
MINUTES OF THE TENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF URANTIA BROTHERHOOD
January 26, 1964

A regular meeting of the General Council of Urantia Brotherhood was held at 5:15 P. M., January 26, 1964, at 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago 14, Illinois

The following were present, constituting a quorum:

David Adler, Arthur M. Burch, Robert Burton, Ruth F. Burton, Helen C. Carlson, E. L. Christensen, Edith E. Cook, Philip A. Copenhagen, Jr., Olga R. DuVal, Albert H. Dyon, Everett M. Farwell, Mary Lou Hales, William M. Hales, Thomas A. Kendall, Alvin L. Kulieke, Edmond F. J. Kulieke, Alfred Leverenz, James C. Mills, Ernest C. Pritchard, Anna Rawson, Harry E. Rowley, Marian T. Rowley, Leone M. Sadler, William S. Sadler, Thomas E. Wideroe.

The following were absent:

Cathryn Adler, Clyde Bedell, Russell W. Bucklin, Ruth Carothers, Luther J. Evans, Lee Miller Jones, Wilma McManus, Meredith J. Sprunger, Sylvia B. Sunderland, Anna K. Whitchurch.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Miss E. L. Christensen, with Anna Rawson acting as Secretary.

The minutes of the regular annual meeting of January 27, 1963 were read and approved.

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

First Urantia Society 15 Second Urantia Society of Chicago 8 Orvonton Urantia Society of Chicago 26 Urantia Society of Glenview 20 The First Urantia Society of Los Angeles, California 15 First Urantia Society of Oklahoma 53 259 as compared to 237 in 1962

The Secretary also reported that there are now 18 members-at-large.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the meeting recessed for 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 the Committee gave considerable time to memoranda concerning the Triennial Delegate Assembly.

CHARTER: Mrs. Burton reported that there were no installations of new societies this past year, but that, in response to inquiry as to steps necessary to the forming of a society, the Committee had gladly sent out informative material.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS: Mr. Edmond Kulieke reported that at meeting of this Committee Dr. Sadler reiterated clearly the stated functions of the Committee. It is hoped that the increased dissemination of the message of the Book will soon bring about more active demands upon the resources of the Fraternal Relations Committee.

DOMESTIC EXTENSION: Mr. Kendall reported that his Committee had sent gift books to five libraries and to Walter Reed Hospital. The Committee also arranged for the reprinting of copies of "Fundamentals of the Urantia Book" which will soon be available. A teaching visit was made to the Culver, Indiana study group.

FOREIGN EXTENSION: Relative to the subject of the possible language for the next translation of the Urantia Book, Mr. Burch reported that his Committee had no definite answer. Mr. Burch gave a resume of an article appearing in a recent Time magazine in which it was stated that English is now spoken by 250,000,000 people of the world; that it has supplanted French as the diplomatic language; and that 80% of the speeches made in the United Nations are now in English. It would seem that it is fortunate that we have the Urantia Book in English.

EDUCATION: Dr. Sadler reviewed the success of the first Summer Study Session; mentioned the two courses on the New Testament presently being taught in our Urantia School; and again made a plea for more matriculants for our School.

PUBLICATIONS: This Committee, under the direction of Mrs. Leone Sadler, continues the duplication of programs, ballots, and other materials requested by various groups, and is periodically occupied with the printing of the Quarterly News Letters which it now sends to more than 500 individuals, including 16 in foreign countries.

FINANCE: The important activity of this Committee, according to Mr. Copenhaver, was preparing the budget for the coming year, and sending out letters of solicitation to interested members and friends of the Brotherhood.

MISCELLANEOUS: Mr. Alvin Kulieke reported no projects or problems referred to his Committee for the year, and thus no need for action.

Mrs. Leone Sadler, reporting for the Joint Custodians, indicated a decrease of 104 in the number of books sold in 1963 as compared with 1962. There are now only 3560 Urantia Books in inventory at 533

Diversey Parkway, Chicago and Crawfordsville, Indiana.

Vice President, James C. Mills, in addition to his regular duties of presiding on occasion, and acting as Editor of the Quarterly News Letters made several trips to various Societies and study groups. He reported that his visit to the Oklahoma Society was most rewarding. He commented upon the great number of young people interested and active, the excellent leadership, and the fine work they are doing. Some of the study groups lack efficient leadership, a fact which Mr. Mills wanted especially to call to our attention.

The Secretary continues to enjoy telephone conversations and personal contacts with many from near and far who have discovered the inspiring truth of the Urantia Book.

Harry E. Rowley, our Treasurer, gave a detailed and most interesting account of our financial condition. The Summer Study Session besides being a spiritual contribution added materially to our income this past year. The sale of Books, general contributions, the Urantia Brotherhood School, and tithes from the various Societies continue to be our main sources of income.

Our Secretary-General, Miss Marian Rowley, reported that her main job continues to be taking care of the bulk of correspondence for the Brotherhood, which naturally increases constantly. Most of it is, of necessity, handled from the main office. Copies of letters, pertinent to the various Committees, are sent to the Committee Chairmen.

Our President, Miss E. L. Christensen, in her message to the Council first called to our attention four items of interest: the coming of the first Triennial Delegate Assembly; our sadness at the loss by death of our first President, William S. Sadler, a commendation to the Committee on Education for its outstanding job in connection with our first Summer School; and finally, a reference to the fine resume of the Urantia Book written by a Mr. Auguste Berg from France.

Miss Christensen then presented her inspiring message in which she reminded us that we had been called to a great work -- that of "presenting this revelation to the peoples of a strife-torn world."..."We who are torchbearers should give to our present generation a new burst of faith... which will arouse the spiritual consciousness of all mankind to the reality of the living gospel of Jesus---a new assurance of sonship." "We, as soldiers of the circles...should become the potential unit of our time out of which the world-wide kingdom of God is to be eventually realized.""We need to be willing to be used for the fulfillment of God's purpose.""Said Jesus: 'If we would guide others into the kingdom, we must ourselves walk in the clear light of living truth.'" Our President concluded by urging us to "face our responsibilities with courage, determination, and devotion, while we pray for wisdom for the great task before us."

In the absence of our Field Representative, Meredith Sprunger, Miss Rowley gave a brief resume of Mr. Sprunger's trips to Phoenix, Arizona, Los Angeles, California; and Seattle, Washington, where he made many interesting personal contacts. It is hoped that Societies may some day be formed from these

interested individuals and groups. Mr. Sprunger continues to be most successful in intriguing students and fellow professors in his college to read and study the Urantia Book.

After some discussion concerning the coming Triennial Delegate Assembly, the Council reconvened for business.

The Treasurer's report was duly approved.

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 Kenton Stephens

Officers

President E. L. Christensen Vice President James C. Mills Treasurer Harry E. Rowley Secretary Anna Rawson Secretary-General Marian T. Rowley

Committees

Judicial Committee James C. Mills Charter Committee Carleta Wensel Fraternal Relations Committee Albert H. Dyon, Chairman M. Inez Burch Domestic Extension Committee Geraldine Kulieke Foreign Extension Committee Harold Schomas Committee on Education Alvin L. Kulieke, Chairman Publications Committee Anna Rawson Finance Committee Olga Duval, Chairman Philip A. Copenhaver Committee on Miscellaneous Activities Alvin L. Kulieke, Chairman Eva Vincent

The motion was made and unanimously carried to set August 20, 1964 as the opening date of the Triennial Delegate Assembly.

In her closing remarks Miss Christensen requested that if we had any suggestions regarding the Brotherhood we were to put them in writing and send them to the President.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned on motion at 6:35 P. M.

(Signed) Anna Rawson, Secretary

APPROVED: (Signed) E.L. Christensen, President