

MINUTES

OF

THE GOVERNING BOARD

FIRST URANTIA SOCIETY OF LOS ANGELES

MEETING: REGULAR QUARTERLY

DATE: Saturday, Feb. 17, 1968

PLACE: Home of Julia Fenderson

TIME: 1 to 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Julia Fenderson, President; Bruce Davison Vice President; Ben Schiavo, Chairman, Membership Committee; Georgia Gecht, Secretary

AGENDA:

The meeting was called to order by the President and promptly began with a lengthy and careful exploration of all possible changes, regulations, and by-laws submitted by the Constitution Committee for the internal management, practices and procedures of the Los Angeles Urantia Society in accordance with previously approved decision of a proposal that our constitution needed up-dating.

This was a time consuming and difficult task with well defined objectives in policy making with recommendations for immediate action, without stilted phraseology.

The Governing Board wishes to express its deep gratitude to the Constitution Committee led by Bob Steen. The proposals will be acted upon at the next meeting and, hopefully, approved. Copies will be sent to all members so they will be able to evaluate them before the following Assembly Meeting where the by-laws will be presented and voted upon.

Motion #1: Motion was made that a member of the Governing Board be appointed Acting Treasurer in the absence of the regular Treasurer Helen Steen. Georgia Gecht was appointed and will act as Treasurer until Mrs. Steen is able to resume her duties.

Motion #2: Motion was made that FUSIA initiate a united study group with outlined courses for home study and class work for those students who are desirous of a guide line. These outlines may be used by leaders of small groups and by individuals. They should prove to be valuable aids in organizing new groups and in keeping them inspired to learn and grow and start other study groups. Preparation of material will also encompass study lessons for advanced students.

The school will be under the direction of Georgia Gecht. Bruce Davison suggested "West Coast Urantia College" as a title for the school. Julia Fenderson suggested that we elect Fred Squires as Dean of this college. Mrs. Steen originally suggested this college plan and is particularly interested, although she was unable to attend the discussion. These plans are in the chrysalis stage at present but we

hope to start monthly meetings on the first Sunday of each month in the near future. Further information will be forthcoming as soon as we are established.

Motion #3: Date for our Spring Assembly Meeting for all members and friends was Set for Sunday, March 31, from 2 to 5 p.m. on the second floor Community Room of Financial Savings and Loan Association, 9801 Washington Blvd. Culver City. The parking lot is located on the Delmas Terrace side of the building and will be open until 2:15 p.m. Parking will then be on the street.

A motion was approved that we ask Vern Grimsley of Berkeley to present a talk and that we give him a \$50 honorarium. Vern has accepted and will be here that day. There are other interesting surprises on the agenda. A social hour will follow with refreshments for a minimum donation. Julia Fenderson will be program chairman.

Motion #4: A motion was made, seconded and approved that the Secretary be paid \$15 for clerical expenses.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

NEWS ITEMS

A recent guest at the Fenderson home was Mr. M.V. Krishna Murthy, a director of the Industrial Consultation Bureau and managing editor of the Press and News of India, Bangalore, India. Prior to his visit with the Fendersons he had been introduced to the Urantia Book and expressed a deep interest. He is considering, with the approval of the Chicago office, a translation of the book into Sanskrit.

Julia Fenderson is enthusiastic about a new Urantia study group she is organizing in San Diego as a result of Vern Grimsley's talk there last November. In fact, there may be two, the first group being a number of ensigns from the USS Ticonderoga who have expressed much interest. The other group composed mainly of local people now has a meeting place. Mrs. Ethel Ross Cook of San Diego has offered to hold meetings in her home once a month starting the fourth Sunday in March. Julia has conducted two meetings at the El Cortez Hotel.

Thought for the day

"ATOM" spelled backwards is "MOTA"

This is just a reminder to renew your acquaintance with mota. Pages 556:7; 1139:5; 1227:1

Respectfully submitted by:
Georgia Gecht, Secretary