

URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

Memorandum

FROM: JOHN W. HALES, PRESIDENT *JWH* DATE: JULY 31, 1984

TO: GENERAL COUNCILORS

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS--ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF
URANTIA BROTHERHOOD, JULY 2, 1984

Attached you will find a summary of the proceedings of the above named meeting.

At last year's meeting of the General Council, a motion was passed that the minutes be sent to Councilors. I made the decision that, rather than sending out the minutes verbatim, a summary of the proceedings would be more appropriate. I can see no beneficial use for distributing the actual vote tallies concerning the various ballots needed in the election process. I'm sorry not to have been able to get this summary to you earlier.

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ATTACHMENT

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF URANTIA BROTHERHOOD
JULY 2, 1983

The annual meeting of the General Council of URANTIA Brotherhood was held at 10:05 A.M., July 2, 1983, at Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois.

The following members were present, constituting a quorum:

Henry Begemann	Gene Joyce
Charles Burton	Carolyn Kendall
Helen C. Carlson	Thomas Kendall
Lewis A. Clark	Barbara N. Kulieke
Stephen Dreier	Lynne B. Kulieke
David N. Elders	Peter Laurence
Berkeley Elliott	Harry McMullan III
Duane L. Faw	James McNelly
Scott Forsythe	James Mills
David R. Gray	Martin W. Myers
Mary Lou Hales	Marian T. Rowley
John W. Hales	Frank Sgaraglino
Katharine J. Harries	Paul Snider
Gloriann Harris	Helena Sprague
John D. Hay	Meredith J. Sprunger
Bill Hazen	

Nancy Grimsley, William Hales, and James Jarnagin were absent.

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

After a moment of prayer lead by Meredith Sprunger, the minutes of the last General Council Meeting of June 27, 1982, were read and approved with the following correction: Carolyn Kendall reported only on the trip to France. Lynne Kulieke and David Elders reported on the trip to Montreal to introduce Le Livre d'URANTIA.

There was a request that in the future we waive the reading of the minutes in order to save time and that they be mailed out to the members. The Chairman said he would ask for a motion when we went into formal session.

The Secretary read the census reports for the thirteen societies as of December 31, 1982:

First URANTIA Society	101	98
First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles	124	107
URANTIA Society of Glenview	25	25
First URANTIA Society of Oklahoma	145	153
Orvonton URANTIA Society of Chicago	39	39

Fort Wayne URANTIA Society	26	26
First URANTIA Society of Wenatchee	14	13
First URANTIA Society of Houston	47	47
First URANTIA Society of Western Springs	11	12
San Francisco Bay Area URANTIA Society	42	39
URANTIA Society of Central Connecticut	40	42
URANTIA Society of Dallas	39	45
Rocky Mountain URANTIA Society of Denver	39	47
sf		21
Total Society Members	692	- 714
Members-at-Large	191	205
Total Brotherhood Members	883	919

The Secretary of the Executive Committee read the names of nominees of the Executive Committee for the two vacancies on the General Council. They were: Richard Prince, two years; Daniel Massey, two years. The Chairman asked for nominations from the floor. Mo Siegel, Marta Elders, Lucile Faw, Michael Painter were nominated. After discussion and speeches in favor of the nominees, the Chairman appointed Helena Sprague and Peter Laurence as tellers who passed out the ballots. The Chairman gave instructions on voting procedure. After several ballots, the Chairman declared Daniel Massey and Mo Siegel elected having received the majority of votes until the next meeting of the Triennial Delegate Assembly.

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

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The President made his report and passed out copies to the Councilors. He commented on the departure of Dr. Robert Myers for the mansion worlds and discussed various events of the last year. The report was placed on file. Messrs. Siegel and Massey arrived at the meeting at 11:40 A.M.

There was discussion of the annual reports which had previously been sent out to all members. Gloriann Harris made corrections on the balance sheet of the Treasurer's report.

The Chairman reported on the action of the Executive Committee in regard to the marketing study. A letter had been sent to all members from Tom Kendall outlining policies of the Foundation which took effect on January 1, 1983. This policy met most of the requests which we had made.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:00 noon and reconvened at 1:00 P.M.

There was continued discussion on the support fraction and disqualified persons.

A report was made on the resolution regarding opening Brotherhood meetings with prayer. A revised version of the resolution was presented to allow chairpersons to use their own judgment and wisdom in including formal prayer in their meetings. Formal action was deferred.

Carolyn Kendall gave a report and update on the action for revising the dust jacket of The URANTIA Book.

Duane Faw reported on the resolution on job descriptions. The Chairman passed out the report that had been written by Paul Snider and discussion followed. No action was taken.

Helena Sprague asked that responses to the 5 points in her recommendation from the Ad Hoc Committee on General Council-Executive Committee Relations be sent to her before June 1984. A straw vote indicated that we should accept the report, but not adopt it. Formal action was deferred.

A report on Long-Range Planning was made by Carolyn Kendall. Discussion indicated that it was felt that a committee should be appointed to work on the planning and that regular reports should be sent to members of the General Council. A straw vote was taken and formal action was deferred.

The meeting was recessed at 3:05 P.M. and reconvened at 3:35.

There was a lengthy discussion on publicity and advertising of The URANTIA Book. Meanings of the two terms were clarified and John Hales gave a short history of the ideas that had been presented for possible implementation. It was the consensus that the group favored the resolution on publicity which had been presented. A straw vote affirmed Executive Committee policy that publicity is not wise at this time. Formal action was deferred.

A proxy from Nancy Grimsley arrived at the meeting at 4:05 P.M.

There was a request to continue the meeting from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. A straw vote was in favor. The meeting was recessed for dinner at 5:00 P.M., and reconvened at 6:30 P.M.

Carolyn Kendall read the motion on publicity and advertising that was to be presented. After discussion, formal action was deferred.

A status report was given on The Boulder School by Carolyn Kendall. John Hales, Carolyn Kendall, and Lynne Kulieke met with officers of the school from April 23 to April 25 to clarify using of the marks and many other questions that either group might have. Mr. Hales said that we will tell the Foundation that we have no objection to the Denver Society having the school. Therefore, John Hay said that he would withdraw his resolution to give the society approval to have the school.

Harry McMullan read his resolution of Unity Not Uniformity. A long discussion followed with clarification of ideas and feelings. A straw vote was taken as to the disposition of the resolution. As the majority of the members felt they could not vote for it, Mr. McMullan said he would consider withdrawing the resolution. Formal action was deferred.

The Chairman recessed the meeting at 8:45 P.M.

The meeting was reconvened on Sunday, July 3, 1983, at 9:10 A.M., with a moment of prayer.

Tom Kendall explained the problem with the Santa Barbara brochure using elliptical circles, and advised that, per counsel, it is misuse of the symbol. The conference planners have been very cooperative and they designed a new mailing piece without the symbol.

Henry Begemann discussed Le Livre d'URANTIA and indicated that a small team in France is starting to revise the translation. They are finding many corrections to be made and we need a correct new translation.

At 10:10 A.M., Bill Hazen had to leave the meeting for home. He left a proxy with us.

The meeting recessed at 10:10 A.M., and reconvened at 10:40 A.M.

Lynne Kulieke presented a resolution on publicity and advertising. The sense of the meeting was that it be referred to the Executive Committee. Miss Kulieke withdrew the resolution.

In response to the Chairman's request for any other items of business, there was brief discussion of the budget, with a request for a formal presentation to the Council.

A consensus was expressed that URANTIA Foundation be consulted regarding the preparation of an errata sheet noting the few changes made in The URANTIA Book other than typographical errors.

A request was made that General Councilors give us in advance all the things they will bring up next year.

We should consider the possibility of a standing invitation to the Trustees of URANTIA Foundation to attend any meetings of the Executive Committee or General Council as observers.

A proposal was made that we send out minutes as recorded by the Secretary for formal record at least one month prior to the General Council meeting. Formal action was deferred.

The Chairman asked the feeling about holding the General Council meeting next year at Green Lake at the time of the General Conference. A straw vote indicated almost total agreement.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:10 P.M.

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The meeting was reconvened in formal session at 1:15 P.M.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the report on the marketing study.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adopt the revised resolution on prayer at Brotherhood meetings as follows:

WHEREAS in man's historic experience prayer has been recognized as an appropriate acknowledgement of our status under God and as a constructive influence in civic, social, educational, and religious assemblies; and

WHEREAS the authors of The URANTIA Book call attention to the social and spiritual value of group prayer; and

WHEREAS the delegates of the Triennial Delegate Assembly and many students of The URANTIA Book have expressed a desire to have the various types of URANTIA Brotherhood meetings opened with prayer;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of URANTIA Brotherhood recommends that the chairpersons of the various Brotherhood meetings consider the appropriateness and wisdom of having some form of prayer in their meetings.

We would also advise these chairpersons that the practice of prayer in meetings should not deteriorate into a rule, a stereotyped form, or a ritual. There should be complete freedom for chairpersons and committee members to follow the dictates of their own preferences and wisdom in including or excluding formal prayer in Brotherhood meetings.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Executive Committee/General Council relationships with the Executive Committee to study the 5 items in the report and to report back to the General Council as soon as possible.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that in the spirit of the two resolutions on Long-Range Planning, the Chairman will appoint a committee and have regular progress reports go to members of the General Council.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the General Council, concur in the Executive Committee's reaffirmation of URANTIA Brotherhood's long-standing policy of disseminating The URANTIA Book by means other than publicizing it, (by publicizing, we mean use of mass media, including radio, television, the print media, and any method designed to bring The URANTIA Book to the attention of large numbers of people without personal, individual contact) preferring personal methods of ministry which we believe are the most effective. We also seek the voluntary cooperation of all readers and friends of the revelation in supporting this policy.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to table the McMullan resolution, Unity Not Uniformity.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to ask the Secretary of URANTIA Brotherhood to send a copy of the minutes of the General Council to the members no later than one month before the General Council meeting.

The Secretary of the Executive Committee read the nominations of the Executive Committee for committee members and tellers Peter Laurence and Helena Sprague distributed the ballots. The Chairman asked for nominations from the floor. John Hay was nominated for a six-year term on the Education Committee, and Merritt Horn was nominated for the five-year term. Nominations were closed and supporting speeches were made. The Chairman gave instructions on balloting procedures. The vote was taken and the tellers retired to count the ballots.

The Chairman announced receiving a restricted gift of money for purchase of a computer and useful software programs. He thanked Chuck Burton for the arrangements made for the Council meeting.

The tellers returned and Helena Sprague gave the report as follows:

Judicial Committee
6 years Scott Forsythe
Charter Committee
6 years David N. Elders, Chairman
Fraternal Relations Committee
6 years Mo Siegel
Domestic Extension Committee
6 years Waldine Stump
2 years Cecilia Forrester
International Fellowship Committee
6 years Douglas Fraser
Education Committee
6 years Marilyn Hauck (elected)
John Hay
5 years Joyce Henrion (elected)
Merritt Horn

Publications Committee
6 years Lisa Carr Renn
Finance Committee
6 years Florence Burton
Special Projects Committee
6 years Neal Kendall

The Chairman announced those with a majority of votes elected for the posts named.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:05 P.M. sine die.

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