



UAUS URANTIA ASSOCIATION
OF THE UNITED STATES

UAUS Council of Local Presidents Quarterly Zoom Meeting

Saturday, March 31, 2018

1:00 PM Central Time

MINUTES

In attendance:

1. Pio Park, UAUS President
2. Rick Lyon, UAUS Vice President
3. Janie Whinery, UAUS Treasurer
4. Joanne Strobel, UAUS Secretary
5. Bob Solone, Greater Lake Michigan Urantia Association (GLMUA)
6. Danny Casco, Greater Lake Michigan Urantia Association (GLMUA)
7. Marian and Matt Hughes, Hawaii Urantia Local Association (HULA)
8. Stephen Caruso, Ohio Students of the Urantia Book
9. Ed Owen, Urantia Association of Los Angeles (SURF)
10. Sherry Layton, Virginia Carolina Readers
11. James Woodward (Inactive association)

Pio opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. A quorum* was declared. Pio dedicated a one-minute meditation to honor the memory of Jesus.

Minutes of December CLP meeting were shared on the screen. Pio briefly went over every item. Pio moved to accept, and Rick seconded it. The December minutes were adopted.

Janie presented her Treasurer's report and a summary of the 2017 Calendar Project. Rick shared the document on the screen. We are now in the black from the calendar with a net gain of \$1300

Pio announced the election results: there were 13 votes each for Rick Lyon (Vice President) and Joanne Strobel (Secretary). Rick shared Pio's tabulated results on the screen.

UAUS Re-incorporation and IRS non-profit reinstatement

Rick reported that it has been a long, drawn out process. The IRS first stated that we would hear from them within 90 days. That turned into 180 days. They still want 3 things: proof that we are excused from filing due to religious organization status; they want to know why we were incorporated in Ohio if our permanent address is now in Illinois; and they are

requiring that we meet the test of being a 501(c)(3) – specifically, they need proof of a dissolution clause. Even though Rick already submitted all of this, he will add some additional official language to satisfy the requests. His response is due to them by April 12. UAUS will be incorporated in IL.

UAUS Mission Statement

Rick also reported that he has been working on a new mission statement. He wrote a draft which he will be sharing for your input. He asked members to feel free to edit (identifying yourself) and return it to him. The board will present a more comprehensive draft at the next meeting.

Bob Solone questioned the purpose of drawing up a mission statement; why now? Rick replied that it will be a short statement about the purpose of who and what UAUS represents. Rick shared his screen to show the by-laws. Although there is a purpose stated in Article 2, it's not the same as a mission statement. The governing board would like to clarify what UAUS is about and what we hope to accomplish.

UAI Request for Scholarship Money for Amsterdam Conference

Antonio Schefer had previously requested that UAUS donate a total of \$2900 in scholarship money for two UAI members from Peru to attend the 2018 Int'l Conference in Amsterdam. After discussion, a motion to approve was made by Pio, seconded by Bob, and voted on unanimously by attendees.

2019 National Conference

Pio reported that UAUS has been invited to make an announcement during the Amsterdam Conference about our upcoming "Continental Conference." Pio spoke with Eddie King of Nashville two weeks ago. Eddie said he needed to talk to his fellow members before committing but at this time had not yet responded to Pio.

Pio recounted that Chris Wood had initially approached Eddie directly about hosting a national conference in Nashville in 2018. The UAUS governing board, being newly elected members in 2017, pushed this date back to 2019.

Pio stated that he will be attending the International Conference in Amsterdam. He plans to meet and talk to young people in an attempt to ascertain what we really want to do. UAUS is the largest national association in the world.

Since a Nashville conference is still up in the air, he asked the CLP for advice. Should we consider an alternative? And, if so, where?

Comments:

Marian offered Hilo, Hawaii, although it would be costly for some. Pio thinks it would be fantastic and a real draw since there are lots of tours and outdoors activities. Marion said

that HULA hosted the 2005 UAUS National Conference on a cruise ship that embarked in New Orleans and then sailed to Cozumel.

Ed suggested that March in Hawaii would be great. However, Matt said it's the worst month for weather.

Bob commented that we had a hard time getting a good crowd in Kansas, let alone Hawaii, due to expense.

Joanne mentioned Techny Towers in Chicago but agreed that it would interfere with the Fellowship's annual Summer Study Session.

Danny suggested Indianapolis.

Sherry Layton declined to host due to several members being ill.

Do we need a new conference chair now that Susan Cook resigned?

The decision was made to postpone the discussion until Monday to see if Eddie could be reached. Marian offered to call him.

NOTE: Rick was able to reach Eddie by phone towards the end of the meeting. Eddie said he would get back to Pio early in the week after speaking with his membership.

CLP Annual Meeting in 2018

Two possible suggestions were made: an "unaffiliated" gathering by Susan Cook in Oregon and a joint regional conference in Madison, WI. A third suggestion was to simply make it a Zoom meeting.

Pio moved to hold the annual meeting via Zoom on the date of the third CLP quarterly meeting, **September 31, 2018**. Marion seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

UAI eTapestry Database

Rick explained how the UAI database had become irreparably corrupted. The new eTapestry platform was selected by Margaret Slater Thompson and she has designed training for it. Each local association has a section to keep track of and must provide one person to be trained on it. A larger association can get a second person authorized if you ask for it.

Local associations, please have your designated representative contact Margaret ASAP. Contact Rick for her contact information if you do not have it.

UAI website space for local affiliate "sub-websites"

Rick would like all the local associations to know that they can have their own website without paying for a domain or a hosting site. Contact Kathleen Swadling to get set up. If you have your own domain, you may continue to use it by redirecting to the new website. Rick will send out the email address after this meeting.

Local Association reports, updates, or requests

GLMUA just held their annual meet, had 2 officers elected: Tamara Strumfeld as treasurer and Danny Casco for his second term as president. They changed the treasurer position to a more permanent appointment. Jesus's birthday and the annual holiday party on the agenda.

VCR: Sherry reported that Will Sherwood is setting up a new Facebook page for them. He is also leading the project for their mini website. She was able to take the eTapestry training and updated their governing board information there. They've also pulled a report with all the members in their area. Three of them are calling everyone on the list to reestablish contact.

Ohio: Stephen said they are still meeting regularly, usually weekly. They also offer an electronic option for those who have to travel. They get new members on occasion. Most membership centered around Columbus.

Northern CA: James had nothing new to report. He is looking forward to seeing folks in Amsterdam.

HULA: Marian hosted a meeting on Palm Sunday which twelve people attended. There were a lot of palms, a big feast, and two new members! They discussed how the people of Jerusalem honored Jesus by putting down palms. Terry and Kip will be in Amsterdam, as will Matt and Marian. HULA has a member to take over the sub-website.

Rick Lyon reported that this morning's Cosmic Citizen radio broadcast featured Urantia Book readers currently on tour in Israel.

He also shared the current Urantia Foundation *News Online* article by Chris Wood.

https://www.urantia.org/sites/default/files/docs/Foundation_2018_March_Newsletter.pdf

Marian closed the meeting with a prayer written by Sue Tennant, who recently passed.

FUTURE UAUS CLP MEETING DATES

2018 2nd Quarter – Saturday, June 30 via Zoom

2018 3rd Quarter and Annual Meeting - Saturday, September 29 via Zoom

2018 4th Quarter - Saturday, December 29 via Zoom

2019 1st Quarter – Saturday, March 30 via Zoom

NOTE: Unless otherwise announced, all times are **1 pm Central**, which is

- 2 pm Eastern
- 12 noon Mountain
- 11 am Pacific
- 8 am Hawaiian

* A quorum is designated as 1/3 of the voting members. There are currently 11 active associations x 2 (president and vice president) = 22 + 4 governing board officers = 26 possible voting members. One third of that = 9.

Submitted with corrections by Joanne Strobel on April 12, 2018