

**Executive Committee    APPROVED**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 31 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Grand President Leonard Zasoski at 7:00 PM.

**Opening Prayer** –Led by Mike Rossi.

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

**Meeting Minutes:** The March 10 minutes are forthcoming.

**Communications:**

- Invitation to purchase Dinner Tickets for the Madonna del Lume at Sts. Peter and Paul

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

- None

***Grand President – Leonard Zasoski***

- The Grand President visited:
  - Br. 214 – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Branch has increased by 14 members
  - Stockton Bishop’s Day
  - March 23 – Br. 217 Redlands Anniversary
- The Grand President will be visiting these upcoming events:
  - Finance meeting and task force meeting – April 1
  - April 20 - Br. 215’s 50th Anniversary
  - April 23 – San Francisco / San Mateo Archbishop’s Day
- Grand President Leonard Zasoski, Jr will appoint someone to attend the following:
  - April 27 and 30 – Chicago Installation and Bishop’s Day – Denise Antonowicz may attend Bishop’s Day
  - May 6 – Br. 12 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (date has been changed to April 30)
  - May 7 – Br. 213 S San Francisco 50<sup>th</sup>

***Grand Treasurer –Deborah Rodondi***

- Deborah Rodondi distributed the budget. Membership expenses have exceeded the budget due to the incentive program that was approved after the budget was finalized. Teleconferencing expenses are higher because of the initial yearly payment. Everything else is in line.

***Deputy Chairperson –Andy Pappani***

- The District Deputy meeting had to be canceled. It will be rescheduled for April 26.
- Andy Pappani attended the March 9 meeting of Br. 163. 14 members were in attendance. Letters had been sent out about the meeting. The office sent out vote cards regarding closing the branch. The deadline was March 30 to return the cards. The majority of the members are voting to close. The branch is working on transferring the members to other branches. About 80% of the membership will transfer.
- Br. 4 San Jose still losing members. Andy attended their St. Joseph’s Table. Only 2 members helped put on the event. They have about 35 members total.
- Br. 433 Tucson has 20 members. The branch is going to do a membership drive on April 9. Andy will go to help.

- Br. 185 Fresno– Vince Piro is working on getting a meeting with the pastor.
- Mike Rossi asked about Br. 38, San Francisco. Andy Pappani said they will be having a membership drive. Br. 50, San Francisco, is doing well.
- Br. 169 Ventura – Anne Interrante has been working on this. They have all their officers. They are feeling that they had pressure to donate to ICF charities. The members have decided to stay open.
- Br. 241, Covina – may let this branch go.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### ***Expansion – Anne Interrante***

- Northern California – pursuing St. Christopher and St. Anthony in San Jose and Assumption in San Leandro.
- Southern California – Immaculate Conception in Monrovia. Neal di Leva is helping with this.
- St. Dorothy in Glendora. It was branch 179.
- St. Monica in Santa Monica was referred by LA District. This was Br. 62. Anne is calling next week.
- St. Bruno in Whittier. Will be reaching out in June. It was Br. 177.
- St. Kilian Mission Viejo – the pastor is moving to another parish. It was Br. 393. Anne is waiting for guidance from Orange District
- San Bernardino – Jack Grisafe moved to Riverside. St. Catherine of Alexandria, which was Br. 205. Anne talked to the pastoral council. The parish has several ethnic groups. They have a lot of Italians in the parish
- St. Francis of Assisi in La Quinta. This was on a list of parishes that Bishop Barnes gave the committee. Anne contacted the parish
- St. Theresa of Calcutta in Winchester. It’s a small parish. San Bernardino District President lives there.
- Las Vegas – Lou Mages sent a letter to Bishop Pepe asking for potential parishes.
- Anne Interrante talked to the Stockton District for possible leads.
- Grand President Leonard Zasoski said that we give banners in 2 years to new branches. It is thought that the banners should be given after one year. To save money, Grand President Leonard Zasoski suggested having the branch name velcroid on the banner. Deborah Rodondi thought it would be too tacky. Motion is to give the branches (get list from Anne Interrante) their banners at the convention after one year. Vince Piro/Mike Rossi. Passed. Mike Rossi also suggested giving the branches a cardboard storage tube for the banners to keep them clean.

### ***Membership -Vince Piro***

- The total membership is 9552 members. For the last 6 months of 2016, we were at a net gain. We’ve gone from 7% loss per year to less than 2% loss last year.
- Andy Pappani and Dante Galeazzi did a membership presentation at East Bay.
- Mike Rossi said the \$30 award for 5 new members isn’t being publicized enough. So far, 8 people have received \$30.

### ***By-Laws and Rituals-Leonard Zasoski***

- Grand President Leonard Zasoski is working on a few statute changes. One is that the Grand President shouldn’t have to run for office during their term. Another potential change is giving the Grand President the option to use Member Emeritus or Life Emeritus as chair people if there are not enough active Central Council members.

***Finance Report-Deborah Rodondi***

- The Finance Committee is looking at dues, tomorrow, at their meeting.

***Public Relations – Lauren Kilcullen***

- Mike Rossi asked about advertising in Diocesan newspapers. Lauren Kilcullen will find out costs.
- The officer slides need to be put on the front page of the website. The photos should be changed every few months, also, along with photos of past conventions.

***Task Force –Vince Piro***

- The committee did an evaluation of the Strategic Plan at their meeting. The plan will be discussed more tomorrow.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- June Central Council Meeting is June 10 at Holy Angels, Colma. Executive Committee on June 9, 4:30 PM.
- June 11 – open house at office.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- May 13 – Executive Committee. Saturday. 10 AM

**ACTION ON COMMUNICATIONS:**

- We are not purchasing tickets to the dinner.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- None

**CLOSING PRAYER** led by Mike Rossi.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT:** 8:30 PM by Grand President Leonard Zasoski.

Next Executive Committee meeting is May 13, 2017 at 10:00 AM in the office.

***Respectfully submitted,***

***Lauren Kilcullen,  
Grand Secretary***