

## Urantia Foundation Task Force Meeting January 16,1999

### Minutes

*Chair:* Gard Jameson

*Present:*

*Marjorie Reed, Glorianne Harris, Tom and Carolyn Kendall, John Hales, John Farrow, Sharon and Bill Beasley, Nancy Shaffer, Larry Geis, David Elders, Dorothy Elder, Bryan Snowden, Gard Jameson, Richard Keeler, Kwan Choi, Mo Siegel, Georges Michelson-Dupont, Tonia Baney, Peter Hunter, Jay Peregrine*

*Absent:*

*Lyn Lear, Mary Lou Hales, Michael Wisenbaker, Quin Frazer, Neal Waldrop, Ralph and Betty Zehr*

Meeting opened at 10:30am

*Morning Session:*

- 1) A brief introduction was given by each Trustee speaking about translations, internationalization, new challenges, planting seeds for the revelation, and the need for unity among the readership. **It was announced that the Trustees had voted to be uninvolved in the process of unifying the readership, deeming it wise to allow the readers themselves to work out the details of unification.**
- 2) The idea to start a program to bring about unification and explore developing a single worldwide entity was put forward. Extensive discussion on reader organizations, unification, licensing, and the use of the trade marks followed. It was suggested that the assistance of an independent mediator such as Sigma be employed to assist in the unification process. Nancy Shaffer and David Elders agreed to take the lead in developing an independent committee to explore solutions to the fraternal organization issues. Dave Elders has subsequently resigned from this task force committee, but Nancy Shaffer will continue to be involved. There have been no further resignations from this committee.
- 3) Discussions on the Foundation's business activities and worldwide book distribution system was related.

*Afternoon Session:*

- 4) Discussion on the Foundation's activities continued with a brief history of its development over the last 10 years and why the assistance of the consulting firm, Peter Hunter and Associates was employed.

- 5) Discussion on the Market Study results, the Foundation needs, and the impact it has had on the way the Foundation is planning to move forward. The need for a fund raising effort is required to achieve the goals. This group can help the Foundation in that effort to center on its main functions and work out how to achieve the goal of preparing for further growth of the teachings worldwide.

*Late Afternoon Session:*

- 6) Group review of the details of the needs depiction. The figure for translations and printing was increased. The Preservation Fund was discussed at length and the figure reduced. A new fund for endowment was suggested. The improvement and Office funds require further clarification. The IUA Administrator fund is to be separated from this funding effort.
- 7) It was agreed to continue evaluating the needs at the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 6:30pm

*Note:* The agenda was not completed and will be continued at the next meeting.

*Next Meeting:* 10:00am Saturday, March 20, 1999