

MINUTES OF
TRIENNIAL DELEGATE ASSEMBLY
OF
URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

August 17 and 18, 1979

The Triennial Delegate Assembly of URANTIA Brotherhood was held Friday, August 17, 1979, at 10:00 A.M., at 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois, pursuant to call dated January 19, 1979.

The President of URANTIA Brotherhood, Dr. Meredith J. Sprunger, presided, and Marian Rowley recorded the minutes of the meeting.

The President introduced John Hales who asked for a moment of silent prayer and then gave a brief welcoming speech.

The keynote speech titled "The URANTIA Book, The World, and Us" was given by James C. Mills, General Councilor and Field Representative. This address is on file.

The Chairman called for the report of the Committee on Credentials. Mrs. Carolyn Kendall, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the credentials of the Delegates and Alternate Delegates had been examined and found satisfactory. She reported that there had been a contest as to the Delegate and Alternate Delegate of First URANTIA Society of Houston. The contesting delegates had presented themselves and asked to be seated. However, after reviewing all the facts, the Committee determined that they did not meet the requirements of the by-laws of URANTIA Brotherhood. These two individuals did not present sufficient evidence to warrant a serious consideration that the original delegates be denied a seat in the Triennial Delegate Assembly. The Committee recommended the seating of the following delegates and alternate delegates:

<u>Society</u>	<u>Delegate</u>	<u>Alternate Delegate</u>
First URANTIA Society	Lynne B. Kulieke	David Kulieke
First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles	Julia Fenderson	Charles Montgomery
URANTIA Society of Glenview	Lisa Carr Renn	Mary Burton
First URANTIA Society of Oklahoma	Berkeley Elliott	Tom Allen
Orvonton URANTIA Society of Chicago	Wesley R. James	Frank Sgaraglino
Fort Wayne URANTIA Society	Irene Sprunger	Sally Schlundt
First URANTIA Society of Wenatchee	Howard Schoffen	Alice Clark
First URANTIA Society of Houston	Jim Jarnagin	Adrienne Jarnagin
First URANTIA Society of Western Springs	Lillian Nicholas	Elsie Kupka
San Francisco Bay Area URANTIA Society	Vern Grimsley	David Gray
URANTIA Society of Central Connecticut	Barbara Dreier	Peter Laurence
URANTIA Society of Dallas	Gene Joyce	Bill Hazen

A motion was made, seconded, and carried by the delegates to accept the report of the Committee on Credentials.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried by the delegates that the alternate delegates be permitted to be present and to speak but not vote at their deliberations.

The Chairman appointed a Committee on Nominations, consisting of all twelve Delegates, with Vern Grimsley acting as Chairman.

The Chairman next appointed a Committee on Resolutions, consisting of all twelve Delegates, with Lynne Kulieke acting as Chairman.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried by the Delegates to recess for committee meetings and reconvene on Saturday, August 18, at 10 A.M.

Following the departure of the Delegates and Alternate Delegates for committee meetings, the Chairman introduced Clyde Goodman who talked briefly of his association with the URANTIA movement and some of its people.

After a few informal remarks the Chairman recessed the meeting until 2 P.M.

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At 2 P.M., the Chairman called the meeting to order, which consisted of the observers.

James C. Mills was asked to enlarge on some of the points which he had brought up in his keynote speech. There followed an informal discussion of ways of introducing The URANTIA Book, the question of cults, and a brief review of Scientology by Scott Forsythe.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 P.M. until the Assembly reconvened at 10 A.M. Saturday, August 18.

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On Saturday, August 18, 1979, at 10:00 A.M., the Chairman, Meredith Sprunger, called the meeting to order.

He asked for comments from the Delegates and Alternates on the reports of the officers, departmental chairmen, and field representatives which had been sent out previously. There were several comments that they were good and that it was very helpful to have them in advance.

The Chairman called on Vern Grimsley, Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, for the report on nominations for members of the General Council. Mr. Grimsley read the report and turned the list over to the Secretary.

The Chairman appointed Berkeley Elliott and Barbara Dreier as tellers and the ballots were distributed to the Delegates. He asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the nominations be closed. The Delegates proceeded to vote by ballot for the election of the 12 members of the General Council.

The tellers reported that the nominated Councilors were elected unanimously by the twelve Delegates. The Chairman declared the following candidates duly elected as members of the General Council for 9-year terms:

Charles R. Burton
Lewis A. Clark
Stephen Dreier
David N. Elders
Duane L. Faw
William M. Hales
James P. Jarnagin
Gene Joyce
Harry McMullan, III
Martin W. Myers
Helena Sprague
Meredith J. Sprunger

The Chairman then called upon Lynne Kulieke, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, for a report from the committee. She presented the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED: That a special fund be established and earmarked for the production of a Spanish translation of The URANTIA Book.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the resolution be adopted.

Miss Kulieke then presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED: That URANTIA Societies be allowed to purchase URANTIA Books in case lots of five or ten copies, at matching bookstore prices.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the resolution be adopted.

Miss Kulieke presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED: That it is the sense of this Assembly that the standing committees of the Brotherhood more actively pursue their constitutional purposes, and that they present in their annual reports to the General Council a statement of the specific goals they have established, and demonstrate positive steps taken to achieve these goals.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the resolution be adopted.

Miss Kulieke presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Executive Committee study the possibility of financial sponsorship of attendees at Brotherhood conferences.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the resolution be adopted.

Miss Kulieke then presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED: That it is the sense of this Assembly that the Executive Committee examine ways to facilitate family participation in Brotherhood sponsored events, such as conferences.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the resolution be adopted.

The Chairman announced that all five resolutions will be referred to the General Council for their action.

As there was no new business to be brought before the meeting, the Chairman recessed the meeting until 1:00 P.M., Saturday, August 18, 1979.

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At 1:00 P.M. the Chairman, Meredith Sprunger, called the Assembly to order.

He asked the Secretary to read the minutes of the 1979 Triennial Delegate Assembly.

The minutes were approved as read.

The Chairman gave a brief inspirational talk. Lillian Nicholas expressed thanks to the founders and early workers of the URANTIA movement. Berkeley Elliott commended Vern Grimsley and Lynne Kulieke on the way they had conducted their committee meetings.

The Chairman then adjourned the meeting until the next official meeting of the Triennial Delegate Assembly.

Marian Rowley
Secretary

APPROVED

Meredith Sprunger
Chairman