

First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles

Minutes of the meeting for, September 20, 1978

	PRESENT	ABSENT	
PRESIDENT	X		Kermit Anderson
VICE-PRESIDENT	X		Polly Friedman
SECRETARY	X		Dick MacDonald
TREASURER	X		Andrew Remon
MEMBERSHIP		X	Julia Fenderson
EDUCATION		X	Toni Richey
HOSPITALITY	X		Bob Hudspeth
BOOK	X		Ellen Montgomery
NEWSLETTER	X		Chick Montgomery

The meeting was held at Chick and Ellen Montgomery's home at 10³20 Samoa in Tujunga, California. After a great pot luck dinner the meeting was called to order by Kermit Anderson, President, at 8:25 P.M. The meeting was opened with a short prayer by Chick.

Minutes were read and corrected as follows:

August 6th, 1978 minutes:

Page 3, 2nd paragraph, to read: "---20%-- discount."

August 26, 1978:

Page 3, 3rd paragraph, to read: "a check for \$ 50.00 was made out and given Mr. Sydell the Hall Manager for the first month meeting which is October 1st, 1978."

R E P O R T S

PRESIDENT:

Kermit reported Toni Richey has verbally tendered her resignation as Chairman of the Education Committee. It was indicated a formal-written letter of resignation will be sent to the Secretary for the record. A motion was introduced to fill the vacancy with Bill Sherwood. This was seconded and unanimously approved by the Governing Committee members in attendance. Bill Sherwood was contacted by phone, while the meeting was in progress and approached on becoming the new Chairman of the Education Committee. His answer tentatively, was one of acceptance, but requested a day or so to think it over.

The President read the September Executive letter which optimisticly reported the possibility of resolving the Houston vs. URANTIA Brotherhood differences over the Licensing agreement, by a formal meeting of

Merideth Sprunger, John Hales and the Houston President. Kermit requested copies of the letter be made and one sent to each Governing Committee member.

The President stated he would like to see in the future, exact quotes of motions made, copied into the minutes verbatim.

VICE-PRESIDENT:

Reported all is ready for the October 1st meeting. Accomodations for all guests from ~~SFBATS~~ *San Francisco* have either been made or are assured.

SECRETARY:

Treasurer's letter requesting payment of all Membership dues up to January 1st, 1979, was printed and mailed out to all Society members.

Having received numerous letters from the URANTIA Brotherhood with copies of letters of inquiry from readers of the URANTIA Book wanting to know about Study Groups etc. in their particular areas, action has been taken to contact these people and be of further service to them if possible. These letters are referred to as "contact letters", by the URANTIA Brotherhood. Copies of all transmittals are available to all members of the F.U.S.L.A. Governing Committee upon their request.

Because of additional expenses this 3rd quarter, the customary allowance of \$ 150.00 for Secretarial expenses have been exceeded by approximately \$ 70.00. The additional expenses are listed as ballot printing with instruction sheets; post cards to all non-members advising that the August 6th meeting was an election meeting and was for members only; printing of Treasurer's letter and mailing to all members; printing of additional Executive Committee Letters and 13¢ extra postage for mailing them with the monthly meeting announcement.

An itemized account with all receipts will be given to the Treasurer. An amount for \$ 120.00 is respectfully requested, which closes out the balance owed the Secretary for the 3rd quarter of 1978. Payment was put into a motion, it was seconded, unanimously approved by those present, and paid to the Secretary.

The Secretary in receiving copies of numerous letters of inquiry sent the URANTIA Brotherhood, for answering, asked the President if he wanted copies of these communiques for his files. He advised only those things pertainate to the Society's relationship to the URANTIA Brotherhood. It was suggested that these letters which need answering, should be directed to F.U.S.L.A. members in the area where the inquirer lives. This would require re-mailing by the Secretary at the expense of at least a weeks additional time. This would seem objectionable as some of the copies of the letters received by the Secretary, are already a month old. The matter was tabled till the next meeting.

TREASURER:

A balance of \$543.51 is in the checking account, and a balance of \$434.28 is in the savings account.

There have been several very substantial donations to the Society; notable one for \$50.00, another for \$100.00 (No names mentioned)

A letter from Mary Marks (F.U.S.L.A. member) regarding her dues status and current financial problem was read and discussed. A motion was made for the Governing Committee to waive her dues payment for the year of 1978. It was seconded and unanimously approved by those in attendance.

C O M M I T T E E S

MEMBERSHIP:

No report as Chairman was absent.

EDUCATION:

No report as Chairman was absent.

HOSPITALITY:

Chairman Bob Hudspeth reported a delayed response to his request for lists naming organizations to be contacted as referrals to any individuals who may contact our Society asking for help in their distressing personal problems. The information was finally forthcoming from numerous social agencies in the various counties. Bob presented each member of the Committee, in attendance, with a neatly bound, four page booklet listing Human Service Centers in Los Angeles and it's many suburban communities.

The Chairman also reported that monthly donations have fallen off considerably.

BOOK:

Chairman Ellen Montgomery reported the record is not yet available that shows Cheryl Zents paid for a URANTIA Book for donation to the public library in Canyon Country. However, a donation Book was given Dick MacDonald to give to Cheryl at their next Study Group meeting.

A donation book was also sold to Dick MacDonald to be given to the Lancaster Public library.

The Chairman reminded the Governing Committee that an official receipt must be obtained from all recipients of donation books, as she must turn in an official report of these donations to the URANTIA Brotherhood.

NEWSLETTER CHAIRMAN:

Chick Montgomery reported there were 1103 Agondonters plus 60 foreign copies mailed out September 8, 1978. This was the 8 page Summer issue of F.U.S.L.A.'s Newsletter.

Costs were as follows:

Postage

Bulk mail	\$ 92.66)	
Foreign	14.00)	-----\$119.91 *
Returns	13.25)	
			Paid to Chick 9-20-1978

Printing

Agondonters	418.70)	
Letter forms	39.22)	-----\$530.24
Envelopes	72.32)	
TOTAL	\$650.15		
	-\$300.00)	-----Paid to Weber
*	-\$119.91		Printing, as of 9-20-1978 on acc't
Balance	\$230.24)	Owed to Weber Printing

Receipts:

\$321.00 All responses since this mailing. Approximately 33 readers.

Chick reported an O.K. from the URANTIA Brotherhood on the proposed letterhead for our official F.U.S.L.A. Stationary. (Action taken under "New Business").

The Chairman also noted on the Membership Cards there is printed a small "mm" under the concentric circles and the word URANTIA. The Secretary stated he would write a letter of inquiry to the URANTIA Brotherhood regarding the matter. Usually there is a "c" or an "R" used in this manner on names and symbols.

U N F I N I S H E D B U S I N E S S

VICE-PRESIDENT:

Polly Friedman spoke in behalf of the Education Committee stating that the paper on "Monthly Meeting Presentations" requirements which was re-drafted a number of times but finally completed and approved by the Governing Committee, should be reviewed as to its scope of application regarding the Society membership or invited guests. During the time the document was being written and re-written, the general thought was, that the paper should be sent to each member of the Society. Polly stated she now feels the outline should be given only to those who have indicated a desire to

give a presentation at a Society meeting, or to those who have been invited to do so.

The subject was conclusively discussed and a motion was made by Polly, "To use the document only in conjunction with those expressing a desire to conduct a Monthly Meeting Presentation, or those who have been invited to do so." The motion was seconded by the Secretary and was unanimously approved by those in attendance.

Polly also stated that some months ago a Goals Program was initiated but because of other pressing matters at the time, no action had been taken upon it. The report was acknowledged but again was deferred to the next meeting.

NEWSLETTER:

On the basis of the report (financial) given by the Newsletter Chairman under REPORTS, a motion was made to give Chick a check for \$119.91 which was due him--also a check to Weber Printing for the sum of \$300.00 thereby reducing this outstanding obligation to \$230.24. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by those in attendance.

SECRETARY:

To close out Secretarial expenses accrued during the 3rd quarter of 1978, the Secretary presented a complete itemized accounting of all expenditures. The total for the three month period (because of unusual expenses) was \$220.60 of which the Secretary had received \$100.00 on account. A check for the balance of \$120.60 was requested. A motion was made to pay the Secretary this amount due him. It was seconded and unanimously approved by those in attendance.

N E W B U S I N E S S

The Secretary queried the Governing Committee members about having their phone numbers listed in the Monthly Meeting Announcement. Discussion revealed some of the members have "unlisted" numbers. For this reason it was considered advisable to abandon the consideration.

The President made the motion that Executive Letters be made available to members of the Governing Committee only; as oftentimes it deals with matters that concern only the Governing Committee. This was seconded and unanimously approved by those in attendance.

Kermit also stated he felt there should be a questionnaire made available to all Larchmont Hall attendees, asking for their evaluation of the new meeting place. This was discussed roundly and opinions seemed to be divided. So a motion was made to table the proposal until the next meeting. It was seconded and unanimously approved by those in attendance.

The Secretary reported a need to have all members of the Governing Committee turn in to him in written form, their reports after they are given verbally. This makes for more detailed and accurate reporting in the minutes of the meeting. This was put into the form of a motion by Chick Montgomery, and was seconded by the Secretary. It was unanimously approved by those in attendance.


Vice- President Polly Friedman stated a need for 100 programs to be printed for the October 1st meeting. Also the need of renting an 8' X 8' projector screen for the occasion. This was put into a motion by Bob Hudspeth, seconded by Chick Montgomery and unanimously approved by the members in attendance.

The Secretary gave figures on printing and mailing of 8½" X 11" copies of the newly revised and amended Constitution vs a pocket book edition at a slightly lesser cost. After inspecting the prototype booklet, a motion was made to authorize the Secretary to have printed 300 copies of the booklet size. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the attending members of the Governing Committee.

The Newsletter Chairman Chick Montgomery made the motion that as the URANTIA Brotherhood had approved the F.U.S.L.A. proposed letter-head, that he be authorized to have 3000 sheets of stationary and envelopes printed. The motion was seconded, and unanimously approved by the Governing Committee members in attendance.

A motion was made, at 11:25, to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded and unanimously approved by those in attendance

Respectfully submitted to First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles, Governing Committee.


Dick MacDonald, Secretary
F.U.S.L.A.

cc:

File
9 members of G/C

Agenda Items

1:00 Time change (Lunch at 1:00 p.m. followed by meeting?)

Met in house with Bob Hudspeth in pass. (before) Check 341

Tax exempt status

joining of other organizations



Policy list - 3 bring notebooks
(topical)

* membership in committees

Sacramento College
location

Survey
Check at Oxnard Library
Ventura

+ Contact Ellen

- Agenda News - ? To be included -

Dorothy Hicks seminars
on alternate Sundays