

Young Men's Institute
Board of Grand Directors Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2024

Call to Order – Brother Tommy Figueira #573, Chairman of the Board of Grand Directors
9:00 am

Opening Prayer – Br. Tommie Figueira led prayer

Pledge of Allegiance – Brother Alex Schmitt, #8 Led pledge

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

Paul Larson #32 GD	present
Alex Schmitt #8 GD, DDGP	present
Tommy Figueira #573 GD	present
Domenic Carinalli #54 GD	absent
Michael Amato #613 PGP GD	excused
Nick Franceschine #54 PGP GD	present
Richard Murphy #32 GD	present
Mario Balistreri #613 GD	present
Steve Cresci #32 GP	present
Billy Avery #80 GFVP	present
Bill Walls #80 GSVP	present
Darrell Fonseca #99 IPGP	present
Rev. Angel De Heredia #32 GC	excused
Michael Dimech #613 GS PGP	present
Bob Bartoli #32 PGP, Assistant Business Manager, GT	present
Phil Fondale #900 GM	excused
Cosmo Amato #613 GIS	present
Bob Fiorito #613 GOS	excused
Tom Fourie #32 PGP Business Manager	excused
Clement Gusman #573 DDGP	present

Mike Bacchetti #92 DDGP	absent
Kurt Kuczynski #497 DDGP	absent
Frank DiMaggio #59 PGP, DDGP	absent
Alex Preciado #2 DDGP	present
Bill McNeany #40 DDGP	absent
Eugene Espinola #94 DDGP	present

Approval of the Minutes from the Board of Grand Directors March 23, 2024

Meeting – Chairman of the Board, Brother Tommy Figueira #573, Grand Director, asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the March 23, 2024 Board of Grand Directors meeting. Brother Alex #8 requested that the Minutes be amended to indicate Minutes instead of Agenda. Motion made by Br. Alex # 8 and seconded by Brother Br. Paul Larson #32, 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. Bob Bartoli reported that he received 573 Council's newsletter along with the Catholic Voice's April & May issue, the YLI winter issue. Thank you from Seton High School for the matching fund. Br. Alex asked if Br. Domenic received the meeting invite. Br. Steve advised the Brother that Br. Domenic did receive the GD Meeting.

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. That showed deposits up to April. He also:

- Advised we are already working with the YMI's next year' budget
- The Budget includes the \$6.00 per capita that was approved by the board along with \$1.00 increase in insurance
- The Per Captia will have to be brought up at the Convention
- Not sure who will be bring up at the convention
- Information pertaining to the increase will be in the Advanced Proceedings
- Per Captia has not been increased in the past 8 years
- Making up for lost time
- Even with increase in Per Captia, the Budget will still show a shortfall for the coming year
- Tom Fourie contract will have to be addressed and renewed
- YMI 800 number will also need to addressed – Almost \$500.00 monthly cost

- All assessments received except for Council # 613.

6 month report – Missing Council # 94 report – may have lost in the mail.
received assessment

Council 44 – missing officer's page

Motion to approve the Grand Treasure's report as reported by Br. Bartoli by
Br. Mike Alex and seconded by Br. Mario.

Motion passed

Reports of Grand Directors on the Board of Grand Directors

Committees for the year 2023-2024 – Brother Tommy Figueira #573,
Chairman of the Board of Grand Directors assigned the following Grand Directors
to the respective Committees for the 2023-2024 YMI year with a brief description
of their duties:

**Charters/Archives: Brothers Nick Franceschine #54, PGP as Chairman, Dominic
Carnelli #54, and Tommy Figueira #573**

There was no report from this committee at this time.

**Finance: Brothers Michael Amato #613, PGP as Chairman, Alexander Schmitt #8,
and Paul Larson #32**

This committee reviews the monthly bills of Grand Council and two members
sign off on each bill. This is usually done around the 15th of the month in
conjunction with the Business Manager and the Grand Treasurer. All the bills
that have been submitted have been paid at this time.

**Long Range Planning: Brothers Alexander Schmitt #8 as Chairman, Mario
Balistreri #613, Nick Franceschine #54, PGP, and Michael Amato #613, PGP**

Committee met – reorganized goals, significant overhaul, more work for board
chair for the coming year.

Keeping the Order going for the coming years

Good ideas from previous committees.

Need to implement Committee's goals

Number one priority is membership

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

There was no report from this committee at this time.

Insurance: Insurance will be addressed in June & July.

Fund Raising:

Brother Michael Dimech #613, PGP, GS and Grand President Cresci will reach out to one another soon and to their parishes to determine what venue can be used for a proposed Pasta / Bingo dinner for November of this year. Profits made from the event will go toward the Pro Patria Raffle.

Supplies: Brothers Mario Balistreri #613 as Chairman, Richard Murphy #32 and the staff of the Grand Council Office.

Received 25 year and 50 year pins for supplies

Grand Council Planning Committee: Tom Fourie #32, PGP, Bob Bartoli #32, PGP Michael Dimech #613, PGP & GS, and Michael Amato #613, PGP, GD, Steve Cresci #32 GP.

- Major issues with the hotel
- Reservations are being handled by Caesars in Delaware
- \$20.00 to park instead of \$15.00. Charge should be \$15.00
- \$131.00 per night to include parking cost
- Advanced Proceeding Missing:
- Grand 2nd VP Report – Will have his report for the Advanced Proceedings sent in soon
- Report from Br. Alex
- Br. Fourie will be reviewing the Advanced Proceedings with Nancy Bartoli on May 19th

Grand President's Report

- Less travel the past few months
- Attended Several Zoom meetings with the Budget and Grand Council Planning, Seminarian & Education Foundation Committees.
- Also attended Council #32 Business meetings & Social Event Dinners in April & May
- Participated in YMI Bowling Tournament

- Prepared Presidents message for the Advanced Proceedings
- Spoke about Eulogies for Council Officers at the Convention

Grand First Vice President's Report – Brother Billy Avery reported:

- Prepared his Program for the Advanced Proceedings and sent to Br. Bartoli
- Attended Zoom meetings with the Grand Council Planning Committee and Seminarian Committee
- Will attend the San Jose Giants game in July

Grand Second Vice President's Report – Brother Bill Walls #80, Grand Second Vice President reported the following:

- The Red & White Mass was very successful
- 84 members and friends attended the Mass & Dinner
- He also thanked Br. Gene Espinola and his crew for the wonderful meal that was prepared

Grand Secretary's Report/Business Manager's Report

Grand Secretary

- 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 the addition of the Pro Para Essay Contest winners for this year.
- Besides sending out the minutes to the members of the Grand Council for the March 23, 2024 Grand Director Meeting, I also sent in the Organization Report, Grand Secretary's Report, Bocce Ball Report and Fund-Raising Report for publication for the Advanced Proceedings
- Attended Council 613's April & May's Business meetings
- Attended the Council 613's Ladies Night's Dinner with my wife at Westlake Joe's Restaurant
- I have also been meeting with the Convention committee members

Business Manager

- Everything has been getting completed
- Essay contest done and winners were sent checks
- Red & White Mass
- Raffle winners were sent here checks
- Lamp Post was sent out
- Convention registration forms have been received

- 54 delegates in total received
- Dealing with hotel issues

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 Committee – Board Appointments: Brother Michael Amato #613 PGP and Brother Domenic Carinalli #54. Advanced Proceedings has the audits that have been completed for the past year

No report

Budget Committee – Board Appointments: Brother Alex Schmitt #8 and Brother Tommy Figueira #573. Committee Chairman is Brother Bob Bartoli

- Report done under GT section

Reserve Committee – Board Appointments: Brother Nick Franceschine #54 PGP and Brother Richard Murphy #32. Committee Chairman is Brother Bob Bartoli #32 GT.

- Br. Bartoli wants to put a committee together in near future after the convention

Institute Journal Committee – Board Appointments: Brother Paul Larson #32 and Brother Mario Balistreri #613. Committee Chairman is Brother Tom Fourie #32 PGP.

- Br. Bartoli indicated that Journal successfully went out. The next one is due to go out this August

Laws and Revisions Committee – Board Appointments: Brother Nick Franceschine #54 PGP and Brother Michael Amato #613 PGP. Committee Chairman is Brother Rob Bartoli #32 PGP.

- No report at this time
- No chairman at this time

Man and Council of the Year Committee – Board Appointments: Brother Paul Larson #32 and Brother Richard Murphy #32. Committee Chairman is Brother Bob Bartoli #32 PGP

Br. Bartoli reported nominations had been received for both awards

Membership Committee – Board Appointments: Brother Alex Schmitt #8 and Brother Michael Amato #613 PGP. Committee Chairman is Brother Robert Laxner #59

- Acting chair is Br. Frank DiMaggio and submitted a report for the Advanced Proceedings
- # 1 priority is membership
- Thanks members for their participation

Pro Deo Committee - Board Appointments: Brother Richard Murphy #32 and Brother Paul Larson #32. Committee Chairman is Brother Bill Walls #80 GSVP

- The Red & White Mass was very successful
- 84 members and friends attended the Mass & Dinner
- He also thanked Br. Gene Espinola and his crew for the wonderful meal that was prepared
- Mass was well attended
- Thanked everyone for attending
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Pro Patria – Board Appointments: Brother Mario Balistreri #613 and Brother Nick Franceschine #54 PGP. Committee Chairman is Brother Bill Avery #80 GFVP

- Thanked Br. Mike Amato for his assistance with the Raffle sales
- Enough funds were received to cover expenses
- Possibly steam Hour of Memory mass in the future
- Possibly Stream other masses in the future

Organization Committee – Board Appointments: Brother Tommy Figueira #573 and Brother Mario Balistreri #613. Committee Chairman is Brother Michael Dimech #613 GS

Submitted report for the Advanced Proceedings to Br. Bartoli.

Resolutions Committee – Board Appointments: Brother Domenic Carinalli #54 and Brother Tommy Figueira #573. Committee Chairman is Brother Alex Schmitt #8 GD

- Schmitt reported receiving two solid proposals
- Will meet Sunday, May 19th with Br. Domenic
- Previously met in March
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State of the Institute – Board Appointments: Brother Paul Larson #32 and Brother Richard Murphy #32. Committee Chairman is Brother Darrell Fonseca #99 IPGP

- Br. Fonseca noted that 5 proposals were included in the last Journal and will be discussed at the convention
- Any approved proposals will be sent to Law and Revisions Committee for review

Workshop Committee – Board Appointments: Brother Michael Amato #613 PGP. Committee Chairmen are the Staff of the Grand Council Office.

No report

Report of Sports Committees:

Chairmen of the Sports Group of Committees: The following announcements were made:

- Bowling – Brother Michael Sanzeri #59 took place on April 28, 2024, and was well attended.
- Everyone had a good time.
- 12 teams participated in the tournament

Golf – Brother Bob Fiorito #613 – has a date: May 19, 2024, for Grand Council Golf Tournament at the Valley of the Moon Golf Course in Santa Rosa with a 1:00 start.

- Brother Bob Fiorito #613 GOS will chair and be assisted by Brother Paul Larson #32 and reported they had 9 foursomes
- Banquet after tournament

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, S. San Francisco.
- View flyer and entry form with additional details, on the YMI website
- Had 12 teams participated last year. Hope to have 12 teams this year.

Other -

Unfinished Business-

- Elections: Bartoli indicated we need 2 more candidates for 2024-25 election slate (GSVP and 1 GD's)
- Br. Bartoli Reported Death Benefit and Reserve fund balances

New Business -

- A. Advance Proceedings will go out before Memorial Day
- B. A few reports were missing from the Advanced Proceedings
- C. Tremendous cost savings sending Advanced Proceeding via e-mail
- D. Some Advanced Proceedings will be sent via regular mail to a few Brothers

E. Others:

None

Immediate Past Grand President's Report – Brother Darrell Fonseca #99 IPGP

- It's been a good year visiting the different Council attending fund raiser
- Will make 3 scholarship presentations over the next month
- Have spent the past 5 years as a Grand Officer and thanked everyone for their help and support. It's been a good run.

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

- Fr. Agnel is praying for us
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Good of the Order:

- Br Figueira thanked all for their participation in our Grand Director meetings
- Look forward to seeing everyone
- Pray for several Brothers, their family members, Mothers, Fathers, Sisters, Brothers and Sister-in-law due to health issues
- Br. Paul Larson will be termed out and thanked everyone for all the YMI does

Closing Prayer – Brother Darrell Fonseca #99 IPGP

- Br. Darrell concluded a meeting with a prayer to focus on our family members who are ill and the family members who have been lost
- Pray for the seminarians who will be ordained in the near future
- Continue to bless us so that we can do your will as well

Next Meeting: At the Grand Session

Adjournment

10:16 a.m. PST