

ICF Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order by GP Bob Basuino at 4:40 p.m. at ICF office in Oakland.

Opening Prayer – Led by Vince Piro

Roll Call – in attendance: Bob Basuino, Andy Pappani, Deborah Rodondi, David Botta, Franklyn Lopes, Vince Piro, Jane Dianda and Msgr. Cardelli
Excused: Leonard Zasoski, Roselynn Jarrett

Meeting Minutes: Vince Piro moved to approve March 13, 2015 minutes as presented seconded by Franklyn Lopes. PASSED

Communications:

- Thank you from Most Rev. Stephen Blaire for Bishop's Day Celebration and donations.

Spiritual Director – Msgr. Cardelli

- Talked to Fr. Mark Amaral in Walnut Creek he would like to see a branch in his parish.
- Jane Dianda - their branch Chaplain is moving and has the name of a potential chaplain.
- Feels things are going along well.

Grand President – Bob Basuino

ATTENDED:

- March 19-Redlands for St. Joseph's Day event
- March 28-Stockton Bishop's Day

TO ATTEND:

- April 12-SF Bishop's Day
- April 25-Br. 4 and 5 90th celebration

Grand Treasurer – Roselynn Jarrett/Franklyn Lopes gave report

- Reviewed 2015 budget to date

Deputy Chairperson – Leonard Zasoski Vince Piro

- March 28 was conference call with District Deputies. A packet of existing material was sent to them prior to meeting, most received day before meeting. It is for them to go through and see if changes need to be made. They are to get this information back to Leonard Zasoski within a month. Next conference call will be in a few months.
- Andy Pappani has been in touch with Patricia Muller from East Bay District in regards to stepping down at District Deputy and mentoring a new District Deputy. Fran LaTorre has been contacted regarding being the new District Deputy of the East Bay.
- Deborah Rodondi mentioned the April In-Touch is not on the website.

Apostolate – Franklyn Lopes

- Working with strategic plan.
- Apostolate reports going out in next Branch mailing.
- Jane Dianda asked that blood drive be added to next year's Apostolate report.
- Seminarian night - Robyn and Debbie Piro will be cooking, June 6, \$40...Deborah Rodondi asked if there will be a raffle, yes there will be.

By-Laws and Rituals – David Botta

- Currently going through the By-Laws and Statutes to see if anything needs changing.
- Carmen Kilcullen and David Botta to work on committees...possibly combining some.
- Deborah Rodondi asked if they are looking at an additional Statute change regarding life members and term limits. David Botta to work on it, forward any ideas to him.

Expansion – David Botta

- Tucson Branch remaining open for now.
- Closing branch 85 Mount Shasta...only 3 members.
- Ventura Br.169 a few members have sent in dues.
- Br. 246 San Diego Forrest Price has been working with them.
- Right now we are 10,059 in membership.
- Talked to Teresa Helfand in Chicago.
- David Botta will talk to Fr. Chris Bennett after Easter, right now he is out of the country.
- Andy Pappani asked about Highlands in San Bernardino area, the priest interested in a branch there.

Finance Report – Roselynn Jarrett/Franklyn Lopes

- Baseball advertising: Vince Piro made motion second by Deborah Rodondi to do the score board ad for all three teams(Giants, A's & White Sox) without the photo. PASSED
- Do we want to do the ad on Italian Heritage or Faith Night? -- Vince Piro moved to run the ad on Heritage night second by Franklyn Lopes. Motion withdrawn after discussion. Vince Piro and Franklyn Lopes re-did motion to run the ad on both Heritage and Faith Night for A's and Giants. PASSED.

Live to Give – Jane Dianda

- Working with local blood bank in Las Vegas for Convention.

Public Relations – Vince Piro

- So far 25 have responded to opt out of receiving the Bollettino by mail. Anne Interrante working on that right now. Some software issues won't be worked out until June.
- Talked to Michelle Feldman about the paper not getting out on time. They talked about setting up a calendar with deadlines. 10th deadline for articles, 14th to proof, 17th proofs must be done. June she will have it ready to proof by 13th and send to printer on 18th.
- Michelle Feldman accepts fault for the Bollettino not getting done in time, but she does not get everything she needs from several people by the 10th. Several columnists have been late on a regular basis, calendar winners have been late. Bob Basuino to send an email to Patty Smith and Charlene Kramer that they are to pull the calendar winners on the 1st so that the names are in by the 10th.
- Deborah Rodondi stated if they don't get it in by the 10th don't put in till the next issue and in the next issue put a disclaimer that due to being received late it has been delayed. Vince Piro is going to call the columnists personally to tell them it must be in on time.

Scholarship – Deborah Rodondi

- Will be judging 1st year scholarships on April 20

Task Force – Leonard Zasoski / Vince Piro read the report

- Committee Guidelines are still in the process of having the information gathered and put together so as to have the committee chairs review for any additions and or corrections before being published; Mike Rossi is handling this task.

- Strategic Plan - the final touches are being added to the various materials being covered before first presentation this weekend at the Blessed Sacrament District. We currently have several districts booked over the course of the next several weeks and into May and June.
- We are encouraging each of the branches to have as many officers attend the session as possible as they are the current leaders within their branches; the presentation is also open to all the members wishing to be a part of the future of their branch.
- Chicago working on having strategic plan workshop with the Bishop's Day, no date yet.
- Vince Piro will cover with districts that for more information contact Dante Galeazzi for a more informative/detailed workshop.
- Msgr. Cardelli asked how are we getting to members at large? It is not just for officers it is for all to attend...it will also be discussed at convention. Has there been talk of a video for promoting new members.
- Msgr. Cardelli mentioned that the website does not have the updated membership form. Vince Piro to have it updated.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS Follow up on monthly punch up list if not covered above:

- 1) Term limits for District and Branch Deputies to be discussed with District Deputies at next meeting end of March. NOT DISCUSSED
- 2) Convention awards were to have disclaimer put on them. Deborah Rodondi reported she looked them up on the website and found they were not all consistent. The only award that has the full disclaimer is the young adult award. Also on the website the Pope John award title has not been adjusted to reflect his sainthood.
- 3) Hard drive for storing past issues of Bollettino...Vince Piro to check with Michelle Feldman. NOT YET PURCHASED.
- 4) Conference phone acquisition being worked on. Leonard Zasoski hoping to get donated. NEXT MONTH SHOULD HAVE ANSWERS.
- 5) Bob Basuino to follow up on article Mike Rossi was to write for the Bollettino regarding the logistics of delegates voting for Central Council Officers.
- 6) Raising fines for Convention...Roselynn Jarrett volunteered to draft proposal. It was brought up that when an individual comes up with an idea the GP acknowledges the idea and instruct the individual to come back with answer/solution.

Punch up from items brought up at last meeting:

- Roselynn Jarrett questioned the need for awards to districts for 100% participation that are given at convention. Do we really need these awards? A branch gave a scholarship even though they did not have the money for it because of concern that the District would be upset because they would then not get 100% participation. Scholarship (Deborah Rodondi) and Apostolate (Franklyn Lopes) to discuss at their committee meeting.
- Roselynn Jarrett, with the help of Pleasant Hill, will be working on a proposed by-law change for delegates to consider at convention. Formula for convention delegate right now up to 100 members is 1 delegate then every 25 thereafter is another delegate. Wants to change to every 50 after first 100 should be another delegate. Also instead of saying full membership put adult membership. Branches close in membership count that would cause an increase in delegates do not want to accept additional members so they don't have to spend another 1k for the additional delegate. WORKING ON IT
- Leonard Zasoski to draft something from the Executive Committee regarding the Bollettino and deadlines. VINCE PIRO HANDLED, HE WILL FOLLOW UP
- Deborah Rodondi asked Vince Piro if the Bishop's Day Protocol on the ICF website can be update with Leonard Rossi's title. Vince Piro to take care of. NOT DONE YET

- April 20 to judge 1st year scholarships and to look into the statistics of how many applications come from children/grandchildren of ICF members. Giving to just members' children may cause a drop of donations from branches.
- Andy Pappani suggests maybe we should look at putting less dues money in Apostolate and more into Providenza. Maybe we should increase membership to allow Providenza a higher donation. Currently Apostolic Fund has cash of \$9,200 and invested funds of \$54,000. Roselyne Jarrett's next finance article for Bollettino will be about the Providenza Fund and supporting it.

NEW BUSINESS

- Letter received from Teresa Helfand April 7th regarding a past correspondence from Tony Arredia. Andy Pappani feels Tony is looking for a letter. Msgr. Cardelli to draft a letter. When letter sent also send copy to everyone Branch presidents, district President, Teresa Helfand, Exec committee, Fr. Fanelli.
- Andy Pappani asked about the Chicago area having an ICF young people organization...actually it stands for International Christian Fellowship.
- Andy Pappani feels the issue with Tony Arredia in Chicago may have been that when he became President of his branch he had no information. Deborah Rodondi mentioned that all the offices don't get information.
- Bob Basuino mentioned that a District President pointed out why does he have a cocktail/social for District Deputies at convention but not District Presidents. The exec committee suggested to have the event for both District President and Deputies.
- Andy Pappani went to SF District...Debbie Major was president and treasurer for a few years then they put George Bacigalupi in as treasurer...due to his health things may not be getting done in a timely fashion.
- David Botta stated so far no dues have come in from Branch 67.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATIONS – NONE

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Bob Basuino reported Msgr. Milani up and around with a walker.

Fabiola DiPaolo passed away, funeral was Monday.

Andy Pappani asked about CC branch visits, maybe we should do it again with the new GP.

Bob Basuino did receive from the courts an update but no further information on Dorothy Fenoglia estate. Also, received notice from the estate of Tom Pollicita leaving \$2,500 to Gifts of Love.

July Executive meeting at St. Francis Cabrini in San Jose.

CLOSING PRAYER Msgr. Cardelli

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: 7:25 p.m. by GP Bob Basuino. Next meeting May 8, 2015

*Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Rodondi, Grand Secretary*