

Executive Committee APPROVED
Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Grand President Leonard Zasoski at 10:05 AM.

Opening Prayer –Led by Bob Basuino

Roll Call. In attendance: Leonard Zasoski, Andy Pappani, Deborah Rodondi, Bob Basuino, Leonard Rossi

Excused: Msgr. Cardelli, Vince Piro, Lauren Kilcullen, Mike Rossi, Denise Antonowicz

Meeting Minutes: June 9, 2017 minutes are approved as written.

Communications: Bishops Day Archbishop Cordileone thank you for \$2,000 donation
Letter from a company that creates pictorial publications

Spiritual Director – Msgr. Cardelli NOT PRESENT

Grand President – Leonard Zasoski

Attended:

- June 10 CC meeting
- June 11 60th for Msgr. Cardelli
- July 8th Br 48 anniversary

To attend:

- Golf Tournament July 28
- Br 14 90th Anniversary July 30
- Night for Seminarians August 5th
- Central Coast Bishop Day August 6th
- Thanks to Andy Pappani for attending Br. 102 Burbank 65th July 8th

Grand Treasurer –Deborah Rodondi

- Budget is looking good. Investments doing well.

Mentor Chairperson –Andy Pappani

- District Mentor Meeting 6-27, 8 attended
- Will have a meeting in August for District Mentors
- Burbank Branch giving mixed messages-older members stating should have closed a long time ago, new members saying they are trying to get new members. 22 members on roster
- Br 38 SF 24 members, some still talking of closing. Need help with membership drive, working on getting a date.
- Br 185 Fresno has been bringing in new members
- Br. 118 Montibello, 9 members, talked to Teresa Shaw, Lou and Pat Mages, they are saying demographics have changed in the area. No interest to grow or reorganize.
- Br 4 met this past week, they are done, Andy Pappani closed them that night. \$3500 to church...one of the stations of the cross in their name. 42 members on roster 18 have not paid dues. Bob Basuino is the mentor of the branch and did not receive the letter regarding this meeting. When these meeting are held District President, District Mentor, Branch Mentor and chaplain should also be notified.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Expansion – Mike Rossi NOT PRESENT

Leonard Zasoski had a report from Anne Interrante

- St Dorothy in Glendora -Pastor meeting set for July 11 (reopen)
- American Martyrs in-Manhattan Beach-new opportunity
- St. Kateri Tekakwitha In Santa Clarita-new opportunity
- Nevada-letters in process of being sent to all potential Las Vegas Parishes
- St. Catherine of Alexandria in Riverside-new opportunity
- Leonard Zasoski feels a new branch can be opened in Bakersfield
- Banners for the new branches will be presented at convention. In the past we have only given the banner and the branch has been responsible for getting the pole and stand. We need to check on cost of banner pole and stand, for us to consider it being a part of the presentation.
- Bob Basuino states that Fr. Chris Bennett of St. Christopher's has been ill but still interested in a branch at his parish. Fr. Paolo from Br. 191 has been transferred to St Christopher's, this might help on getting things going at St. Christopher's.

Membership -Vince Piro NOT PRESENT

By-Laws and Rituals-Leonard Rossi Proposals ready to go to Convention.

Finance Report-Deborah Rodondi

- Need signature from Andy Pappani and Leonard Rossi for new BofA accounts, Deborah had them sign the card so that the signature cards can be forwarded to BofA.
- To check on copy machine as lease is coming up in February.

Public Relations – Lauren Kilcullen NOT PRESENT

- Deborah Rodondi discussed the unattractiveness of the Bollettino and the big blank spaces. We need to have small stories, trivia, pictures on file...something to fill these blanks. Also the pages for the scholarship recipient information needs to be redesigned...very unattractive **too** much blank space. In the branch articles the way some were divided in two columns did not look good...an example page 24 “Larkspur, St. James Br. 161” at the bottom of one column and the article at the top of the next one.

Task Force –Vince Piro NOT PRESENT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Branches requesting to be excused from 2017 Convention

- Branch 38 San Francisco: Leonard Rossi made motion to Fine, seconded by Bob Basuino. PASSED TO FINE.
- Branch 67 Los Angeles: Table for more information. 15 members-believe all belong to other branches and have not met in a year.
- Branch 86 Chicago: Deborah Rodondi made motion to excuse, seconded by Leonard Rossi. PASSED TO EXCUSE.
- Branch 102 Burbank: Bob Basuino made motion to excuse, seconded by Deborah Rodondi. PASSED TO EXCUSE.
- Branch 169 Ventura: Deborah Rodondi made motion to excuse, seconded by bob Basuino. PASSED TO EXCUSE.

- Branch 195 Calumet City: Deborah Rodondi made motion to excuse, seconded by Andy Pappani. PASSED TO EXCUSE.
- Branch 220 Elmwood Park: Deborah Rodondi made motion to excuse, seconded by Andy Pappani. PASSED TO EXCUSE.
- Branch 246 San Diego: Leonard Rossi made motion to fine, seconded by Bob Basuino. PASSED TO FINE.
- Branch 382: Table to find out if any per capita still needs to be paid.
- Branch 418 Itasca: Table to find out if any per capita still due. No financials are on record...need them.
- Branch 161 Larkspur: Marlene Farber asked to be excused after the Sunday Mass. Bob Basuino made motion to excuse after Sunday Mass, seconded by Andy Pappani. PASSED TO EXCUSE AFTER SUNDAY MASS.

Deborah Rodondi reported that only one branch has not sent a registration in nor have they sent in a letter requesting to be excused. That is Branch 439 in Chicago. If we do not hear from them will discuss at August Executive Committee meeting.

Since Branch 4 is closing, Andy Pappani made motion to reimburse Branch 4 registration fee they had already paid for convention, seconded by Bob Basuino. PASSED

Andy Pappani stated regarding those running for CC, at one time the statutes stated that as a CC member you need to support installations, bishops days and district and branch events...no longer there. He has heard statements that you can run for CC and don't have to attend anything. Feels this is not right.

Regarding National Charity rooms at convention.

In Accounting Procedures it states the National Charity gets one night lodging and 2 tickets for banquet. Since Dr. Coates is doing a workshop Saturday morning and the Presentation is on Sunday Deborah Rodondi made motion seconded by Bob Basuino to pay second night out of Convention General Fund for Dr. Coates (Fri and Sat night) PASSED

Discussion followed regarding Laurice Levine's expenses. She is the face of Cooley Anemia and the convention goers expect to see her there. She has the blood drive Friday morning, a workshop Saturday morning and the presentation on Sunday. Andy Pappani made a motion to cover 3 nights Thurs-Fri-Sat and banquet ticket out of Convention expenses General Fund. Seconded by Deborah Rodondi. PASSED

ACTION ON COMMUNICATIONS:

Letter from the company that does pictorial books for organizations to be passed to whoever does our 100th Anniversary Book.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Andy Pappani commented regarding the proposals coming out of the CC meeting, that the Parliamentarian should clarify before bringing up proposals at Convention that CC only reviews proposals to be sure legal otherwise confusing to delegates that they think CC approved a proposal then some CC may talk against it.
- Leonard Zasoski mom doing better.

CLOSING PRAYER led by Bob Basuino

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: 12:20 PM by Grand President Leonard Zasoski.

Next Executive Committee meeting is Saturday August 5 2017, 10:00 AM in the office.

Went into Executive Session.

*Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Rodondi, Grand Secretary pro-temp*