

YMI Seminarian Educational Foundation (SEF)

Minutes from Sept 4, 2025 Meeting

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

Opening Prayer: Fr. Agnel D'Heredia #32 began the meeting with an "Our Father" and a "Hail Mary".

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

Roll Call:

Present were:

L Andreatta, President #32	S. Cresci, VP #32	
T. Fourie Treasurer #32	M. Amato, Secretary #613	
C. Amato, #613	D. Cresci. #32	Fr. A. D'Heredia, #32
B. Bartoli, #32	P. Walsh #32	M. Nelson, #80
B. Avery#80	B. Walls #80	R. Murphy #32
M. Balistreri #613	S. Davis #32 (Fin. Adv.)	

Excused were: P. Oberst #32

Reading of the Minutes: The distributed minutes of the June 17th SEF meeting (drafted by Acting Secretary Br. Oberst #32) were approved unanimously, following a motion by Br Andreatta #32 and seconded by Br. Murphy #32.

Treasurer's report: Br. Fourie #32 gave an overview summary of the SEF financial status as of September 4th identifying balances in the checking and investment accounts. Br. Fourie also shared revenue information from donations, including receiving \$700 from St. Francis Council #573 and \$653 from the 50/50 drawing at the YMI 2025 Grand Council Sessions. As far as expenses, he reported paying a \$25 fee to the State of California and that 7 seminarian scholarship checks issued in June are still outstanding. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Br. Bartoli #32 and seconded by Br. C. Amato #613 and the motion was subsequently approved without objection.

Communications: Br. Fourie reported receiving several "thank you" letters from seminarians receiving SEF Scholarships.

Committee reports: None.

Unfinished Business:

- SEF Elections: For the 2025-26 period, the following Board Members were approved to be SEF Officers after a Motion from Br. Nelson #80 that was seconded by Br. Bartoli #32:
 - o President - Br. Larry Andreatta #32
 - o Vice President – Br. Steve Cresci #32
 - o Treasurer – Br. Tom Fourie #32
 - o Secretary – Br. Mike Amato #613
- 2025 Scholarship Process: Br. M. Amato suggested Board members offer any suggestions to improve the scholarship process for 2026, given their recent experience utilizing the process. No changes were offered, as the consensus was that the process is working okay.

New Business:

- None.

Good of the Order:

- Fr. Agnel #32 thanked the Board Members for their service in fostering more seminarians into the Church and offered a prayer for our efforts.

- *Br. M. Amato #613 reported that Fr. Armand Oliveri had passed away earlier in the day. Fr. Armand had lived to 105 years old and had served for 73 years as a Salesian Priest. Also, he was a YMI member since 2007, serving as the Chaplain for St. John Bosco Council #613 for several years.*

Next Meetings: The next SEF meeting will be held on **Thursday November 6, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.** via Zoom. Br. Avery #80 offered to establish and distribute a Zoom link for the meeting.

Closing Prayer: The closing prayer was led by Fr. Agnel #32.

Adjournment: After thanking the Board for participating in the meeting, President Andreatta #32 called for an adjournment at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, *Brother Mike Amato*, Secretary.

2024-25 Board Members Roll:	Term Ends
President, Larry Andreatta #32	2028
V.P., Steve Cresci (PGP, GD)	2027
Treasurer, Tom Fourie #32 (PGP)	2028
Secretary, Mike Amato #613 (PGP, GD)	2027
Bob Bartoli #32 (PGP, GT)	2026
Dennis Cresci #32	2026
Paul Walsh #32	2026
Phil Oberst #32 (PGP)	2027
Mike Nelson #80 (PGP x 2)	2027
Billy Avery #80 (IPGP)	2028
Cosmo Amato #613 (PGO)	2028
Rev. Fr. Agnel De Heredia #32 (GC)	ex officio
Bill Walls #80 (GP)	ex officio
Richard Murphy #32 (GFVP)	ex officio
Mario Balistreri (GSVP)	ex officio
Financial Adviser Steve Davis #32	non-voting

