
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

August 9, 1980

The annual meeting of the General Council of URANTIA Brotherhood was held at 10:00 a.m., August 9, 1980, at 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois.

The following members were present, constituting a quorum:

Charles R. Burton, Helen C. Carlson, E. L. Christensen, Edith E. Cook, Stephen Dreier, David N. Elders, Berkeley Elliott, Duane L. Faw, Julia K. Fenderson, Scott Forsythe, David R. Gray, John W. Hales, Mary Lou Hales, William M. Hales, Katharine J. Harries, James P. Jarnagin, Gene Joyce, Carolyn Kendall, Barbara N. Kulieke, Lynne B. Kulieke, Harry McMullan, III, James C. Mills, Martin W. Myers, Robert W. Myers, Anna Rawson, Harry E. Rowley, Marian T. Rowley, K. David Schlundt, Frank Sgaraglino, Paul Snider, Helena Sprague, Meredith J. Sprunger.

Arthur C. Born, and Lewis A. Clark were absent.

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

The minutes of the last triennial meeting, held August 19, 1979, were read and approved.

The Secretary read the census reports for the thirteen societies as of December 31, 1979:

First URANTIA Society 106
First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles 119
URANTIA Society of Glenview 23
First URANTIA Society of Oklahoma 110
Orvonton URANTIA Society of Chicago 34
Fort Wayne URANTIA Society 28
First URANTIA Society of Wenatchee 15
First URANTIA Society of Houston 36
First URANTIA Society of Western Springs 9
San Francisco Bay Area URANTIA Society 31
URANTIA Society of Central Connecticut 30

First URANTIA Society of Dallas 21

Total Society Members 562

Members-at-Large 172

Total Brotherhood Members 734

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to change the agenda to elect the General Councilors immediately.

The Chairman appointed Scott Forsythe and Harry Rowley as tellers. A list of suggested candidates and the ballots were distributed.

Marian Rowley, as Secretary of the Executive Committee, read the nominations presented by the Executive Committee. The Chairman asked for nominations from the floor. John Hay was nominated. There were several short speeches made in favor of the nominees. Nominations were closed and the members cast their votes. The Chairman declared a brief recess while the tellers retired to count the votes.

When the meeting reconvened the tellers reported out of 34 persons present, 32 cast votes with 2 abstaining. The result was as follows:

Thomas Kendall 26 votes Gloriann Harris 26 votes John Hay 10 votes

The Chairman asked Scott Forsythe to contact both Mr. Kendall and Mrs. Harris and to ask them to come to the meeting. Mrs. Harris arrived immediately and Mr. Kendall arrived after lunch.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to recess into informal session.

The Chairman asked for comments on the annual reports which had been sent out and there was brief discussion.

The following items were reported on in response to requests made by the General Council at its last meeting in August 1979. The Chairman asked Duane Faw to read the report on the suggested amendment for both new and retiring Councilors to sit in the Triennial Meeting of the General Council. After dis-cussion formal action was deferred.

The Chairman read the report on the Spanish Translation Fund, It was noted that the Foundation desires discretionary use so as not to tie up funds for an undetermined time. Formal action was deferred.

The Chairman read a report on the request that societies be allowed to purchase URANTIA Books in lots of five or more at matching bookstore prices with the stipulation that the books must be sold at full price or given away. In-stead of granting the above request, the Foundation directed that a discount of

20% be given to any individual who ordered in lots of five or more sent to one address. During the discussion it was clarified that this does not affect the 40% discount which societies receive on purchase of five or more books for placement free in libraries and institutions. Formal action was deferred.

The Chairman read the report requesting Standing Committees of the Brotherhood to establish and state their goals in their annual reports. Formal action was deferred.

The Chairman the report on financial sponsorship of attendees at Brotherhood conferences. Formal action was deferred.

The Chairman read the report on family participation in Brotherhood sponsored events. There was discussion and formal action was deferred.

The Chairman read the report concerning a possible amendment which would restrict any person from serving on two Departmental Committees simultaneously. After discussion formal action was deferred.

There was discussion as how best to share these reports since they originated at the Triennial Delegate Assembly. It was agreed that they should be sent to Society presidents who can then share them with their membership.

Barbara Kulieke reported that the Ad Hoc Committee on Field Representatives had made a report on Field Reps appointed before 1979, but still had to consider future appointments. The report was not final.

The Chairman and Jim Jarnagin reported on the Houston situation and described the Foundation hearing to enjoin the contending group from using the name and symbols. The preliminary injunction was denied by the Judge on the grounds that it was an internal matter. There was general discussion and unanimous support for the Foundation taking the necessary action to protect its registered marks.

The meeting was recessed at 12:30 for lunch and reconvened at 1:30. Thanks were expressed to the Special Projects Committee for the lunch.

Barbara Kulieke said that the general impression of the pilot showing of the multi-media presentation "History of the URANTIA Movement" which was shown at the summer workshops was that it was "very well received." During the discussion it was stated that the Executive Committee would determine the use to be made of the multi-media project.

There was discussion of each of the 8 suggested amendments to the constitution. Formal action on all amendments was deferred. The Chairman asked if there were any other business which should be discussed before going into formal session.

There followed discussion on various topics including the possibility of holding our 1981 General

Council meeting in conjunction with the summer conference in Colorado.

The meeting was reconvened in formal session.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the report on new and retiring Councilors sitting in the Triennial Council meeting.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the report on the fund for Spanish translation.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the report regarding giving 20% discount on purchases of five or more books by any individual.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the report on goals of Departmental Committees.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the report on financial sponsorship of attendees at URANTIA Brotherhood Conferences.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the report on family participation in Brotherhood sponsored events.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the report on one person serving on two committees.

All of the above reports are on file.

The Chairman appointed Helena Sprague and Jim Jarnagin as tellers who passed out the ballots. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to dispense with the reading of the eight amendments to be voted upon since all Councilors had received them in advance. Following the voting the tellers collected the ballots and retired to count.

The meeting recessed at 4:00 p.m., reconvened at 4:12, and the tellers reported the vote.

There were 34 votes for and none against the following four amendments:

"Section 10.5. Meetings: The Executive Committee shall meet regularly at least once each calendar quarter at a date and hour designated by the Executive Committee, at the headquarters of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD in the City of Chicago, State of Illinois, or at such other place as shall be designated by the President and Secretary--General, Special or adjourned meetings of the Executive Committee may be held at any place or time upon the call thereof by the President and Secretary-General. A special meeting of the Executive Committee shall be called by the President and Secretary-General within thirty (30) days of receipt of written request for such meeting signed by three (3) or more members of the

Executive Com-mittee. Notice of special meetings, and of regular meetings where the place of such meeting shall be otherwise than the headquarters of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD, shall be given not less than ten (10) days prior to such meeting, which notice shall contain the time and place of such meeting, and the purpose of any special meeting. Notice of any meeting may be waived by waiver in writing of all the members of the Executive Committee."

"Section 12.6. Bud~et and Appropriations: At its last meeting in each year the Executive Committee shall adopt a budget ..." (fol-lowing as presently worded.)

"Paragraph 3.6 Budget: The Finance Committee shall prepare a budget for each calendar year and submit the same to the Executive Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the last meeting of the Executive Committee in the prior year. At the last meeting of the Executive Committee in each year, an annual budget shall be adopted for the ensuing calendar year. The budget shall be in such form as shall be determined by the Executive Committee."

"Paragraph 3.8. Books of Account: The Treasurer shall keep a detailed record of all expenditures and shall charge all expen-ditures to the accounts for which they were appropriated. The Treasurer shall keep a detailed record of all receipts and sources thereof. At all meetings of the Executive Committee the Treasurer shall submit a financial report in such form as shall be required by the Executive Committee."

There were 33 votes for and one abstention on the following amendment:

"Section 11.5. Quorum: A quorum at any meeting of any Departmental Committee shall consist of two-thirds (2/3rds) of the members of such committee. All questions presented to any Departmental Com-mittee shall be decided by a majority of the members of such committee participating, or by the unanimous written concurrence of all members of such committee without the necessity for a meeting. The Executive Committee shall define a 'meeting' of any Departmental Committee in the Rules of the Executive Committee."

There were 34 votes for and none against the following amendment:

"Paragraph 3.1. Charter Fees: There shall be paid to the Charter Committee concurrently with the filing of an application to estab-lish a URANTIA Society an application fee in an amount to be deter-mined by the Charter Committee with the approval and consent of the Executive Committee. If a charter is not issued to the appli-cants, the application fee shall be refunded. Otherwise such fee shall be paid into the treasury of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD."

There were 34 votes for and none against the following amendment:

"Section 8.7. (a). Regular Meetings: Regular meetings of the General Council shall be held once each calendar year in which there is no Triennial Meeting of the General Council. Regular meetings shall be held at the headquarters of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD or at the place designated by the Executive

Committee. The date and time of Regular meetings shall be determined by the Executive Committee. ..."

There were 34 votes for and none against the following amendment:

"Section 8.3. Qualifications of Councilors: Any member of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD in good standing shall be eligible to hold the office of Councilor, but only while such person remains a member in good standing. Loss of membership in URANTIA BROTHERHOOD for any reason shall ipso facto terminate such person's tenure and status as a Councilor. Should a Councilor's membership in URANTIA BROTHERHOOD be terminated by adverse judicial or administrative action, during the period between such action and the time such action becomes final, such person may not sit, speak, or vote as a member of the General Council."

The Chairman declared all the amendments had been adopted and the constitution would be corrected.

Marian Rowley read the nominations of the Executive Committee for vacancies on the departmental committees. The Chairman appointed Scott Forsythe and Harry Rowley as tellers and the ballots were distributed. The Chairman asked for nominations from the floor, naming the committees one by one. Tom Allen was nominated for a term of 6 years for the Domestic Extension Committee. Charles Montgomery was nominated for a term of six years for the Special Projects Committee. The Chairman declared the nominations closed. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to re-open the nominations and Charles Montgomery was nominated instead for the Domestic Extension Committee. After more discussion his name was withdrawn from that committee. The Chairman again declared the nominations closed and the vote was taken. The tellers collected the ballots and retired to make the count.

The meeting was recessed for half an hour.

The meeting reconvened and the tellers made their report as follows:

Judicial Committee 6 yrs. Ellen Montgomery 33 for 1 abstention 2 yrs. Helena Sprague 34 for none against 1 yr. Burton Harris 34 for none against Charter Committee 6 yrs. David Renn 34 for none against Fraternal Relations Committee 6 yrs. Bettina Gray 34 for none against 3 yrs. Sally Schlundt 34 for none against

Domestic Extension Committee 6 yrs. Mary Burton 21 for Tom Allen 13 for International Fellowship Committee 6 yrs. Marvin Gawryn 34 for none against Education Committee 6 yrs. Helen Carlson 34 for none against 3 yrs. Marilyn Hauck 34 for none against 2 yrs. K. David Schlundt 34 for none against Publications Committee 6 yrs. Barbara Kulieke, Chairman 32 for 2 abstentions Finance Committee 6 yrs. Charlotte Wensel 34 for none against 5 yrs. Paul Snider 34 for none against 1 yr. Frank Sgaraglino, Chairman 34 for none against Special Projects Committee 6 yrs. Laura Hauck 17 for Charles Montgomery 17 for

Ballots were prepared and another vote taken due to the tie vote for Special Projects Committee. The

tellers reported as follows:

6 yrs. Charles Montgomery 19 for Laura Hauck 14 for

The Chairman declared all those with majority votes elected.

The Chairman called for any other business.

It was recommended that the Executive Committee consider holding the regular meeting of the General Council for 1981 in Snowmass, Colorado, either before or after the Conference. The Chairman asked for a straw vote which resulted in 20 for Colorado, 4 against, and 7 undecided.

After further discussion, it was recommended and accepted by the Chairman that the Executive Committee would reconsider the site for the 1981 General Council meeting and also the feasibility of scheduling the meeting for two days.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting sine die at 5:45 p.m.

(Signed) Katharine J. Harries, Secretary

APPROVED: (Signed) John W. Hales, Chairman