

Executive Committee **APPROVED**
Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Grand President Leonard Zasoski at 10:15 AM.

Opening Prayer –Led by Msgr. Cardelli.

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

Meeting Minutes: March 31, 2017 minutes are approved as written.

Communications:

1. Invitation to the National Catholic Development Conference in San Diego (gave to Deborah Rodondi)
2. Donation letter for the Archdiocese of Chicago Annual Catholic Appeal
3. Email from Donning Company Publishers, who produce pictorial histories, asking if we want to publish a pictorial history book
4. Save the Date postcard to St. Patrick's Seminary 2017 Gala on Sept. 9
5. Thank you from Bishop Blaire of Stockton for the Providenza Fund donation
6. Thank you from us for the \$50 donation to the Providenza Fund for Br. 12's 90th Anniversary.

Spiritual Director – Msgr. Cardelli

- Msgr. Cardelli said that invitations for his 60th Anniversary have been sent to ICF officers.

Grand President – Leonard Zasoski

- Grand President Leonard Zasoski reported on his son's wedding. Leonard's mom had a stroke on Monday. He asked everyone to keep her in our prayers.
- The Grand President attended the following events:
 - Br. 215's 50th Anniversary
 - San Francisco Archdiocese Archbishop's Day on April 23
- 1st Grand Vice President Andy Pappani attended the following events:
 - Chicago Bishop's Day on April 30.
 - Br. 213's 50th Anniversary

Grand Treasurer –Deborah Rodondi

- Deborah Rodondi discussed the budget. Everything is looking to be on track. Dues are starting to come in from the branches.
- Andy Pappani asked how many members have qualified for the membership incentive? Vince Piro said 9 members have received the \$30 incentive.

Deputy Chairperson –Andy Pappani

- Andy Pappani is working on revising the statue change that will be presented at the June Central Council meeting.
- The District Deputy meeting date is being changed to May 25 at 6 PM.
- Andy Pappani went to Br. 433, Tucson, on April 9 for their membership drive. The branch signed up 8 members. The Priest is supportive. There is good hope for the branch to continue.
- Andy had a conversation with Br. 230, San Diego, who is having problems with some older members. Andy gave guidance on how to handle the members.

- Br. 4, San Jose, wants to disband. The branch sent a letter asking to disband. They have 2 presidents. They have a conflict as to who should go to the convention. If they close before the convention, then they are no longer a branch and can't be seated at the convention. On June 1, they are having a fundraiser. Andy Pappani said the earliest the branch can have a meeting to vote to close is August.
- Mike Rossi asked about Br. 185, Fresno. Vince Piro has left messages. The branch had a membership drive two weeks ago, but the president hasn't returned Vince's phone calls. Vince hopes to catch up at the Fresno District meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Expansion – Mike Rossi

- The committee will have a meeting the week of May 22. They haven't met since the last Executive Committee meeting.
- There is some new activity in Stockton. Anne Interrante is working with the district at 3 parishes.
- Denise Antonowicz saw Fr. Christopher Bennett. He's been very sick, but said that the ICF is coming to the parish.

Membership -Vince Piro

- The Federation has 9,426 members as of April 30.
- The committee is working with branches on retaining members. Strengths and weaknesses of the ICF are the branches.
- Denise Antonowicz, speaking as a branch pres., said that Central Council members aren't showing up to events like 50th anniversaries, etc. Deborah Rodondi said there's a lack of communication between branches, districts and Central Council concerning these events. Vince Piro said this is part of the problem. No one Central Council member has regional jurisdiction over an area. Our current structure doesn't work to promote this. Msgr. Cardelli asked if this is the job of deputies? Andy Pappani said we have branches that are losing big numbers and we need to contact them to find out why. Andy Pappani suggested a task force. Denise Antonowicz said that our task forces aren't stopping the bleeding of members. We need the districts to help branches more. Vince Piro and Andy Pappani have changed the branch deputy report form and made an early alert form.
- Vince Piro said we need to professionalize ourselves to modernize the ICF. Lauren Kilcullen suggested having a YouTube channel. Some content we could put on the channel would be the Convention workshops and convention highlights, so members who don't attend the convention can see and learn what happens. Several other suggestions were made.
- Leonard Rossi asked if it would be feasible to ask an order of priests to be missionaries, like we used to have.

By-Laws and Rituals-Leonard Rossi

- Leonard Rossi distributed the proposals and votes were taken as to whether the proposals can move forward.
 - Annual Convention Chapter XVI - Article 1. Move forward.
 - Annual Convention Chapter XVI – Article D. Move forward.
 - Annual Convention Chapter XVI – Article 8. Move forward.
 - Chapter V – Article 2A. Move forward.
 - Chapter III. Family Membership – Article 2 – Delete. Move forward.
 - General dispositions. Article 7A. Changed to 7A, 7B and 7C. Move forward with changes.
 - Elections. Article 1B. Move forward with changes.

- Chapter V Dues and Rights. Move forward.
- Chapter II Membership. Article 2A. Move forward.
- Leonard Rossi distributed the revised Articles of Incorporation. They need to be reviewed by our attorney and notarized and sent to the State of California.

Finance Report-Deborah Rodondi

- Past San Francisco Archbishop Nierderauer passed away. Motion was made to donate \$50 to Providenza. Deborah Rodondi/Vince Piro. Passed.
- Charlene is doing the tax returns for the branches. It's the branches' responsibility to do this. We should be charging for this service. Motion was made to charge \$50.00 for the filing of an e-card and the branch needs to send in money first. Leonard Rossi/Vince Piro. Passed.

Public Relations – Lauren Kilcullen

- Deborah Rodondi said that there are non-members receiving Bollettino for \$6.00 a year. Motion was made to increase this amount to \$20.00. Motion: Deborah Rodondi/Vince Piro. Passed.
- The officer PowerPoint slides are online. Lauren Kilcullen will talk to Aaron DelMonte about adding a “what’s new” on the home page to direct people to new items added to the website.
- Lauren Kilcullen will look at photos on the Shutterfly account to update photos.
- The June Bollettino was late due to issues with pdf’s and a bug in an article.

Task Force –Vince Piro

- Vince Piro discussed the revised Strategic Plan. Vince Piro will send out the draft to the Central Council and we will discuss more at the June meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Msgr. Cardelli said that Jim Jones asked about candles for the Convention masses, as the hotel doesn’t allow for real candles. Msgr. Cardelli bought electric candles and will send an expense voucher to Patty. We need candle holders. Deborah Rodondi has some.
- The Open house is June is going to be postponed. Lauren Kilcullen suggested having it in the fall and advertising at the Convention. We should place an ad in the Bollettino asking for old pictures for people to scan and send in to the office.

NEW BUSINESS

- Lauren Kilcullen asked about sending in District By-Law changes, as Santa Rosa District is changing its by-laws. Vince Piro said that District By-laws need to be sent in to the Executive Committee for final approval.
- Deborah Rodondi said that Carmelo Sabatella emailed Charlene asking for district presidents’ emails and phone numbers to invite them to the 100th Anniversary of Mother Cabrini’s death. It was decided that this is allowed.
- Regarding Msgr. Cardelli’s 60th Anniversary, a motion was made to donate \$100 to the Providenza Fund and a have shirt embroidered with his name and anniversary date (Robin Piro to do). Motion Deborah Rodondi/Vince Piro. Passed.
- This year, we received 301 scholarship applications. 171 scholarships were awarded. Everyone who had family in the ICF and whose GPA was over 3.25 received a scholarship.
- Roselyne Jarrett told Grand President Leonard Zasoski said that she has applications for all the convention awards.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATIONS:

- No action.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Please keep Marian Zasoski and Marie Antonowicz in our prayers.

CLOSING PRAYER led by Msgr. Cardelli.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: 2:10 PM by Grand President Leonard Zasoski.

Next Executive Committee meeting is June 9, 2017, 4:30 PM in the office.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lauren Kilcullen,
Grand Secretary*