
MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

January 22, 1961

A regular meeting of the General Council of Urantia Brotherhood was held at 5:15 P. M., January 22, 1961, at 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago 14, Illinois.

The following members were present, constituting a quorum:

Russell W. Bucklin, Ruth F. Burton, Arthur M. Burch, E. L. Christensen, Edith E. Cook, Philip A. Copenhaver, Jr., Albert H. Dyon, Everett M. Farwell, Mary Lou Hales, Thomas A. Kendall, Alvin L. Kulieke, Edmond F. J. Kulieke, Warren H. Kulieke, Alfred Leverenz, James C. Mills, Ernest C. Pritchard, Anna Rawson, Marian T. Rowley, Leone M. Sadler, William S. Sadler, Meredith J. Sprunger, Helen C. Carlson, Thomas E. Wideroe.

The following members were absent:

Cathryn Adler, David Adler, Clyde Bedell, Floyd S. Bordsen, Robert Burton, Ruth R. Carothers, Luther J. Evans, Lee Miller Jones, William S. Sadler, Jr., Sylvia B. Sunderland, Anna K. Whitchurch, Mrs. Anna B. Kellogg, deceased .

This meeting was called to order by the President, Warren H. Kulieke, with Anna Rawson acting as secretary.

The minutes of the regular annual meeting of January 24, 1960, were read and approved.

The Secretary gave the census reports from the five Urantia Societies:

First Urantia Society, Chicago 141 Second Urantia Society, Chicago 10 Urantia Society of Glenview 21 The West Coast Urantia Society (The First Urantia Society of Los Angeles, California) 19 First Urantia Society\Oklahoma 31 222 The Secretary also reported on the members-at-large, now 5 in number.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the meeting was recessed for an informal discussion of business and problems.

The annual reports of the Committee Chairmen were read and may be summarized as follow:

JUDICIAL: This Committee had one meeting during the year at which the members reviewed a constitution for use by a Urantia Society as prepared by the Charter Committee; and approved the drafts of manuals for Officers and Departmental Committees.

CHARTER: During this year this Committee finished the sample constitution for a Urantia Society. Some of its members installed the Second Urantia Society of Chicago and granted it Charter No. 5. It approved Charter No. 6 for the Urantia Society Or Santa Monica, and granted the petition of another Society to change its name from West Coast Society to First Urantia Society of Los Angeles, California

FRATERNAL RELATIONS: This Committee held one meeting in 1960, at which time they had as a guest the Rev. K. David Schlundt of Goshen, Indiana, who presented some suggestions as to problems involved in presenting Urantia truth to formal religious groups. The Committee was also petitioned to identify Urantia teachings with those of the Christian Science faith.

DOMESTIC EXTENSION: At its two meetings held during 1960, this Committee was primarily concerned with formulating an answer to a request as to "What does the Urantia Brotherhood expect of a Society?"

FOREIGN EXTENSION: This Committee's members are presently engaged in surveying other languages, countries, etc, with a view as to feasibility of interesting foreign countries to translate the Urantia Book into their languages.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: The Education committee continues to sponsor the Brotherhood School and to provide teachers and textbooks for the School. The courses presented this school year were Science in the Urantia Book, and Topical Studies.

PUBLICATIONS: This Committee has continued its functions of duplicating and mailing out the Quarterly News Letters, and duplicating material to be used by the School.

FINANCE: the main duty of the finance committee is to draft the budget for the coming year, and in accordance with the plan, approximately 250 letters of solicitation were sent to the active members of the brotherhood.

MISCELLANEOUS: This committee continued to function in its many avenues of assistance wherever needed.

The Joint Custodians report a constant outgo of Urantia Books. Between gift and regular cash sales a total of 522 were distributed this past year, with a reported number of 4,292 released to date.

The President, Warren H. Kulieke, suggested that we begin to take our "instructions" literally as did David the words of the Master. If we do, then we will realize more fully that the Urantia Book's revelation is for the future, and will not be too disappointed if it doesn't "catch fire" in our age. We have

been told, too, to prepare teachers and leaders for teaching the truths of the Book, and this must be continued and amplified. Further translations are desired, and efforts are to be made along these lines. But finally, we are living in the present, and therefore, should live in such a way that those who seek knowledge and truth will be led to come to us who have had the privilege of knowing and studying the Urantia Book, for gratifying their hunger.

The Vice President, James C. Mills, reported that he had fulfilled his regular duty serving as editor of the Quarterly News Letters, and in addition, had performed the pleasant task of visiting the West Coast Urantia Society.

The Secretary continued her duties of taking minutes, notifying members about the General Council annual meeting, and the inspiring task of answering the office telephone and responding to inquiries from near and far about the Urantia Book.

The Treasurer's report was again encouraging, for donations still continue to come in for gifts, sale of Books, etc.

Secretary-General, Marian T. Rowley, gave an interesting summary of some of her activities this past year of 1960. She reported on the work of the two field representatives, and told of their visits to the Darien and Culver study groups, the Oklahoma Society and the West Coast Society. She, herself, had a good session with the study group in Springfield. Miss Rowley reported the death of one member, Mrs. Anna B. Kellogg. Miss Rowley continues to carry on most of the correspondence in connection with inquiries regarding the Book, the various organizations, and general information.

Dr. Meredith Sprubnger, who is now a field representative, reported on the very interesting visit he and Mrs. Sprunger has with the Oklahoma Society. He found the society a very enthusiastic group of individuals. He feels that any personal contacts that can be made with other groups will lead to greater communion of spirit and a better fraternal relationship. Dr Sprunger said that it is the small groups that revolutionize history. He is eager to visit other groups and hopes that the opportunity will be given him to continue is such service.

After these reports, the meeting was formally convened for business and consideration of problems.

The Nominating Committee submitted its slate of officers and Cpmmittee members. There followed a unanimous election of these individuals.

General Council Members Harry E. Rowley Officers of the Brotherhood

President - Warren H. Kulieke Vice President - James C. Mills Secretary - Anna Rawson Treasurer - Russell W. Bucklin Sec.-General - Marian T. Rowley

Judicial Committee William M. Hales, Chairman

Charter Committee Ruth F. Burton, Chairman

Fraternal Relations Committee Edmond F. J. Kulieke, Chairman

Domestic Extension Committee Thomas A. Kendall, Chairman Herman A. Schell

Foreign Extension Committee James C. Mills Leone M. Sadler

Committee on Education William S. Sadler, Chairman

Publications Committee Leone M. Sadler, Chairman

Finance Committee Olga DuVal

Committee on Miscellaneous Activities E. L. Christensen, Chairmn

Dr. William S. Sadler reported that the French translation was progressing very well and may be published by the end of 1961.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 P.M., after a motion to that effect had been made, seconded and carried.

(Signed) Anna Rawson, Secretary Approved: (Signed) Warren H. Kulieke, President