
TRIENNIAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

June 23, 1976

The Triennial Meeting of the General Council of URANTIA Brotherhood was held at 10:00 A.M., June 23, 1976, at 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois.

The following members were present, constituting a quorum:

Arthur C. Born, W. Allen Brazell, Arthur M. Burch, M. Inez Burch, Bernard Burton, Helen Butler, Helen C. Carlson, Hoite C. Caston, E. L. Christensen, Lewis A. Clark, Edith E. Cook, Berkeley Elliott, Julia K. Fenderson, Scott Forsythe, Clyde C. Goodman, David R. Gray, John W. Hales, Mary Lou Hales, William M. Hales, Katharine Harries, Carolyn Kendall, Thomas A. Kendall, Lynne B. Kulieke, James C. Mills, Martin W. Myers, Robert W. Myers, Barbara A. Newsom, Anna Rawson, Harry E. Rowley, Marian T. Rowley, Herman A. Schell, K. David Schlundt, Frank Sgaraglino, Paul Snider, Meredith J. Sprunger, Kenton E. Stephens.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Paul Snider, with John W. Hales acting as Secretary.

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 3, 1975, were read and approved.

The minutes of the special meeting of June 21, 1976, were read and approved.

The Secretary read the census reports for the nine societies as of December 31, 1975:

First URANTIA Society 134
First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles 74
URANTIA Society of Glenview 16
First URANTIA Society of Oklahoma 94
Orvonton URANTIA Society 34
First URANTIA Society of Fort Wayne, Indiana 21
First URANTIA Society of Wenatchee 19
First URANTIA Society of Houston 30
First URANTIA Society of Western Springs 9

Total of Society Members 431

Members-at-Large 133

Total Brotherhood Members 564

The President gave a report regarding the Foundation-Brotherhood relationship. This report is on file.

The Chairman requested Marian Rowley, Secretary of the Executive Committee, to read the list of nominations for officers and committee members to be elected. He appointed Tom Kendall and Berkeley Elliott as tellers, who passed out the ballots. Mr. Snider asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. The members then proceeded to vote.

Upon conclusion of the voting and while the tellers were tabulating the ballots, the meeting was recessed for ten minutes.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting. The Joint Custodians' report was read and is on file.

The tellers reported that 34 out of the 35 ballots cast were unanimous for the candidates nominated. The Chairman declared the following elected:

President Meredith J. Sprunger 3 years Vice President E. L. Christensen 3 years Secretary Marian T. Rowley 3 years Treasurer Edith E. Cook 3 years Secretary-General John W. Hales 3 years

Judicial Committee James C. Mills 6 years Charter Committee Katharine Harries 6 years Fraternal Relations Committee M. Inez Burch 6 years Domestic Extension Committee David Kulieke 6 years International Fellowship Committee Martin W. Myers, Chairman 6 years " " " Harold W. Schomas 5 years Committee on Education K. David Schlundt 3 years " " Vacant 6 years Publications Committee Barbara A. Newsom, Chairman 4 years " " Vacant 6 years Finance Committee Mark W. Kulieke 6 years Special Projects Committee Bernard Burton, Chairman 6 years

The Chairman then turned the meeting over to the new President, Dr. Meredith Sprunger, who accepted his new responsibilities, promising to do his utmost to fulfill the duties of the office. He announced he planned to suggest to the Executive Committee that a monthly news letter go out to members of the General Council, Field Representatives, and Society Presidents, telling of the activities of the Executive Committee.

The Chairman asked the Secretary to read the four resolutions passed at the Triennial Delegate Assembly.

WHEREAS a substantial number of the membership of the URANTIA Brotherhood are designated Members-at-Large and without representation in the Triennial Delegate Assembly; now, therefore, be it resolved that the fifth Triennial Delegate Assembly hereby expresses the desire that the General Council

of the URANTIA Brotherhood explore the means to provide Members-at-Large with representation on the Triennial Delegate Assembly.

After brief discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and carried that the resolution be referred to the Executive Committee for its consideration.

WHEREAS the need is recognized for the dissemination to Societies and Members-at-Large of information regarding committee reports, resolutions adopted, and other final actions by Triennial Delegate Assemblies; therefore, be it resolved that the appropriate committee prepare and distribute this basic information to Societies and Members-at-Large after each Triennial Delegate Assembly.

After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to refer the resolution to the Executive Committee for its deliberation.

WHEREAS the URANTIA Foundation is entrusted with the protection and preservation of copyright and registered marks on behalf of the URANTIA movement; now, therefore, be it resolved that the 1976 Triennial Delegate Assembly formally reaffirms the unanimous resolution of the 1973 Tri-ennial Delegate Assembly in support of the legal mandate of the URANTIA Foundation in protection of copyright and registered trademarks.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried accepting the resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED that a committee be appointed to review information and make recommendations on all applications for membership-at-large after an applicant has met the specifications of the URANTIA Brotherhood and submit same to the Executive Committee for vote.

After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to refer the resolution to the Executive Committee for its deliberation.

Dr. Sprunger asked if there was any other new business. The question was asked as to whether the issues raised by Paul Snider concerning the Foundation and Brotherhood relationship should be discussed. After some general discussion, Dr. Sprunger indicated that this is an area which will be continued to be discussed over the coming year.

In response to a question concerning the status of the Confirmatory Agreement, Dr. Sprunger stated that the resolution of this issue is one of the primary tasks facing the Brotherhood. It will probably take a year to clarify our thinking and it will be discussed again in the General Council. He was confident that ways could be found to constructively aid the Societies in signing the agreement with the Foundation. Discussion followed in which various points of view were expressed.

In response to the Chairman's request for any other new business, Mrs. Hales requested that the following be included in the minutes:

"I could not see this meeting of the General Council come to a close without voicing my thanks to our retiring President, Paul, and to Mary, his generous and talented helper both at home and at 533.

"I thank you both: For leaving a home in the East, for finding a new business connection in this area and for transporting your delightful family (and their feline friends) to Wilmette upon the invitation to come and serve the URANTIA Brotherhood. It took courage and a dedication to a cause you believe in.

"I thank you also for the many hours of time, thought, and energy that you have spent on behalf of the Brotherhood; for the thousands of miles traveled and the many societies visited and persons talked to in the interests of the Brotherhood.

"As in any new experience of this nature, there have been difficulties and disappointments which I hope have been offset by happy occasions and the knowledge that you have many new friends throughout the country.

"I know there are many in our fellowship who thank you for your very kind hospitality in your home and I'm sure they join me in wishing you both a happy and relaxing summer."

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:05 P.M. sine die.

(Signed) John Hales, Secretary

APPROVED: (Signed) Meredith J. Sprunger, Chairman