

Executive Committee APPROVED
Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Grand President Leonard Zasoski at 4:50 PM.

Opening Prayer: Led by Msgr. Cardelli.

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

Meeting Minutes: May 13, 2016 minutes were approved written.

Communications:

- Thank you from the ICF for our donation of \$50 to the Providenza Fund in honor of Br. 10's 90th Anniversary.
- Donation request for the Save the Romaggi Adobe in Angel's Camp. Suggested donation amounts range from \$100 to \$500+.

Spiritual Director – Msgr. Cardelli

- Complimented Roselynn Jarrett and the Convention Directors Committee for their work on promoting the Convention, via the Bollettino, Facebook, etc.

Grand President – Leonard Zasoski

- Attended the new branch opening in Rancho Palos Verdes. There are 57 adults and 15 children as charter members. The officers are in their 30s and 40s. The co-presidents are energetic. It was a good opening.
- Thanked Leonard Rossi for attending Br. 10's 90th Anniversary. About 80 – 90 people were in attendance. The branch did a first class job.
- Grand President Leonard Zasoski will be attending the following events:
 - Central Council meeting on June 11.
 - Br. 445 opening on June 18.
 - Night for Seminarians on June 25.

Grand Treasurer –Deborah Rodondi

- The Finance Committee had a meeting today.
- The convention voucher will be ready for the Central Council meeting. There is a deadline of 30 days after the Convention to submit the vouchers to be reimbursed.
- The budget is where it needs to be, right now.
- Postage – we're almost at the postage budget number. There may be an error, such as a previous year's invoice or Bollettino postage. Patty is checking on this.
- UBS came and discussed our investments. Our portfolio decreased in January, but increased in February and March.
- The committee discussed their flyer for the Convention exhibit. The flyer will have information about including ICF in people's wills and trusts.
- Two bonds came due in the Silva Trust and they were reinvested.
- There is excess cash in the general fund and we are reinvesting it.
- The committee discussed possible changes to the Accounting Procedures. The committee is going to look at them and go over them prior to presentation at the October Central Council meeting.

Deputy Chairperson – Andy Pappani

- Sent a letter to Br. 419 that let branch members know other branches they can transfer to, if they want to.

- Sutter Creek is having trouble. The branch will have a membership drive. Andy talking to Paula Scarpelli, Sacramento District President, about the branch.
- Andy Pappani has been calling branches to see if they will have delegates. San Francisco has three branches that may not have delegates. Chicago has two branches that are committed to going. Contra Costa, Santa Rosa (except Eureka and Arcata) and Stockton have all branches attending.
- Chicago has a perception problem. They think the dues money is coming to California and that the dues don't benefit them. It was decided we should send them a letter telling where their dues are going and what the money is being used for. Grand President Leonard Zasoski will work on a letter or put something in the Bollettino showing where the dues go.
- Deborah Rodondi suggested that the branches who don't attend the convention are sent the delegate packet, since it has information, such as the financial report. This will help the branches know what was discussed at the Convention.
- Andy Pappani is planning on having a deputy meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Expansion – Anne Interrante – Grand President

- Br. 444 opened, Rancho Palos Verdes opened.
- Br. 445, Church of the Transfiguration, San Jose will be opening June 18. So far, 36 members have signed up as members.
- Br. 138, St. Luke, Stockton is reopening on July 9. The Executive Committee approved opening the branch with less than 35 members. Anne Interrante thinks they will have more than 35 by the time they open.
- Anne Interrante's using people in different locations to go help with sign up weekends, etc. This helps with costs, etc.

Membership - Nina Malone – Vince Piro

- Vince Piro gave the report.
- The Committee is still working on getting branches to have membership drives or report on when they have membership drives. The committee members are calling branches to see what they are doing. So far, 40 branches have reported that they had a membership drive.
- Membership numbers are down. Response from branches about having membership drives hasn't been good.

By-Laws and Rituals-David Botta – look at the proposals

- Charlene sent the proposed Convention proposals to the Central Council members for their packets at the Central Council meeting.
- Br. 28's proposal under Chapter II, Membership – Charlene sent the proposal to Msgr. Cardelli and David Botta talked to Fr. Larry Young. The proposal wants non Catholic Christians to be considered for membership. It would be brought up on a case-by-case. The proposal would be a change in the purpose of the ICF. Fr. Larry is worried about it. Msgr. Cardelli thinks it's a problem as it would change the ICF and presents problems and is counterproductive. It would change the Federation into more of a social organization. David Botta doesn't think it should be a proposal to the delegates. Andy Pappani said the branch is trying to reach out to RCIA people and bring them in as members. Leonard Rossi said that in the by-laws on page 30 – no proposals that infringe on the principles of the ICF can be brought to the Convention. The committee voted to reject the proposal. David Botta will contact the branch.
- Deborah Rodondi submitted several proposals.
 - Proposed change for the duties of the officers in Chapter XII, Duties of Officers – fines, and whatever other bills from the office must be paid and are not a voting matter. Branches must pay the fines, per capita and assessments. The Committee voted to send this forward.

- Chapter XIV Sick benefit branches. There are no sick benefit branches left in the organization. Members of these branches paid more dues and the branch paid them money when they became sick. Delete this Chapter. The Committee voted to send forward.
- Convention – a branch that wants to be excused must be excused by the Executive Committee. The fines must be paid within 60 days of the Convention. This proposal does away with negative feedback at the Convention. It will give the Executive Committee flexibility to work with the branches. The Committee voted to send forward.
- Change the wording that says Central Council Office to ICF Office in all places in the by-laws. The Committee voted to send forward.
- Andy Pappani turned in the following proposal late on May 18. To give immediate past president of branches, serving on the board, full voting rights on the board instead of just being an advisor. This is under election chapter, page 15. The Committee voted to reject since it came in too late. Andy Pappani will resubmit it for next year.
- Deborah Rodondi submitted the following Central Council statute changes, which will be presented at the June Central Council meeting:
 - Past Grand President, serves ex-officio voting on the Executive Committee.
 - Grand President is an ex-officio, voting member on all committees.
 - 2nd Vice President is ex-officio, voting member on all committees.
 - Treasurer is ex-officio, voting member on hospitalization committee.
 - Grand President appoints all committee chairperson.
 - Remove the line that says “The Immediate Past Grand President serves as an ex-officio member.”
 - Hospitalization Committee Chairperson is an ex-officio voting member of finance committee.
 - Grand President should appoint one of the elected Central Council members of the Hospitalization Committee as its chairperson.
 - Bollettino Editor is an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Public Relations committee.
 - Substitute: Grand President shall have the power to remove or substitute committee chairpersons due to incapacity or negligence *for cause, with the approval of the Executive Committee* (add the last part at the Central Council meeting).

Roselynn Jarrett proposed absorbing the Awards Committee into the Convention Directors committee and changing the name of the Mother Teresa Award to reflect her new title when she becomes a saint on September 4, 2016.

Finance Report-Deborah Rodondi

- The Finance Committee suggested starting an account for our 100th anniversary, so we have seed money to fund the celebrations. The Committee wants to put a \$1000 a year into the account.

Public Relations – Lauren Kilcullen

- The committee will have a meeting on Tuesday at 8:00 PM
- The committee reviewed the website and gave our suggestions for edits to Richard Interrante to forward to Aaron Del Monte.
- Deborah Rodondi gave the suggestion on the Members’ Portal to have the option to print all the documents or to print the documents individually. Right now, the only option is to print all. Lauren Kilcullen will forward the suggestions to Richard Interrante

Task Force –Vince Piro – Grand President

- The committee is working with the Membership Committee to have the branches to hold membership drives. The committees are trying different strategies.
- Adopt a Seminarian – the committee has a recommended program and will present to the Central Council meeting. This would be a voluntary program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Grand President Leonard Zasoski said the new phone system for the office will be installed within the next week. The office will be getting seven VoIP phones for about \$1000.

- Cooley's Anemia. Laurice Levine is going to be calling Leonard Rossi this week. Deborah Rodondi looked at Silva and Liotta Trusts and they do not specify Children's Hospital, they say Cooley's Anemia Fund.

NEW BUSINESS

- Excusing branches prior to the convention. Vince Piro would like to prevent what happened at the convention, last year, to happening, this year. He asked if we can we suspend the by-law? David Botta said we can excuse/fine for all branches as the Executive Committee prior to convention. David Botta said on page 29 of the by-laws, it says the Executive Committee has the right to fine or excuse.
- Br. 358 – River Forest, IL is asking to be excused from the 2016 Convention. The branch has 30 members with \$919.50 in the general fund and \$200 in the social fund. Motion Leonard Rossi/ Deborah Rodondi to excuse. Motion passed.
- Grand President Leonard Zasoski will write a letter to go into the packets that we're sending to the branches that aren't attending the Convention. He will bring a draft of the letter to the next Executive Committee meeting.
- Lauren Kilcullen said she is not attending the Central Council meeting on June 11. She needs someone to take the minutes. Vince Piro volunteered to take the minutes.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATIONS

- Donation request to Save the Romaggi Adobe – committee decided not to make a donation.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Grand President Leonard Zasoski is attending the Central Coast workshop south tomorrow. They think around 35 members will be in attendance. The workshop is in Paso Robles.

CLOSING PRAYER led by Msgr. Cardelli.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: 6:30 PM by Grand President Leonard Zasoski.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Lauren Kilcullen,
Grand Secretary*