

MINUTES OF
THE TRIENNIAL DELEGATE ASSEMBLY
OF
URANTIA BROTHERHOOD
August 3 and 4, 1973

The Triennial Delegate Assembly of URANTIA Brotherhood was held Friday, August 3, 1973 at 10:00 A.M. at 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois, pursuant to call dated January 15, 1973.

The President of URANTIA Brotherhood, Miss E. L. Christensen, presided, and Anna Rawson recorded the minutes of the meeting.

The President, Miss E. L. Christensen, gave the Address of Welcome, and the Keynote Speech was given by the Vice President, James C. Mills. These addresses are on file.

The Chairman called for the report of the Committee on Credentials. Mrs. Mary Lou Hales, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the credentials of the Delegates and Alternate Delegates had been examined and found satisfactory, and recommended the approval of said credentials. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the credentials of the Delegates and Alternate Delegates were approved. The Chairman then declared the Delegates and Alternate Delegates officially seated. They are:

First URANTIA Society	Delegate - Kenton Stephens Alternate Delegate - Martin W. Myers
First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles	Delegate - Scott Forsythe Alternate Delegate - Patrick McNelly
URANTIA Society of Glenview	Delegate - Burton Harris Alternate Delegate - Bernard Burton
First URANTIA Society of Oklahoma	Delegate - Berkeley Elliott Alternate Delegate - John Lange
Orvonton URANTIA Society of Chicago	Delegate - Frank Sgaraglino Alternate Delegate - Alfred Leverenz
First URANTIA Society of Ft. Wayne, Indiana	Delegate - Meredith J. Sprunger Alternate Delegate - David Schlundt
First URANTIA Society of Wenatchee	Delegate - Lewis Clark Alternate Delegate - Janice Goben
First URANTIA Society of Houston	Delegate - W. Allen Brazell Alternate Delegate - Adrienne Kelley

Frank Sgaraglino, Janice Goben, and Adrienne Kelley were absent.

The Chairman then appointed a Committee on Nominations, consisting of all eight Delegates, or Alternates, with Meredith J. Sprunger acting as Chairman.

The Chairman next appointed a Committee on Resolutions, consisting of Scott Forsythe, Chairman, Lewis Clark, and Kenton Stephens.

The Chairman asked for three-year reports from the Chairmen of the various Departmental Committees and from the Officers of URANTIA Brotherhood. Reports were presented as follows:

Judicial Committee		Arthur M. Burch
Charter Committee		Mary Lou Hales
Fraternal Relations Committee		Albert H. Dyon
Domestic Extension Committee	(absent)	Thomas A. Kendall (report read by Anna Rawson)
Foreign Extension Committee		Bernard Burton
Committee on Education		Kenton E. Stephens
Publications Committee	(absent)	Leone M. Sadler (report read by Marian Rowley)
Finance Committee		Arthur C. Born
Committee on Miscellaneous Activities		Edith E. Cook

Secretary	Anna Rawson
Treasurer	Harry E. Rowley
Secretary-General	Marian T. Rowley

All these reports are on file.

The Chairman then asked for reports from our Field Representatives

Meredith J. Sprunger, Fort Wayne, Indiana
 Julia Fenderson, Los Angeles, California
 Berkeley Elliott, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
 John Hales, Brooklyn, New York
 Peter Sarfaty, West Des Moines, Iowa

These reports are on file.

The Chairman then recessed the meeting until 2:00 P.M.

At 2:00 P.M. the Chairman called the Assembly to order.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the Assembly recessed for Committee meetings, to reconvene at 10:00 A.M., Saturday, August 4

During the recess a program was presented for the visitors. This program consisted of the following talks:

GROWTH IN THE NORTHWEST - Lewis Clark (read by Anna Rawson in the absence
 of Mr. Clark in Committee meeting)

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FAITH - Paul Snider

WHERE THE HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH ARE TODAY - Helena Wall

The texts of these very interesting and stimulating talks are on file.

Miss Christensen invited all present to a social gathering in her home on the third floor of 533 Diversey Parkway at 8:00 P.M. this evening.

On Saturday, August 4, 1973, at 10:00 A.M. the Chairman, James C. Mills, Vice President of URANTIA Brotherhood, called the meeting to order, and asked Meredith J. Sprunger, Chairman of the Nominations Committee, for the report on nominations for members of the General Council. Mr. Sprunger presented the following nominations:

For 9 years

W. Allen Brazell
 E. L. Christensen
 Edith E. Cook
 Berkeley Elliott
 Julia Fenderson
 Scott Forsythe
 John W. Hales
 Anna Rawson
 Harry E. Rowley
 Marian T. Rowley
 Frank Sgaraglino
 Paul Snider

For 3 years

Alfred Leverenz
 Robert W. Myers

The Chairman appointed Berkeley Elliott and Lewis Clark as Tellers who passed out the ballots. He then asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. The Delegates proceeded to vote by ballot for the election of the (14) members of the General Council.

The Tellers reported that the nominated Councilors were elected by the 8 Delegates. The Chairman declared such candidates duly elected as members of the General Council. He stated that all Councilors not present would be notified immediately that the Triennial Meeting of the new General Council would be held Sunday, August 5, 1973, at 10:00 A.M. at 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois.

The Chairman then called upon Scott Forsythe, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee for a report of that Committee. Mr. Forsythe moved that the following resolution be adopted and made a part of the minutes of the Assembly:

WHEREAS, It is an important and abiding purpose of URANTIA Brotherhood wisely to disseminate the teachings of The URANTIA Book among the peoples of the world, and

WHEREAS, To that end the text of The URANTIA Book must be maintained pure and inviolate, and

WHEREAS, It is the deep desire of the members of this Fourth Triennial Delegate Assembly that the integrity of The URANTIA Book be maintained for all future generations, and

WHEREAS, The Trustees of URANTIA Foundation, the holder of the copyright in and to The URANTIA Book, are charged with the sacred duty of protecting the text inviolate,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fourth Triennial Delegate Assembly hereby expresses its full support of the Trustees of URANTIA Foundation in every and all of their efforts to maintain their rightful and lawful control over The URANTIA Book to insure that it will be protected from distortion, editing, and misuse,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that every Society and every member is hereby urged to do everything possible to maintain a united front against those who would threaten--by the violation of the copyright laws or other disloyal acts--the continued existence of The URANTIA Book, as it was given to the world, as it now is, and as it ever must be.

This motion was seconded, and unanimously adopted, and referred to the General Council.

Kenton E. Stephens, another member of the Committee on Resolutions, then presented a second Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Delegates to the Fourth Triennial Delegate Assembly believe that the wording of the URANTIA Brotherhood Constitution should be clarified concerning the way members of the General Council may be removed from office; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Delegate Assembly refers this question to the General Council for consideration, and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following amendments are suggested:

"Section 8.3 - Qualification of Councilors: Any member of the Brotherhood in good standing with his URANTIA Society or in good standing as a member-at-large shall be eligible to hold the office of Councilor. Failure of the member to maintain good standing with a URANTIA Society or as a member-at-large shall constitute removal from the office of Councilor when the local Society or in the case of the member-at-large, the Executive Committee notifies the President of the URANTIA Brotherhood in writing that the member is not in good standing, having been removed from that standing under the conditions of this Constitution (Sec. 4.3, 4.4, and 4.5), a vacancy in the office of Councilor shall then exist which vacancy shall be filled under the conditions of Section 8.5), and further,

BE IT RESOLVED, that an amendment to Section 8.4 be considered by adding the following sentences to Section 8.4:

Removal from the office of Councilor under the provisions of this section shall not constitute removal from membership in the URANTIA Brotherhood except as other provisions of this Constitution for removal as a member of the Brotherhood (Sec. 4.3, 4.4, and 4.5) may be put into effect by the Executive Committee or a Society."

Mr. Stephens moved that this Resolution be adopted; this was seconded, and unanimously passed by the Delegates, and referred to the General Council for adoption.

The Chairman next called on the various Societies for a report of their activities for the past three years. These reports were given by the following:

First URANTIA Society	Herman Schell
First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles	Scott Forsythe
URANTIA Society of Glenview	Gloriann Harris
First URANTIA Society of Oklahoma	John Lange
Orvonton URANTIA Society of Chicago	Linda Buselli
First URANTIA Society of Ft. Wayne, Indiana	David Schlundt
First URANTIA Society of Wenatchee	Lewis Clark
First URANTIA Society of Houston	W. Allen Brazell

These reports are all on file, except the one from the First URANTIA Society of Houston which was given orally.

There being no further business, the Chairman recessed the meeting until 2:00 P.M. Saturday, August 4, 1973.

At 2:00 P.M. the Chairman, Miss E. L. Christensen, called the Assembly to order, and called upon Mrs. Mary Lou Hales, who read from the Constitution a section "Recognition of Distinguished Service" and proceeded to confer Citations on the following:

Miss Marian T. Rowley
 Mrs. Anna Rawson
 Mrs. Leone M. Sadler
 Miss Edith E. Cook
 Mr. Alvin L. Kulieke (Posthumous)

and presentation of the Van award to:

Miss E. L. Christensen

The Chairman called upon the Secretary to read the minutes of the Delegate Assembly. The minutes were adopted as corrected.

Miss E. L. Christensen gave some closing remarks.

The Chairman closed the meeting sine die at 2:30 P. M.

Miss Christensen introduced Mr. Vern B. Grimsley, a guest speaker, who gave a most stirring message on THE URANTIA BOOK - A PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE.

Anne Rawson
Secretary

APPROVED:

Emma L. Christensen
Chairman