

**Executive Committee APPROVED**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 5, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Grand President Leonard Zasoski at 10:00 AM.

**Opening Prayer** –Led by Vince Piro.

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

**Meeting Minutes:** July 14, 2017 minutes are approved as written.

**Communications:**

1. Invitation to the St. John’s Seminary Annual Awards Gala on September 23. Ticket price is \$300

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

None

***Grand President – Leonard Zasoski***

- Grand President Leonard Zasoski attended the following functions:
  - July 28 - Golf Tournament. Leonard Rossi said the event has been going on 18 years. Grand President Zasoski asked if we can find out how much money has been raised through the years.
  - Br. 14, Crockett – 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Grand President Leonard Zasoski will be attending the following functions:
  - August 5: Nite for Seminarians
  - August 31 – September 3: Convention in Sacramento

***Grand Treasurer –Deborah Rodondi***

- The budget was discussed.
- The dues are still coming in. The postage is a bit high. Everything else is looking good.
- Denise Antonowicz asked about the office scanning documents and sending to Central Council members instead of mailing documents. Deborah Rodondi thinks this is doable.

***Mentor Chairperson –Andy Pappani***

- Andy wants to have another mentor phone call this month.
- Troubled branches:
- Br. 428 – Sutter Creek. Andy Pappani heard via word of mouth that they want to close. Charlene received a phone call from the president saying the branch wants to close. Vince Piro will investigate. Some members from the closed Br. 418 – Holy Spirit branch had transferred to this branch.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

***Expansion – Mike Rossi - GP***

- The committee has a meeting on August 16. They are receiving some feedback from parishes interested in starting branches. Grand President Zasoski will talk to the parish in Bakersfield about a new branch after the Convention.

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

- The ICF is down 316 members year to date. Of those, 890 were cancellations. We received 936 new members, reinstated 40 members. We have deceased 233.
- The committee's emphasis is going to be on retention. Deborah Rodondi has noticed that a lot of new members drop after the first year. There's something that they think they're joining that is different the actual. Vince Piro has called district presidents about having a retention workshop, but hasn't received good feedback.
- Vince Piro likes what Anne Interrante did with expansion, last year, and wants membership to be a more aggressive committee.

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

- None.

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

- Deborah is working with BofA to get checking accounts set-up. If she doesn't hear from them by the first of the week, she's going to look for another bank.

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

- Deborah Rodondi said the price of the Bollettino needs to be changed from \$6 to \$20 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> page.
- Deborah Rodondi asked about why advertisers have cancelled. She has a list of 7 advertisers that have cancelled. Lauren Kilcullen hadn't heard anything about this. She'll ask Patty.
- Lauren Kilcullen said that Aaron Del Monte, Web Producer, will be presenting at the Public Relations workshop at the Convention.

### ***Task Force –Vince Piro***

- The strategic plan was voted in June. Vince Piro will send the edits from the June Central Council meeting to Charlene. He wants Charlene to put the Strategic Plan in the delegate packets. Grand President Zasoski said that it should be double sided. Deborah Rodondi and Denise Antonowicz will be stuffing the packets on August 24. Grand President Zasoski will print 350 Strategic Plans for the convention and workshops. Vince Piro will send to Lauren Kilcullen to put on the website.
- Vince Piro and Andy Pappani will work on their workshop, this week.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Branches to be excused/fined. Tabled from last month:
  - Br. 67 – have sent not sent in per capita. They are not in good standing. Motion not to seat them. Deborah Rodondi/Denise Antonowicz. Passed. Motion not to fine them. Deborah Rodondi/Andy Pappani. Passed.
  - Br. 382 – North Hollywood – Motion to excuse. Deborah Rodondi/Vince Piro. Passed.
  - Br. 418 – Itasca, IL. – 11 members are delinquent. Motion to excuse. Deborah Rodondi/Leonard Rossi. Passed.
- New Branches to be excused/fines:
  - Br. 439 – Chicago. Charlene reached Anna who said they are not coming. Anna cannot come for health reasons. No other members can attend. Motion to fine. Deborah Rodondi/Andy Pappani. Grand President Zasoski asked how many members the branch has. There are 124 members, some might be children. We're not sure what the adult membership is. For last year's financials, they had \$16,000. Deborah Rodondi said they will not pay the fine. Grand President Zasoski asked what our recourse is if they do not

pay. Decision is to send the notice of fine by certified letter. If they don't pay the fine, they are in violation of the by-laws and we can dissolve the branch. Motion passed.

- Deborah Rodondi reported that for the 2017 Convention, we fined 3 branches and excused 7 branches, for a total of 10 branches not attending. This is better than in past years. Grand President Zasoski suggested sending a convention packet, souvenir book, and a letter to these 10 branches. Andy Pappani agreed, saying it makes them feel wanted. Leonard Rossi said it shows our concern.
- Convention – Vince Piro asked which certificates are being handed out from committees. Denise Antonowicz said 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place receive certificates at the convention.
- Deborah Rodondi asked about the Papal Blessing for Msgr. Cardelli. Leonard Rossi will look in to it with the Oakland Diocese.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Grand President Zasoski's Testimonial Dinner will be on November 18 at Woolgrowers Restaurant in Bakersfield.
- Deborah Rodondi said we should have a donation for Archbishop Quinn to the Providenza Fund. Deborah Rodondi/Leonard Rossi. Passed.
- Deborah Rodondi said the Grand Secretary can have an assistant per the by-laws. Motion to have the Grand Secretary have an assistant, if needed, at the Convention and Central Council meetings. Deborah Rodondi/Vince Piro. Passed. The assistant would not take executive committee minutes.
- Denise Antonowicz would like a calendar on the website that lists upcoming events with a place for Central Council members to check if they are attending the events. Lauren Kilcullen said Google Docs would be a good way to do this and she'll work on this.
- Andy Pappani talked to Richard Interrante about having emails, such as [GP@icf.org](mailto:GP@icf.org). Richard can set this up. Grand President Zasoski will talk to Richard further about this.

#### **ACTION ON COMMUNICATIONS:**

- The ICF will not buy tickets to the St. John's Gala

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- Please keep Grand President Zasoski's mom in our prayers.
- Denise Antonowicz thanked everyone for prayers for her Mom.
- Grand President Zasoski thanked everyone for our support for the past two years.

**CLOSING PRAYER** led by Vince Piro

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT:** 11:45 AM by Grand President Leonard Zasoski.

Next Executive Committee meeting is September 16, 2017, 10:00 AM in the office.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Lauren Kilcullen,  
Grand Secretary*