
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
GENERAL COUNCIL OF URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

August 1, 1971

A regular meeting of the General Council of Urantia Brotherhood was held at 10:00 A.M., August 1, 1971, at 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois.

The following were present, constituting a quorum:

Carl D. Berry, Arthur C. Born, Arthur M. Burch, M. Inez Burch, Bernard Burton, Robert Burton, Ruth F. Burton, Helen Butler, Helen C. Carlson, Hoite Caston, E. L. Christensen, Lewis A. Clark, Edith L. Cook, Albert H. Dyon, Berkeley Elliott, Julia K. Fenderson, Clyde C. Goodman, Mary Lou Hales, William M. Hales, Carolyn Kendall, Thomas A. Kendall, Alvin L. Kulieke, James C. Mills, Charlene Morrow, Martin W. Myers, Robert W. Myers, Anna Rawson, Harry E. Rowley, Marian T. Rowley, Leone M. Sadler, K. David Schlundt, Frank Sgaraglino, Meredith J. Sprunger, Kenton E. Stephens.

The following members were absent:

Eldred M. Cocking, Alfred Leverenz.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Alvin L. Kulieke, with Anna Rawson acting as Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting, August 2, 1970, were read and approved.

The Secretary gave the census reports from the Urantia Societies, as of December 31, 1970, as follows:

First Urantia Society 137 Urantia Society of Glenview 14 Orvonton Urantia Society of Chicago 28 First Urantia Society of Los Angeles 50 First Urantia Society of Oklahoma 66 First Urantia Society of Fort Wayne, Ind. 31 First Urantia Society of Wenatchee 16 Total 342

Members-at-large as of December 31, 1970 48 Total 390

The Chairman called for the reports of the Committee Chairmen and the officers. These reports are summarized as follows:

Judicial - Mr. Arthur Burch, Chairman, reported that happily there were no matters to adjudicate the past year. He spoke of the death of a longtime member of this committee -Miss Elsie Baumgartner.

Charter - Mrs. Mary Lou Hales, Chairman, reported the installation of a new Society in Houston, Texas on January 31, 1971.

Fraternal Relations - Mr. Albert Dyon, Chairman, reported on present changes in organized churches and religions that might be indications of a preparation for a readiness of acceptance of the Urantia message.

Domestic Extension - Mr. Thomas A. Kendall, Chairman, reported on the appearance of a new brochure containing a resume of the Urantia Book, which will be of great value in introducing the book to new readers.

Foreign Extension - Mr. Bernard Burton, Chairman, reported that this committee, like the Domestic Extension, was attempting to place The Urantia Book in libraries - -requests having come from the Philippines and London, so far.

Education - Mr. Kenton E. Stephens, Chairman, reported that this committee is making a serious effort to re-examine its function of preparing teachers and leaders according to the present tendency of Western society toward decentralization. The various Urantia Societies and study groups are being contacted as to suggestions in this respect Publications - Mrs. Leone M. Sadler, Chairman, reported on the greatly increased number of individuals at home and abroad who are now receiving the Quarterly Bulletin.

Finance - Mr. Arthur C. Born, Chairman, in his report revealed that original solicitation and also follow-up letters were faithfully sent to interested individuals for help in meeting the many expenses of the Urantia Brotherhood.

Miscellaneous - Miss Edith E. Cook, Chairman, reported on the many services of this committee.

Joint Custodians - Mrs. Leone Sadler reporting for the Joint Custodians revealed the greatly increased number of books now being sold or given away. There were 4,444 books sold from January through December in 1970. These reports are all on file.

Miss E. L. Christensen, Vice President, told of her many interesting hours engaged in Urantia activities, visiting various Urantia Societies and study groups, assisting in the installation of the new Society in Houston, Texas, and writing letters and meeting people personally in the headquarters office. She has found all these activities intriguing and most rewarding.

Mrs. Anna Rawson. Secretary, continues to find her contacts in the Urantia office challenging and very interesting.

Mr. Harry E. Rowley, Treasurer, gave a most interesting account of Income and Expenses - still in black. There was some informative discussion regarding this report.

Miss Marian Rowley, Secretary-General, gave a concise report of her voluminous duties in connection with the many details of her busy office.

Mr. Alvin L. Kulieke President, reminded us that the Urantia Brotherhood is an integral part of the fifth Epochal Revelation, and as such we must all act with wisdom and circumspection so as not to hinder or delay its growth in any way.

He spoke of the monthly meetings of the Executive Committee and the many subjects presented for discussion and consideration.

Mr. Kulieke emphasized the need for more secretarial help in the headquarters office, and the hope that we may soon be able to have a full-time Field Secretary who can travel to and from headquarters and the various Societies and study groups, and thus bring about better communication among the widely-scattered members.

He concluded his report with a reiteration of the need for all of us to practice patience and spirit unity and to continue to work faithfully for our one aim -- "the ultimate world acceptance of the Urantia teachings."

The Chairman asked for reports from the four Field Representatives:

Miss Berkeley Elliott, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma gave a detailed report of her many trips throughout the southwest on Urantia business, some of which were to Dallas and Wichita Falls in Texas; Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Newton, Kansas. She also told of the many visitors to their Society. One of the highlights was Christy's visit in May when they had a festive occasion.

Mrs. Julia Fenderson, Culver City, California also gave a full report of her many activities in connection with Urantia work. She mentioned the death of a faithful Urantian, Mrs Maria Culbertson. She too made many trips to contact and assist Urantia readers, other than those in her own Society. Mrs. Fenderson stressed the need to contact retired and indisposed or disabled members through periodic letters.

Mr. James C. Mills, Neenah, Wisconsin reported on his visit to the First Urantia Society of Oklahoma, and with Mr. Jacques Weiss in Paris. he continues to give books, and contacts as many individuals personally as possible. He is planning to resume his study group this fall.

Mr. Meredith J. Sprunger, Ft. Wayne, Indiana continues to make personal contacts with students and faculty in the Indiana Institute of Technology and other individuals and groups whom he meets in his various activities. He is hoping to disseminate the teachings of the Urantia Book further by the

publication of an article called "The Dawn of a New Age."

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Mr. Clyde C. Goodman, Chairman of the special Advisory Committee was called on to give a report. He read 45 suggestions for possible future approaches to "develop a comprehensive long-range plan to promote the study and dissemination of the teachings of the Urantia Book." He especially emphasized the need for a regular published organ of the Brotherhood, and a plan for an intelligent approach for "invading" universities.

The next order of business was the election of members of the various Departmental Committees. Miss Marian Rowley read the nominations of the Nominating Committee. The Chairman appointed as tellers, Mrs. Mary Lou Hales, and Mr. K. David Schlundt who passed out ballots. The Chairman asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. The Councilors then proceeded to vote. The tellers reported that of the 34 members present 33 had voted for those suggested by the Nominating Committee. There was one abstention. The Chairman then announced that the following were duly elected:

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE 6 years, Arthur M. Burch, Chairman 2 years Burton Harris

CHARTER COMMITTEE 6 years, Herman A. Schell

FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE 6 years, Frank Sgaraglino

DOMESTIC EXTENSION COMMITTEE 6 years, Donna Rowley

FOREIGN EXTENSION COMMITTEE 6 years, Hazel Cunningham

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION 6 years, Albert H. Dyon

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE 6 years, Helen C. Carlson

FINANCE COMMITTEE 6 years, Florence Burton

COMMITTEE ON MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES 6 years, Edithe Born

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept with thanks the report of the Advisory Committee and that it continue with its purpose as previously specified.

A general discussion on various subjects followed. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on motion at 12:33 P.M.

(Signed) Anna Rawson, Secretary

APPROVED: (Signed) Alvin L. Kulieke, President