

YMI Seminarian Educational Foundation (SEF)

Minutes from May 14, 2025 Meeting

Call to Order: President Larry Andreatta called the SEF meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. via Zoom.

Opening Prayer: Br. Steve Cresci #32 began the meeting with a “Hail Mary”.

Pledge of Allegiance Br. Bill Walls led the pledge, with his fellow YMI Brothers joining him.

Roll Call:

Present were:	L Andreatta, President #32	N. Franceshine, VP #54	
	T. Fourie Treasurer #32	M. Amato, Secretary #613	
	C. Amato, #613	S. Cresci, #32	D. Cresci. #32
	P. Oberst #32	R. Murphy #32	B. Avery#80 B. Walls #80
Excused were:	Fr. A. D’Heredia, #32	B. Bartoli, #32	M. Nelson, #80
Absent were:	P. Walsh #32	S. Davis #32	

Reading of the Minutes: The distributed minutes of the February 6th SEF meeting were approved unanimously after a motion was made by Br Andreatta #32 and seconded by Br. Oberst #32.

Treasurer's report: Br. Fourie #32 distributed the SEF Financial Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024 by e-mail. No discussion. Motion to accept report was made by Br. Andreatta #32 and seconded by Br. Oberst #32 and the motion was approved without objection.

Reading of the bills: No new bills were reported.

Communications: No communications were received.

Committee reports: None.

Unfinished Business:

- SEF Seminarian Applications: Br. Fourie #32 reported that 42 seminarian applications were received in total and 39 were found to be eligible.
 - The breakdown of where the 39 eligible seminarian applications came from is as follows:
 - 21 – Fresno (kudos Br. Nelson #80)
 - 7 – San Francisco (including the Salesians)
 - 4 – San Jose
 - 2 – Oakland
 - 2 – Stockton
 - 2 – Hawaii
 - 1- Sacramento
 - Potential Scholarship Awards totaling \$24,100 were broken out as follows:
 - 17- \$1000 9 - \$500 13 - \$200
- SEF Seminarian Awards: After determining that SEF funds were available in the Treasury to fund the 39 eligible applications, a motion was made by Br S. Cresci #32 and seconded by Br. D. Cresci to approve awards for 39 eligible seminarians totaling \$24,100. Award checks will be distributed during the Grand Council Sessions on June 17th to the sponsoring YMI Councils.
- SEF Application Process Concern: Br. C. Amato reported his conversation with Martha Sheridan (St. Patrick’s Seminary Director). Ms. Sheridan had expressed frustration with a few YMI Councils (i.e., Oakland, Santa Rosa, Stockton) last year that did not call her back to discuss the potential sponsorship of seminarians in those diocese. The SEF Board concluded that the matter revealed potential lapses by YMI Councils to follow up and this needed to be discussed during Grand Council Sessions to heighten awareness.

New Business:

- **Board Members Terms:** Br. M. Amato noted that the 3-year terms of the following four Brothers were expiring in June 2025 (Brs. C. Amato, Andreatta, Fourie, & Franceschine). After inquiring about whether these Brothers would opt to run again for another 3-year term to 2028, Brs. C. Amato, Andreatta & Fourie agreed to seek another term, while Br. Franceschine stated that he would not continue due to family personal reasons. With one potential opening on the SEF Board, Br. Avery stated that he would run for a 3-year term. Elections to fill these 4 SEF Board positions will take place at the Grand Council Session in June 2025.

Good of the Order:

- *None*

Next Meetings: The next SEF meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 17th during the Grand Council Sessions in South Lake Tahoe. The agenda will include the distribution of seminarian awards and the election of the four Board Members identified above. Many of the SEF Board are expected to attend Grand Council Sessions to be present at our next SEF meeting, although Br. Franceschine and C. Amato reported that they will be unable to go. Br. Andreatta was unsure about his attendance, so Br. M. Amato may need to run the June 17th meeting if he cannot attend. Br. Andreatta reported that the subsequent SEF Meeting will be on Thursday September 4th.

Closing Prayer: The closing prayer was led by Br. Andreatta #32.

Adjournment: After thanking the Board for participating in the meeting, President Andreatta #32 called for an adjournment at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted; *Brother Mike Amato*, Secretary.

2024-25 Board Members Roll:	Term Ends
President, Larry Andreatta #32	2025
V.P., Nick Franceschine #54 (PGP, GD)	2025
Treasurer, Tom Fourie #32 (PGP)	2025
Secretary, Mike Amato #613 (PGP, GD)	2027
Cosmo Amato #613 (GIS)	2025
Bob Bartoli #32 (PGP, GT)	2026
Dennis Cresci #32	2026
Paul Walsh #32	2026
Steve Cresci #32 (IPGP)	2027
Phil Oberst #32 (PGP)	2027
Mike Nelson #80 (PGPx2)	2027
Rev. Fr. Agnel De Heredia #32 (GC)	ex officio
Billy Avery #80 (GP)	ex officio
Bill Walls #80 (GFVP)	ex officio
Richard Murphy #32 (GSVP)	ex officio
Financial Adviser Steve Davis #32	non-voting

