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## MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

January 28, 1962

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Regular meeting of the General Council of Urantia Brotherhood was held at 5:15 P. M. January 28, 1962, at 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago 14, Illinois.

The following were present, constituting a quorum:

Cathryn Adler David Adler Arthur M. Burch Robert Burton Ruth F. Burton E. L. Christensen Edith E. Cook Philip A. Copenhaver, Jr. Albert H. Dyon Everett M. Farwell Mary Lou Hales William M. Hales Thomas A. Kendall Alvin L. Kulieke Warren H. Kulieke Alfred Leverenz James C. Mills Ernest C. Pritchard Anna Rawson Harry E. Rowley Marian T. Rowley Leone M. Sadler William S. Sadler Meredith J. Sprunger Helen C. Thurman The following members were absent:

Clyde Bedell Floyd S. Bordsen Russell W. Bucklin Ruth R. Carothers Luther J. Evans Lee Miller Jones Edmond F. J. Kulieke William S. Sadler, Jr. Sylvia B. Sunderland Anna K. Whitchurch Thomas E. Wideroe The 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 22, 1961, were read and approved as corrected.

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

First Urantia Society, Chicago 132 Second Urantia Society, Chicago 10 Urantia Society of Glenview 15 The First Urantia Society of Los Angeles, California 23 The First Urantia Society of Oklahoma 36 The Orvonton Urantia Society of Chicago 19 235 as compared to a total of 222 at end of 1960

The Secretary also reported that there are now 6 members-at-large.

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 follows:

JUDICIAL: Mr. Hales, the Chairman, reported that this Committee had two meetings during the year.

The manuals for Officers and Departmental Committees were completed and distributed. Action was taken on a letter from a Counselor requesting an opinion on a Constitutional matter.

CHARTER: This Committee, according to Ruth Burton, Chairman, held six meetings, and on June 27, 1961 installed the Orvonton Urantia Society of Chicago.

FRATERNAL RELATION Mr. Edmond Kulieke's report, read by Mr. Dyon, revealed that no particular matter of importance had necessitated this Committee's action during 1961.

DOMESTIC EXTENSION: Mr. Thomas Kendall, the new Chairman, reported that his Committee had suffered from an almost complete change in personnel this year, but now with a full membership, will be ready for service in 1962.

FOREIGN EXTENSION: Mr. Burch's Committee has been concerned chiefly with the consideration of what language should be identified for the next translation of the Urantia Book.

EIUCATION: This Committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. Sadler, has been active. Its members prepared and distributed a brochure on the work of the School, and in September issued diplomas to the first class of Ordained Teachers. The list of textbooks for the School is growing constantly. There is an urgent invitation for more to join the classes conducted by the School.

PUBLICATIONS: Mrs. Leone Sadler, Chairman, reported that the Committee prepared and mailed Quarterly News Letters to more than 500 persons this year. In addition, they continue to prepare materials for the School, the First Society, and even for individuals who request assistance. FINANCE: This Committee, under the chairmanship of Philip A. Copenhaver, Jr. prepares and submits an annual budget for the year. It was decided that a joint appeal from the Brotherhood and the Foundation should be sent out for 1962.

MISCELLANEOUS: Miss Christensen, the Chairman, reported on the usual numerous activities of her committee members and added that they were always ready and willing to assist in any way possible.

The Joint Custodians reported the receipt of the eighth shipment of Books from the publishers. The number of Urantia Books released in 1961 was 462, and the total number released to date is 4,754.

The President, Warren H. Kulieke, gave his usual spiritual message. He reiterated some of Jesus' concepts of the "kingdom," one of which is: "the kingdom is the will of the heavenly Father dominant and transcendent in the heart of the believer." We have been told that these teachings of Jesus that have been "compromised, attenuated, modified, altered, and buried for 2,000 years will some day emerge to transform the world." Mr. Kulieke went on to warn us that if we in the Urantia movement fail in our responsibility, the kingdom will be delayed. We must help in bringing about a new revelation of Jesus with a new and enlarged presentation of his saving message--the living gospel of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. He concluded with this note of inspiration, "May we face our responsibility

with courage, determination, and devotion while we pray for wisdom and guidance for the great task remaining before us--bringing to reality the Father's kingdom."

The Vice President, James C. Mills, reported his activity in connection with editing the Quarterly News Letters, and other duties that pertain to his office.

The Secretary performed her regular duties, and in addition, had the privilege of interviewing in person, or over the telephone, many interested truth seekers.

The Acting Treasurer, Harry E. Rowley, submitted the interesting report of our financial status. money from the sale of books and free will contributions represents the bulk of our receipts.

The Secretary-General, Miss Marian T. Rowley, gave an interesting synopsis of her work and that of our Field Representatives, Mr. Willism S. Sadler, Jr. and Dr. Meredith J. Sprunger. All three had visited one or more of the Societies or study groups locally or elsewhere. Other members of the Brotherhood have also visited, and at times, addressed study groups. Miss Rowley listed 17 cities where these groups are known to exist, some as far away as New Zealand and Australia. It was reported that our Treasurer, Russell W. Bucklin, found it necessary to resign, as his move to California had made it impossible for him to function actively in his office.

Dr. Meredith J. Sprunger, one of our Field Representatives, expressed his appreciation at being able to hear the numerous reports and especially the inspirational words of our President. He added that we needed to establish an esprit de corps among our various Societies and study groups since we have common goals. He is hopeful that within the next twenty years the feeling in churches will be such that he, or someone from the Brotherhood, could be sent, or invited to, ministerial groups and eventually to churches to present the fundamental truths of the Urantia Book.

There was some discussion as to the need for getting more young people enthusiastically interested in the Book and the furthering of its truths.

After reconvening for business and the consideration of various problems, the Treasurer's report was duly approved.

The next order of business was the election of officers and members of the various Committees. The Nominating Committee's slate of officers was presented in the form of a written ballot, and after some discussion and an opportunity for nominations from the floor, the following were unanimously elected:

Officer: Treasurer Harry E. Rowley (to fill Russell Bucklin's unexpired term of 2 years)

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE Elsie Baumgartner - 4 years Thomas E. Wideroe - 6 years

CHARTER COMMITTEE Arthur Born - 6 years

FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE Robert Burton - 6 years

DOMESTIC EXTENSION COMMITTEE Nola Smith - 1 year Donna Rowley - 4 years Alfred Leverenz - 6 years

FOREIGN EXTENSION COMMITTEE Arthur M. Burch, Chairman - 3 years Robert Kirtley - 2 years Bernard Burton - 6 years

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION Kenton Stephens - 6 years

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE Eunice Mills - 6 years

FINANCE COMMITTEE Anna Rawson - 3 years Nola Smith - 6 years

COMMITTEE ON MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES Esther Barstow - 6 years

Mr. William Hales, President of the Trustees of the Urantia Foundation, reported that the French edition of the Urantia Book (in three volumes) was nearing completion. The third volume is expected to be off the press sometime in April, and Mr. Weiss plans some promotional method for the sale of the Books.

Our President, Warren H. Kulieke, gave a few closing remarks of special gratitude to all officers and members who had given of their time and tireless efforts to keep things going in regard to the promotion of our common cause, the dissemination of the truth of the Urantia Book.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on motion at 6:30 P. M.

(Signed) Anna Rawson, Secretary Approved: (Signed) J. C. Mills, Vice President