

**Executive Committee APPROVED**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 12, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Grand President Leonard Zasoski at 5:06 PM.

**Opening Prayer:** Led by Msgr. Cardelli.

**Roll Call. In attendance:** Leonard Zasoski, Msgr. Cardelli, Andy Pappani, Vince Piro (via phone), Lauren Kilcullen (via phone), Deborah Rodondi, Leonard Rossi, Bob Basuino (via phone) **Excused:** Steve Fuentes, David Botta

**Meeting Minutes:** July 9, 2016 minutes were approved as corrected. 2nd bullet in by-laws section: Should read - David Botta gave Deborah Rodondi the proposed Central Council Statute changes she had turned in to him for a final review, before he forwards to his by-laws committee.

**Communications:**

- Diocese of Monterey thanking us for the Bishop's Day and Providenza donation from Fr. Roy Shelley, Director of Vocations.
- Invitation to St. John's Seminary's annual banquet. Tickets are \$300 each.
- St. Patrick's Seminary – annual fundraiser. Raffle tickets: \$50.00 each.

***Spiritual Director – Msgr. Cardelli***

- Happy and pleased with his branch, they have a new president, who is enthused about the ICF. Msgr. Cardelli asked how many delegates does the branch have. Grand President Leonard Zasoski said it depends on the number of members on the branch.

***Grand President – Leonard Zasoski***

- Grand President Leonard Zasoski attended the following events:
- Br. 138, St. Luke reopening. The new members are very enthusiastic. The Branch President's family was members when the branch was open before.
- Grand President will be attending the following events:
- Br. 446, Upland's opening on August 21.
- Late Night Catechism on August 27.
- The Convention on September 1 -5.

***Grand Treasurer –Deborah Rodondi***

- Deborah Rodondi reported that the budget is looking good. Advertising revenue for the Bollettino is up. Revenue from closed branches is up, which is not good. Central Council expenses and lunches are down. Task Force is down.
- The expense side of the budget is \$90,000 down, right now, which is good.

***Deputy Chairperson – Andy Pappani***

- Andy Pappani has scheduled meeting next Thursday with Br. 290, Corpus Christi. They are sending a letter to say they are closing by the end of the year. Deborah Rodondi heard from Millie Franzoni that the branch has voted to close. They have 49 members. They have large fundraisers and help the parish a lot. Vince Piro asked if we've called the president. Andy Pappani said yes, he has. Andy also talked to Vic Arnaudo, District Deputy, and Debbie Majors, District President. They said it's a demographic change in San Francisco.
- Fresno, Br. 185, Sacred Heart. There is a radical change in demographics in the parish. The Pastor said he needs to support the other ethnic groups. Andy Pappani said they are running the branch as a social

club. Grand President Leonard Zasoski said they may have some members who would go to another branches, if they close.

- Our Lady of Victory, Fresno. The branch need a deputy and they sent Vince Piro a list of possible deputies. They are having some leadership problems. One family wants “puppet presidents”. They say there’s a leadership problem, when the family doesn’t approve with what the president does. Have to get a deputy who will work with the family.
- Andy Pappani and Vince Piro are talking tomorrow about the deputy workshop for the convention.
- Andy Pappani sent in the deputy report for the convention.
- The district deputy meeting will be on September 17 via conference call.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### ***Expansion – Anne Interrante – Grand President***

- Br. 446 Upland will be opening on August 21.
- The committee is working on Casa Grande and some other locations.
- More branches should be opening in the next year.

#### ***Membership - Nina Malone –Grand President***

- Nina Malone has the latest membership report. The numbers are still down. We had 879 cancellations. We brought in 976 new members.
- Vince Piro suggested having Retention Workshops in all districts in the next year at their district meetings.
- Deborah Rodondi suggested maybe having a Troubled Branches Committee / Retention Committee. Andy said it could be a sub-committee from the Deputies. Grand President Leonard Zasoski suggested having a Retention Committee as a sub-committee of Membership and have a sub-committee about Troubled Branches under the Deputy Program. Grand President Leonard Zasoski will put together a plan. Andy Pappani said they need to have the district deputies trained.

#### ***By-Laws and Rituals-David Botta – Grand President***

- The Contra Costa District had some revisions of their district by laws and the by law committee reviewed them and approved them.

#### ***Finance Report-Deborah Rodondi***

- The Insurance Company is working on whether branch officers and members are covered for fraud and embezzlement and is looking into ways to incorporate it into the policy. It may be a rider for the branches, which is an option for the branches to add if they want to. Andy Pappani asked if the branches know what they are currently covered for. Deborah Rodondi said that a copy of the coverage is mailed to each branch every year. Deborah said the cost of adding fraud and embezzlement coverage may be too high for most branches for the amount of money each branch actually has in their accounts.

#### ***Public Relations – Lauren Kilcullen***

- The revised website will be debuting at the convention.
- The August/September Bollettino will be printed and mailed before the convention and will be online on Thursday, August 25.

#### ***Task Force –Vince Piro***

- Vince Piro is working on the strategic plan evaluations. He had to postpone his meeting.
- The flyers are done for the “Adopt A Seminarian” program.
- Vince will send the strategic plan report to the Executive Committee.
- The Task Force wants to focus on retention, next year. This past year, they focused on membership.
- Msgr. Cardelli asked if there’s any type of exit poll for membership. Vince Piro said this was a recommendation from the Strategic Plan. Membership in non-profits is down across the board. Vince Piro talked to a marketing person at his college about this. Deborah Rodondi said on the cancellation

form, there is a box asking for a reason. We could start there to have an exit poll. Most of the time, however, it's not filled out. Vince Piro suggested calling a sample of the cancelled members, as we can't call 879 members.

- Vince Piro said to look at the healthy branches and make sure they stay healthy and continue to grow.
- Grand President Leonard Zasoski said we have to stress that members have to bring in new members.
- Andy Pappani asked about what happened with the committee guidelines. Grand President Leonard Zasoski said that they are complete and will go out to all the committee chairs, this year.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Late Night Catechism, August 27. 72 tickets are sold, so far. Leonard Rossi said the production company is doing the play the week before in Livermore. The Ways and Means Committee should look to see if that performance was scheduled before or after we moved the date. If the production company scheduled the Livermore performance after we moved the date, Ways and Means should talk to the company to get some of our deposit refunded.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Deborah Rodondi presented the following branches to be excused:
- Br. 7, South San Francisco, 139 members. Have 2 delegates. The branch is asking to waive one delegate. Will send 2 delegates instead of 3 delegates. Motion to excuse: Leonard Rossi/Andy Pappani. Motion passed.
- Br. 86, 10 members. Finances: \$400. Motion to excuse: Deborah Rodondi/Bob Basuino. Motion passed.
- Br. 102, Burbank, 26 members. Finances: \$1388. \$316 in the social. Branch is struggling and majority are elderly. Their concentration is to get new members and they have added 6 members this past year. Motion to excuse: Leonard Rossi/Bob Basuino. Motion passed.
- Br. 195, 34 members. Finances: \$1097 general fund. \$2400 in the social fund. They do not have the finances to send to convention. The branch couldn't hold a fundraiser due to structural problems at the parish center. Motion to excuse: Deborah Rodondi/Andy Pappani. Motion passed.
- Br. 220. 7 members. Total finances: \$2245. The branch does not have enough finances. Motion to excuse: Deborah Rodondi/Bob Basuino. Motion passed.
- Br. 246, 43 members. Total finances: \$2221. The branch membership has decreased and they are finding it difficult to send a delegate. The \$110,000 that the branch has received has to be used to give scholarships to their parish. Vince Piro said the branch wanted to leave the parish and the pastor said that if they left, he would take the money. They were excused last year. Motion to excuse: Deborah Rodondi/Bob Basuino. Motion passed.
- Br. 290, 49 members. The branch is planning to close. Motion to excuse: Deborah Rodondi/Andy Pappani. Motion passed.
- Br. 416, 39 members. The president can't attend and attending would use up most of their finances. Motion to excuse: Deborah Rodondi/Bob Basuino. Motion passed.
- Br. 418, Itasca, 80 members. Finances: \$5079 in the general fund. The branch does not have funds to send a delegate. Their major fundraiser is in September. We excused them in 2014, and fined them in 2015. Motion to excuse: Deborah Rodondi/Andy Pappani. Motion passed.
- Br. 439, Chicago. 131 members. No financial information given. The branch didn't attend last year, due to wedding. The president promised that she would be coming, this year. This year, there are health issues with family members of President. Motion to fine: Leonard Rossi/Bob Basuino. The fine: is \$450 per delegate times 3 equals \$1350. Motion to fine passed. Msgr. Cardelli said for the good of the organization, we shouldn't be punitive and be positive. Motion to rescind and excuse: Leonard Rossi/Bob Basuino. Motion passed. Deborah Rodondi said the letter that goes out, saying they are excused, should add that we're still waiting for last year's fine.
- Br. 38, San Francisco. The office received a phone call. Rose Mangini, the delegate, hurt her back and can't attend. Motion to excuse: Vince Piro/Deborah Rodondi. Motion passed.
- Br. 440, Long Beach. Deborah Rodondi received a post-it note. The branch has not paid dues for 2016. They are looking for a new parish. Motion to excuse: Deborah Rodondi/Vince Piro. Motion passed.

- Grand President Leonard Zasoski said he will call the branches that are being excused after the packets and letters go out, saying they were missed at the convention and hope they can come next year. Leonard Rossi said he used to do that when he was Grand President.
- 17 branches have been excused, this year. 6 branches were excused, last year. In 2014, 14 branches asked to be excused.

**ACTION ON COMMUNICATIONS**

- St. Patrick's Seminary raffle tickets. \$50 each. No motion. No action.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- Andy Pappani said he may have a district deputy in Chicago.

**CLOSING PRAYER** led by Msgr. Cardelli.

**MEETING ADJOURMENT:** 7:10 PM by Grand President Leonard Zasoski.

Next Executive Committee meeting is September 9, 2016 in the office.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Lauren Kilcullen,  
Grand Secretary*