
ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF URANTIA BROTHERHOOD
August 8, 1965

A regular meeting of the General Council of Urantia Brotherhood was held at 8:00 P.M., August 8, 1965, at 555 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois.

The following were present, constituting a quorum:

Arthur M Burch, Bernard Burton, Robert Burton, Ruth F. Burton, Helen Butler, Helen Carlson, E. L. Christensen, Eldred M. Cocking, Edith E. Cook, Albert H. Dyon, Berkeley Elliott, Julia K. Fenderson, Mary Lou Hales, William M. Hales, Thomas A. Kendall, Alvin L. Kulieke, Lucile Kulieke, Alfred Leverenz, Ernest C. Pritchard, Anna Rawson, Marian T. Rowley, Leone M. Sadler, Willam S. Sadler, John J. Seres, Frank Sgaraglino, Meredith J. Sprunger, Robert Steen, Kenton E. Stephens, Ruth Sweely, Thomas E. Wideroe.

The following members were absent:

Clyde Goodman, Edmond F. J. Kulieke, Wilma L. McManus, Patricia Mundelius, James C. Mills.

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

The minutes of the last meeting, August 22, 1964, were read and approved.

The Secretary gave the census reports from the six Urantia Societies as of December 31, 1964:

First Urantia Society 137
The First Urantia Society of Los Angeles, California 27
Urantia Society of Glenview 21
First Urantia Society of Oklahoma 55
Second Urantia Society of Chicago 8
Orvonton Urantia Society of Chicago 25
Total: 271 - 259 in 1963

There were 27 members-at-large in December 1964.

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

The annual reports of the Officers and Committee Chairmen were read. Several points of interest may be noted in connection with these reports.

The Domestic Extension Committee Chairman reported that more gift books had been sent out. These were sent to the libraries of seven of the Big Ten Universities and to the Portland, Oregon Public Library.

Dr. Sadler reported on the successful new venture of the Committee on Education--the first Extension Course of Study conducted by Mrs. Ruth Burton in California during the winter of 1964.

Mrs. Leone Sadler reported that the Publication Committee now has a mailing list of around 700 for the Urantia Brotherhood Bulletin.

The budget, submitted by the Finance Committee, according to the Chairman Mr. William Hales, was \$7,725.00 for 1965.

According to the report of the Joint Custodians, the book inventory is now only 2938.

The Vice President reported his activity in connection with drawing up qualifications for the selection of members-at-large, and his task of helping to work out amendments to the Urantia Brotherhood Constitution.

Miss Marian Rowley, the Secretary-General, reported on the increased correspondence in connection with her duties. She told of the appointment of three new Field Representatives this past year--Miss Berkeley Elliott of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Mrs Julia Fenderson of Culver City, California; and Mr. James C. Mills of Neenah, Wisconsin. A Committee on Maps and Charts, appointed by the Executive Committee, is collecting material prepared by various individuals with a view to correlating the work.

Our President, Miss Christensen, presented an inspirational and stimulating report in which she reminded us of some of the admonitions of the past. We were warned again of the tests of delay and the dangers of lack of unity, and were told of the need and efficacy of an organization to effectively carry on the dissemination of the Urantia truths. By studying the times of Jesus and his methods of procedure in carrying on his mission, we can be guided in doing our work more effectively. A combination of the efforts of both idealists (the Abners) and ideists (the Pauls) is needed. And, as "valiant soldiers of the circles" we should ever remember to display "good humor" and the "smile of happiness."

The Council reconvened for business

The Treasurer's report was read and placed on file.

Mr Alvin L. Kulieke, Chairman of the Committee on Amendments of the Executive Committee, presented the following amendments to the Constitution and By-laws which were recommended by said Executive Committee by resolutions adopted June 7, 1965 (copies of said resolutions having been mailed to each member of the General Council on July 7, 1965):

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Constitution of the Urantia Brotherhood be and the same hereby is amended to provide a more equitable representation of Urantia Societies at Triennial Delegate Assemblies, so that ARTICLE VI, Section 6. 2 shall read as follows:

"Section 6.2. Delegates: Triennial Delegates to the Triennial Delegate Assembly shall be elected in the manner provided by the By-laws of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD. Each society shall be entitled to one (1) delegate, and one (1) additional delegate for every twenty-five (25) members."

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Constitution of the Urantia Brotherhood be and the same hereby is amended to provide for nominations from the floor in the election of Departmental Committee members and to reduce the necessary number of Councilors on each Departmental Committee from two(2) to one (1), so that ARTICLE XI, Section 11. 2. and Section 11. 3. shall read as follows:

"Section 11.2. Election and Term of Office: Each of the Departmental Committees shall be comprised of six (6) members who shall be elected by the General Council. At each regular and Triennial meeting the General Council shall elect one (1) member of each Departmental Committee to fill the vacancies of the members whose terms have expired, such members to hold office for a term of six (6) years. The election of members of the Departmental Committees shall be by secret ballot from candidates nominated for each office by the Executive Committee, and from the floor with the prior consent of the individuals nominated, and a candidate receiving a majority of the ballots cast shall be declared elected One (1) member of each Departmental Committee shall at all times be a Councilor; the remaining members of each Departmental Committee may be selected from members in good standing with their respective Urantia Societies.

"Section 11. 3. Committee Officers: There shall be a Chairman and Secretary of each Departmental Committee. The Chairman of each committee shall be a Councilor elected to the committee and designated as Chairman by the General Council The Secretary shall be appointed by the Chairman at the first meeting of each committee immediately following the annual meeting of the General Council. Vacancies in the office of Chairman shall be filled by action of the General Council while vacancies in the office of Secretary may be filled by action of the Chairman at any regular or special meeting of said committee."

3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Constitution of the Urantia Brotherhood be and the same hereby is amended to provide for nominations from the floor with the prior consent of the candidates in the election of General Councilors, so that the third sentence of ARTICLE VIII, Section 8. 2 shall read as follows:

"Councilors shall be elected by secret ballot from nominations presented to the Triennial Delegate Assembly by the Nominations Committee and from the floor of the assembly with the prior consent of the individuals nominated, and a candidate receiving a majority of the ballots cast shall be declared elected."

4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Constitution of the Urantia Brotherhood be and the same hereby is amended to provide for nominations from the floor with the prior consent of the candidates in the election of officers, so that the second sentence of ARTICLE IX, Section 9. 2. shall read as follows:

"The election of officers shall be by secret ballot from candidates nominated for each office by the Executive Committee and from the floor with the prior consent of the individuals nominated, and a candidate receiving a majority of the ballots cast shall be declared elected."

5. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Constitution of the Urantia Brotherhood be and the same hereby is amended to provide more latitude for the Urantia Societies in electing their officers, so that the first sentence of ARTICLE V, Section 5. 4. shall read as follows:

"Each Urantia Society shall have a congregational form of organization and government; its officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as may be desired; and these officers shall be elected for a term of one (1), two (2), or three (3) years in accordance with procedures established by each Urantia Society."

6. BE IT RESOLVED, that the By-laws of the Urantia Brotherhood be and the same hereby are amended to make CHAPTER VI, Paragraph 6. 2. consistent with the proposed ARTICLE VI, Section 6. 2. regarding representation of Societies at the Triennial Delegate Assembly, so that it shall read as follows:

"Paragraph 6. 2. Election of Delegates and Alternates: At any time after the receipt of such notice, but not later than sixty (60) days before the date of the called meeting of the Triennial Delegate Assembly, each Urantia Society shall elect delegates in accordance with ARTICLE VI, Section 6. 2 of the Constitution of Urantia Brotherhood They shall also elect one alternate for each delegate elected."

7. BE IT RESOLVED, that the By-laws of the Urantia Brotherhood be and the same hereby are amended to make CHAPTER VI, Paragraph 6.3. consistent with the proposed ARTICLE VI, Section~ 6. 2 regarding representation of societies at the Triennial Delegate Assembly, so that it shall read as follows:

"Paragraph 6. 3. Notification and Certification of_Election: Within fifteen (15) days after the election of such Delegates and Alternate Delegates, the Secretary of such Urantia Society shall notify the Secretary of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD of the names of the Delegates and the names of the Alternate Delegates, and such notification shall be certified by the President of such Urantia Society "

8. BE IT RESOLVED, that the By-laws of the Urantia Brotherhood be and the same hereby are amended to provide for filling temporary vacancies in the five offices of the Urantia Brotherhood until the next proper meeting of the General Council, so that CHAPTER VII shall read as follows:

"CHAPTER VII "TEMPORARY VACANCIES

"Paragraph 7. 1. Purpose: The purpose of this Chapter of the By-laws is to supplement ARTICLE IX, Section 9. 9. and ARTICLE XI, Section 11. 3. and Section 11. 3. of the Constitution of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD by providing for the interim appointment of officers and Chairmen and members of Departmental Committees to fill vacancies which may occur between regularly scheduled meetings of the General Council.

"Paragraph 7. 2. Vacancies in Office: Whenever any vacancy shall occur in the office of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Secretary-General, the Executive Committee shall by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote appoint a General Councilor to fill any such vacancy and he shall hold office until the next proper meeting of the General Council when his successor shall be elected. During his term of office such officer shall have all the authority and rights of a regularly elected officer

"Paragraph 7.3. Chairmanship Vacancies in Departmental Committees: If a chairmanship of a Departmental Committee becomes vacant more than thirty (30) days prior to the next proper meeting of the General Council, the President may, with the concurrence of two-thirds (2/3rds) or the Executive Committee, appoint an Acting Chairman of that Departmental Committee. Such an Acting Chairman must be a member of the General Council and he shall hold office as Acting Chairman until the next proper meeting Or the General Council when his successor shall be elected. During his term or office such Acting Chairman shall have all the authority and rights or a regularly elected Departmental Chairman.

"Paragraph 7.4. Membership Vacancies in Departmental Committees: If, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, a membership vacancy in a Departmental Committee should be filled prior to the next proper meeting of the General Council, the President may, with the consent of a majority of the Executive Committee, appoint a member to fill the vacancy until the next proper meeting of the General Council."

Tellers were appointed and copies of the proposed amendments were distributed These were read, and discussed, and voted upon by ballot.

While the votes were being tabulated the meeting was in informal session and the President called upon the three Field Representatives present to give their reports. These may be summarized as follows:

Mrs. Julia Fenderson, reporting for the California area, expressed her appreciation of her new appointment as field representative. She spoke of the great success of the Extension Course taught last winter in California by Mrs Ruth Burton As a result of this Session, nineteen persons were subsequently

added to the membership of The First Urantia Society Or Los Angeles, California.

Miss Berkeley Elliott, the new Field Representative from the Oklahoma area, said that now that she had some information as to what was involved in her duties she hoped to have a real report for next year.

Mr. Meredith Sprunger, a seasoned Field Representative talked at some length on his activities His new status as a Professor in the Indiana Institute of Technology provides him with a greater freedom and opportunity to spread the "gospel" of the Urantia Book. His activity has had several facets. He is using the Urantia Book as a study reference for his college classes. He also has a study group composed of faculty members, ministers, college people, etc. where questions and discussion have led to some interesting results And he has been doing some writing in the preparation of a Discussion Manual directed toward a concentrated study of the Urantia Book. Of course, Dr. Sprunger continues to make personal contacts wherever and whenever the opportunity arises. He concluded with the hope that the Executive Committee might soon be able to get out a monthly periodical which would be accessible to all interested in the Urantia Book.

After the meeting convened formally, the Tellers reported on the results of the balloting on the proposed amendments and the President then declared that Amendments 2, 3, 4, 5, and 8 were adopted, and Amendments 1, 6, and 7 were not adopted.

The Executive Committee's list o nominations for Chairmen and members of the various Committees was read by Miss Edith E Cook The President asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. Miss Christensen then appointed tellers The General Councilors voted, by written ballot on the nominations as listed. The Tellers gave their report and the President then announced that the following were elected unanimously.

Judicial Committee - Arthur M. Birch, Chairman (6 years)

Charter Committee - Carleta Wensel (6 years)

Fraternal Relations Committee -- Herman Schell (6 years)

Domestic Extension Committee -- Donna Rowley (6 years)

Carl Berry (2 years to fill the unexpired term of a member resigned)

Foreign Extension Committee -- Frank Sgaraglino (6 years)

Committee on Education -- Albert H. Dyon (6 years)

Publications Committee - Helen Cocking (6 years)

Finance Committee - Florence Burton (6 years)

Committee on Miscellaneous Activities -- Jane Dyon (6 years)

There being no further business the meeting adjourned on motion at 4:35 P (Signed) Anna Rawson,
Secretary Approved: (Signed) E.L. Christensen, President