.

Audit / Reserve Committee – Board Appointments: Brother Mario Balistreri #613 The Committee chair is TBA

No report

Budget Committee – Board Appointments: Bill McNeany #40 Chairman is Brother Bob Bartoli GT #32

Ceremonials Committee- Board Appointment: Br. Steve May #40The Committee Chair is Br. Phil Oberst?

Credential Committee- Board Appointment: Mario Balistreri #613. The committee Chair is Mike Dimech.

Institute Journal Committee – Board Appointments: Brother Mike Amato #613. Committee Chairman is Brother Tom Fourie #32 PGP.

Laws and Revisions Committee – Board Appointments: Brother Nick Franceschine #54 PGP. The Committee Chair is **TBA.**

Man & Council of the Year Committee – Board Appointments: Br Domenic Carinalli #54. The Committee Chair is Br. Bob Bartoli #32 PG.P

Membership Committee – Board Appointment: Br. Steve May #40. Committee Chair is **TBA.**

Pro Deo Committee - Board Appointment: Br. Luis Alverenga #32. Committee Chair is Brother Richard Murphy GSVP

Pro Patria – Board Appointment: Br. Gus Solidum #94. The Committee Chair is Brother Bill Walls #80 GFVP

Organization Committee – Board Appointments: Brother Bill McNeany #40. Committee Chair is Brother Michael Dimech #613 GS

Resolutions Committee – Board Appointment: Brother Nick Franceschine #54. Committee Chair is Br. Gene Espinola #99

State of the Institute – Board Appointments: Br. Luis Alverenga #32. Committee Chair is Brother Steve Cresci IPGP

Workshop Committee – Board Appointments: Brother Gus Solidum #94. Committee Chair is the Staff of the Grand Council Office.

Unfinished Business –

**Post-Mortem of 2024 Grand Council Session-
Feedback/Comments:**

- Record Convention meeting next year
- Larger Badges
- Reservation has to be updated and information from the Hotel needs to be accurate
- Clarification of YMI Grand Council Stipend to YMI Councils for the 2024 Grand Council Session (For participating YMI Councils, is the Board approved stipend for elected YMI delegates only or any YMI delegate?)
- Checks were sent out to the councils who sent in delegates.
- Total sent was \$2,800.00.
- A discussion took place as the YMI By-Laws does not use the word elected delegates when dispensing stipends to the Councils. It uses the word delegates only (Each Council who sends one or more delegate(s) to the Grand Session). This may be something that the State of the Institute may want to address before next year's convention.

- **Pasta Bingo Event**
We originally thought of having the event in November of this year, but due to Council activities this month the Pasta Bingo Event will be postponed until mid-January of 2025. The event will be held at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church. A flyer advertising this event will eventually be placed on the YMI Website.
- **Business Mgr. Contract was discussed and approved.**
Motion to approve the Business Mgr.'s contract at the current salary for the YMI year 2024 - 2025 by D. Carinelli and seconded by Br. Bill M.
Motion was approved. The Business Mgr.'s contract was to be brought up for approval by the end of March of 2024.

Other:

Deadline for information to be placed in the next Institution Journal is 8/10/24. Br. Tom received two documents but is in need of several documents before the Journal can go out. He went over many of the documents that he is in need of.

New Business –

- **2025 Grand Council Sessions – Who is handling the arrangements? Where? In the past Br. Fourie, Br. Bartoli, Br. Amato, Br. Dimech & Br. Cresci managed this event in the past.**
- **Br. Avery assumed that Br. Tom, handle it as he had in the past. It would be a good idea if Br. Avery, Br. Walls and others may want to work with Br. Tom on the 2025 Grand Council Session. Br. Tom requested that anyone who wants to work on the 2025 planning committee send him an e-mail. Event is always scheduled after Father's Day Weekend.**

- **2026 Grand Council Sessions – Br. Bill Walls #80 is the Chair per the recent per the By Law Change and wanted to table discussion on this event at this time. But he will take charge of the event.**

Br. Steve went over the State of the Institution change in the By-laws that addressed managing the future Grand Council Session.

- **Council 900 Dues – Should membership dues for Council #900 be increased next year for approved per capita and insurance assessment increases?**

A discussion took place as to what the current dues is and if we should raise it. Council 900 has roughly 32 / 33 members. Letters requesting the dues goes out to Council 900 members in October.

Motion was made to raise the dues for Council 900 members was made by Br. Amato to \$55.00 as of October of 2024. The motion was seconded by Br. Walls.

Motion was approved.

- **Discussion of Upcoming Board Meeting Dates for 2024-25 (Br. Amato #613)**

10/5/24, 11/16/24, 1/11/25, 3/15/25, 5/17/25

Br. Amato as Board Chairman can call a meeting at any time.

- **Change YMI phone number**

Br. Bartoli reviewed a couple of option and chose the best on for the YMI an advised that the (650) 588-7762 will be ported to a cell phone. Cost will be about \$71.99 per month for basic service. Apple phone will be purchased for Br. Tom with a stand. Savings will be significant. Use auto

billing will save \$10.00 per month. It is a three-year commitment.

Report of Sports Committees:

Bocce Ball – Brother Mike Dimech #613 –

- **Tournament is Scheduled for Saturday, September 14, 2024, at Orange Memorial Park Bocce Ball Courts, at 1 West Orange Ave, South San Francisco.**
- **View flyer and entry form with additional details, on the YMI website**
- **Bowling – Br. Michael Sanzeri #59 – Date/Location of next tourney?**

Nothing to report at this time

- **Golf – Br. Bob Fiorito #613/Br. Paul Larson #32– Date/Location of next tourney?**

Nothing to report at this time

Grand Chaplain's Report – Rev. Agnel De Heredia #32, Grand Chaplain

Good of the Order:

Br. Bartoli thanked everyone of the support he received due to his Brothers' passing.

Keep Br. Tommy and Br. Proudly in our prayers.

Br. Avery thanked the Brothers from Council # 44 and Council # 80 for their support in the passing of his mother

Closing Prayer – Br. Steve led us in our closing prayers

Next Meeting: 10/5/24

Adjournment: 11:02 a.m.