

Executive Committee APPROVED
Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Grand President Leonard Zasoski at 5:30 PM.

Opening Prayer: Led by Msgr. Cardelli.

Roll Call. In attendance: Leonard Zasoski, Msgr. Cardelli, Andy Pappani, Vince Piro, Lauren Kilcullen, Deborah Rodondi, Leonard Rossi, Bob Basuino, Michael Rossi, Denise Antonowicz **Excused:**

Meeting Minutes: December 9, 2016 minutes were approved as written/corrected. Bishops Pepe and Blaire – it was voted to send them birthday cards for their 75th birthdays.

Communications:

- Email from Patty thanking us for the Christmas gift and raise.
- Thank you from Bishop Calvo, Reno, for the Providenza Fund donation.
- Thank you from the Carmelite Monastery for the donation from the Providenza fund.
- Thank you from Msgr. Cardelli

Spiritual Director – Msgr. Cardelli

- Monsignor is encouraged from what he hears about new members joining. EH is also encouraged about reading about retreat days, communion breakfasts and other spiritual events. Mike Rossi asked when San Francisco District would be getting a new district chaplain. Msgr. Cardelli said the Diocesan Chaplain, Fr. Ghiorso, would be appointing the district chaplain.

Grand President – Leonard Zasoski

- Grand President Leonard Zasoski has attended the following events:
- San Francisco Installation
- Stockton Installation. Mike Rossi asked if the new officers from Br. 138 were there. Grand President Leonard Zasoski said no, they were not in attendance.
- Grand President Leonard Zasoski will be attending:
- Santa Rosa Installation
- East Bay Installation
- Marin Installation
- San Mateo Installation
- Santa Clara Valley Installation
- Orange Installation
- Andy Pappani will be representing him at the San Bernardino Installation
- Vince Piro will be representing him at the Central Coast Installation and Contra Costa Installation
- Grand President will be in the office on Jan 18, 19 and possibly the 20th.
- Finance meeting on February 10
- Mike Rossi asked about the reviews for the staff. Grand President Leonard Zasoski said they will be occurring January 18 – 20.

Grand Treasurer –Deborah Rodondi

- The final 2016 budget is still being worked on. It will be a deficit as we were too enthusiastic about lowering costs. The deficit will be about \$20,000.

Deputy Chairperson – Andy Pappani

- Andy Pappani is working on arranging another district deputy meeting. He is also working on a statute change for changing the name deputy to mentor. The statute changes will be sent out to the Central Council prior to February meeting.
- Roselynn Jarrett gave him the results from the convention surveys regarding districts who want workshops – 6 districts would like workshops.
- Br. 169 Ventura – called the office and will be sending six months of dues, as they are talking about closing. Anne Interrante and Lou Mages will be checking in on the branch.
- Br. 38 San Francisco – will have a membership drive. The priest gave his okay. They want to keep branch open, they need newer members.
- Br. 185 Fresno– priest has okayed doing a membership drive. Andy Pappani will go in March.
- Br. 367 Las Vegas – decided to close. The branch will have a fundraiser on January 14 and will close on January 15. Charlene sent out letters to the members.
- Br. 50 San Francisco – didn't go to the Installation. The branch may close, as George Bacigalupi passed away. They asked the office for labels to send out dues notices. Andy Pappani will talk to the finance secretary to see what's going on. The branch has 73 members.
- Br. 163 – San Mateo. Deborah Rodondi read the letter asking that the branch wants to close. Most of their active members are in their 80s and 90s. They have membership but they don't attend the meetings. The branch has 98 members, however many of them live out of the area. Deborah Rodondi said 13 – 14 members come to the meetings. She is the deputy. Vince Piro said that's a lot of members to lose. He suggested a change in leadership could create a new opportunity. Andy Pappani said there are 33 members under the age of 70. Vince Piro said we should try and meet with the pastor and discuss revitalizing the branch. Andy Pappani will consider this. Msgr. Cardelli asked where the closest branch is? Deborah Rodondi said the two closest branches are San Carlos and Burlingame. Deborah Rodondi has been reporting on her deputy report that the branch is going to fold. Vince Piro suggested maybe we need to reconsider having an Executive Director/Field Director. Grand President Leonard Zasoski said we should be looking at presidents who have been in longer than 5 years. Deborah Rodondi suggested we automatically transfer members when the branch closes and send them dues notice for the new branch. We would be more proactive than just sending a suggestion of new branches to transfer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Expansion – Mike Rossi

- Santa Clara – St. Christopher. The pastor really wants the ICF. Mike Rossi hasn't heard anything from the pastor. Mike said that Carmen Kilcullen and David Botta had the same experience where they never heard from the pastor. For the time being, Mike is dropping this.
- St. Anthony in San Jose – will make contact.
- Half Moon Bay – Mike Rossi still needs to make contact with Fr. Privitelli. San Mateo District will have a formal meeting in February and Mike will try to attend to meet Father.
- San Bernardino – Anne Interrante making contact in Moreno Valley, Riverside, and Palm Springs.
- Orange – St. Kilian, Mission Viejo – still waiting to make contact with pastor.
- Whittier. St. Bruno – pastor wants us to come in June.
- Las Vegas – expansion committee wants to expand in Las Vegas. The committee wants to talk to Bishop Pepe about parishes to go to. Several people thought we should put the effort into expansion in the area.
- Reno – we should try to establish a larger foothold here, also. The committee will work with Bishop Calvo and Charlyne Pacini to find churches. Leonard Rossi suggested revisiting Sparks where we had a branch and Carson City where we tried to establish a branch.
- Santa Rosa – Mike Rossi called Carmen Kilcullen who said she doesn't see anything new here. Rohnert Park is getting a new pastor. Carmen wants to wait until he is there to make contact.
- San Diego – Anne Interrante has been trying to work with the Central Council members and hasn't been successful. Mike Rossi asked Andy Pappani to talk to the district when he's there at the Installation.
- Expansion committee has an extensive online collection of modules on officer duties and making them available to the branches. They are good sources of information. Mike Rossi suggested putting them on

the ICF website. He will send us the modules to look at and then will work on uploading them on to the website.

Membership – Vince Piro

- The committee sent a letter in the quarterly report about holding a membership drive, this month. The committee placed articles in the December and January Bollettinos. Vince Piro worked with Charlene on the issues regarding the incentive program.

By-Laws and Rituals - Leonard Rossi

- The committee met and reviewed and rewrote the articles of incorporation. They will be sent out to Central Council members to vote on at the February meeting. Changes that have been made to statutes over the years were never sent to the State of California to update the articles of incorporation.
- The committee will meet again in March to look at by-laws and then bring any changes to the June meeting.
- The committee will have a yearly review at the October Central Council meeting to keep the articles updated.
- After we make the changes in February, the articles of incorporation must go to our lawyer to be notarized and sent to the State of California.

Finance Report-Deborah Rodondi

- Deborah Rodondi is working on the dues. She has sent out ideas for dues to the committee to discuss at their February meeting.
- Bonding of the officers. Br. 445 received a quote about bonding insurance possibly from the office. Mike Rossi asked about it. Deborah Rodondi didn't realize they had received a quote. One officer wants to be bonded. It doesn't make sense to bond the officers for the small amount of money that is handled.

Public Relations – Lauren Kilcullen

- Aaron Del Monte updated the website to take off the password protection on the officers' portal.

Task Force –Vince Piro

- The next committee meeting will be about reviewing the strategic plan and updating it and draft a new plan/goals for the next 3 years.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Open House – do we have a date? Maybe after the June Central Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

ACTION ON COMMUNICATIONS

- None

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Msgr. Cardelli asked about David Botta. Mike Rossi talked to him, today, and said that he is doing well.
- Denise Antonowicz asked for prayers for her nephew who is undergoing brain surgery.
- Leonard Rossi said the new Bishop of Orange is a member of the Order of St. Lazarus.
- Grand President Leonard Zasoski's mom turned 90 on January 3.

CLOSING PRAYER led by Msgr. Cardelli.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: 7:30 PM by Grand President Leonard Zasoski.

Next Executive Committee meeting is Feb. 10, 2016 at 4:30 PM in the office.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lauren Kilcullen,
Grand Secretary*