

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

The first regular meeting of the Executive Committee was held at 8 P.M., February 7, 1955, at 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago 14, Illinois.

All members were present, as follows:

David Adler
Russell W. Bucklin
Ruth F. Burton
Emma L. Christensen
Everett M. Farwell
William M. Hales
Edmond F. J. Kulieke
Warren H. Kulieke
James C. Mills
Anna Rawson
Marian T. Rowley
Leone M. Sadler
William S. Sadler
William S. Sadler, Jr.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, William S. Sadler, Jr., with Marian T. Rowley serving as Secretary.

The Chairman suggested that we recess for informal discussion of our problems. We would then reconvene and formalize our conclusions. Thereupon, on motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the meeting recessed.

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The informal discussion that lasted for two hours is summarized as follows:

- I. Finance Committee - David Adler reported that his committee had held a general discussion on the matter of raising money, but no decisions had been reached. He then presented several questions to the Executive Committee which were resolved as follows:
1. Outsiders should not be approached for money at this time.
 2. Forum members should not be approached for funds until the committee chairmen and officers had presented tentative budgets in order to get some idea of how much is needed.
 3. No decision can be made on the retail price of the book until the manufactured cost has been determined.

- II. Judicial Committee - William M. Hales reported that the committee will become thoroughly familiar with the Constitution and By-Laws when they become available, to be ready to act on cases as they come up.
- III. Charter Committee - Ruth F. Burton reported a general discussion of the duties and problems of her committee. She raised a question which the Executive Committee took under advisement for study and consideration: What is the basic nature of a local Urantia Society? Are its founders to be proved Urantians and is the society to be made up of those who have read and believe the book, or shall a local society be a missionary venture taking reasonable risks with agnostics and truth-seekers and other confused human beings? We agree that we want to welcome confused human beings, but do we want to admit them to membership while they're still confused? This shall be one of the first orders of business for the next meeting.

The suggestion was made that the Charter Committee should provide a suggested constitution and by-laws for an individual Urantia Society, and the consensus was that this should be done.

Mr. Adler had to leave the meeting at this point.

- IV. Fraternal Relations Committee - Edmond F. J. Kulieke reported that all members of his committee are planning to study other major religions so they will be ready to meet the questions that come up later.
- V. Domestic Extension Committee - Everett M. Farwell reported that it was the consensus that the price of the book should be as low as possible, and the normal markup of books in retail stores was being investigated. He asked if the Executive Committee would consider selling serial rights on the book to Life Magazine. The proposal was turned down, with eleven members of the committee voting "no," two passing, and one absent.
- VI. Foreign Extension Committee - James C. Mills reported the committee would like to investigate the possibility of getting money from the Rockefeller Foundation or the Ford Foundation. It was the consensus of the Executive Committee that this would be satisfactory if knowledge of the book was not divulged. It was suggested that if books are to be given away, some should go outside the United States and consideration should be given to developing a list of prospects outside the United States.
- VII. Committee on Education - William S. Sadler reported the three present objectives of the committee: (1) Questionnaires for candidates for Leader and Teacher classes, which should be completed soon. (2) Standards for these two groups, now being worked on. (3) Curricula for the two classes, with nothing started as yet.

- VIII. Publications Committee - Leone M. Sadler reported that the committee was ready to proceed with any publications assigned to it by the Executive Committee.
- IX. Committee on Miscellaneous Activities - Emma L. Christensen reported that her committee will take over the social and welfare activities of the group and have offered their services to the Secretary-General.
- X. General Discussion - The Executive Committee authorized the Secretary-General to purchase 18 loose-leaf notebooks and paper for the minutes of the nine committees, with the committee names lettered on the back of the books.

At the request of the Chairman, the Secretary read the notes of the informal discussion.

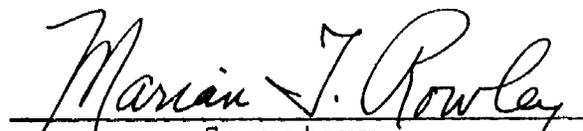
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The Chairman reconvened the meeting and called it to order.

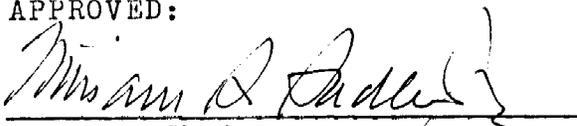
A motion was made that the Committee approve the publication of 500 copies of the Constitution and By-Laws as soon as the latter were approved by the General Council. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

A motion was made that the President and Secretary-General be empowered by the Executive Committee to call a special meeting of the General Council for the purpose of approving the By-Laws as soon as this becomes possible. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05, after a motion to that effect had been made, seconded, and carried.


Secretary

APPROVED:


Chairman