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

January 27, 1963

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A regular meeting of the General Council of Urantia Brotherhood was held at 5:15 P. M. January 27, 1963, at 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago 14, Illinois

The following were present, constituting a quorum:

Arthur M. Burch, Robert Burton, Ruth F. Burton, E. L. Christensen, Edith E. Cook, Philip A. Copenhaver, Jr., Everett M. Farwell, Thomas A. Kendall, Alvin L. Kulieke, Alfred Leverenz, James C. Mills, Ernest C. Pritchard, Anna Rawson, Harry E. Rowley, Marian T. Rowley, Leone M. Sadler, William S. Sadler, William S. Sadler, Jr., Meredith Sprunger, Helen C. Thurman.

The following were absent:

Cathryn Adler, David Adler, Clyde Bedell, Russell W. Bucklin, Ruth R. Carothers, Albert H. Dyon, Luther J. Evans, Mary Lou Hales, William M. Hales, Lee Miller Jones, Edmond F. J. Kulieke, Sylvia B. Sunderland, Anna K. Whitchurch, Thomas E. Wideroe, Floyd S. Bordsen, deceased, Warren H. Kulieke deceased.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice President, James C. Mills, with Anna Rawson acting as Secretary.

The minutes of the regular annual meeting of January 28, 1962 were read and approved.

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, Ill. 15  
The First Urantia Society of Los Angeles, California 14  
The First Urantia Society of Oklahoma 46  
The Orvonton Society of Chicago 20  
Total: 237 as compared to a total of 235 at end of 1961

The Secretary also reported that there are now 13 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 reported that, since there was no necessity, this Committee did not meet in 1962.

CHARTER; Mrs. Burton reported that there were no new Societies to install this year, but that her Committee occupied itself with preparing a statement for possible requirements for members-at-large.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS: This Committee, according to Mr. Edmond Kulieke, has two new members, Mrs. Ann Spink and Mr. Robert Burton. The various members continue to keep aware of current trends and new developments in the field of religion.

DOMESTIC EXTENSION: This Committee, under the leadership of Mr. Kendall, sent out questionnaires to the various Societies and study groups to ascertain something of the origin, methods of procedure, and other pertinent information regarding these various groups. The Committee sent gift books to libraries in 19 large cities in the United States.

FOREIGN EXTENSION: Mr. Burch, the Chairman, reported the present availability of the French edition of the Urantia Book, and intimated future problems as to its free distribution to libraries, etc. EDUCATION: Dr. Sadler, in reporting that the School offered this year two courses, TOPICAL STUDIES, Part II, and STUDY OF THE BIBLE, Part I, Old Testament, added an earnest plea for all to be concerned with getting more matriculants for the School. He also mentioned the careful preparation of textbooks in anticipation of a future correspondence school.

PUBLICATIONS: Mrs. Leone Sadler stated that her Committee now prepares and mails the Quarterly News Letter to over 500 individuals, including several in foreign countries. In addition, duplicated materials are prepared for the School and for individuals upon request.

FINANCIAL: Mr. Copenhaver, the Chairman, reported the sending out of letters and pledge cards to interested members and friends to solicit funds to meet the annual budget. The appeal was again made jointly from the Urantia Brotherhood and the Foundation.

MISCELLANEOUS: Miss Christensen stated that she and her Committee were busy, as usual, with various activities and were always willing to lend a hand wherever needed.

Mrs. Leone Sadler, reporting for the Joint Custodians, informed us that there were 235 more books sold in 1962 than in 1961, and that there is now a total of only 4160 books at 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, and Crawfordsville, Indiana.

The Vice President, James C. Mills, after paying beautiful and fitting tribute to our deceased President, Warren H. Kulieke, very seriously reminded the officers and Council members of the great responsibility, both spiritual and material, involved in maintaining our organizations and in effectively disseminating the truth which we believe.

The Secretary performed her regular duties, and In addition, had the rare privilege of talking on

the telephone, or in person, with many people from far and near who are interested in the Urantia Book.

Harry E. Rowley, our Treasurer, gave his detailed and interesting report of the Brotherhood's income and expenses, and are happy to learn that we remain in the "black." Our income still depends primarily upon freewill contributions and the sale of books.

Our Secretary General, Miss Marian Rowley, gave her usual interesting summary of her various activities. She mentioned the death of our revered President, Warren H. Kulieke, and also that of Council member, Floyd S. Bordsen. She reported the resignation, due to illness of Field Representative, William S. Sadler, Jr. Miss Rowley made an unofficial trip to the First Society of Oklahoma in November, and gave a glowing report of their interest and growth. She also mentioned the receipt of the gift portrait of Dr. Sadler, painted by a well-known artist, Gustav Likan. Miss Rowley concluded with a request for all to report names and addresses of those to whom we send books, so that information about potential study groups may be available. Meredith J. Sprunger, our Field Representative, although unable to call on the various study groups this year, hopes, during his coming Sabbatical leave, that he and Mrs. Sprunger may be able to visit some of the Societies to learn more about their activities. Meanwhile, he has been busy writing letters to, and personally contacting, numerous persons interested in the Book. He expressed concern as to the status of "Ordained Teachers," particularly relating to their legal right to perform marriages. Dr. Sadler answered this query by stating that the matter had been directed to the attention of our attorney who is attempting to come to some legal decision about it. It is possible that our graduating "Ordained Teachers" as "Ordained Ministers" might solve the problem. Dr. Sprunger concluded with the statement that he was trying in every way to interest his colleagues and the students at his college in the Urantia Book.

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, Council members, and members of the various Committees. The Nominating Committee's slate of nominees 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:

General Council - Olga R. DuVal Wilma L. McManus

Officer - President - E. L. Christensen (to fill unexpired term of 1 year)

Judicial Committee - James G. Mills - 1 year Harry E. Rowley - 6 years

Charter Committee - Thomas E. Wideroe - 3 years Katharine Jones - 6 years

Fraternal Relations Committee - Helen Cocking - 6 years

Domestic Extension Committee - Nola Smith - 6 years