



UAUS URANTIA ASSOCIATION
OF THE UNITED STATES

UAUS Council of Local Presidents Quarterly Zoom Meeting
Saturday, April 29, 2017

MINUTES

UAUS board members in attendance: Pio Park, UAUS President; Rick Lyon, UAUS Vice-President; Janie Whinery, UAUS Treasurer; Joanne Strobel, UAUS Secretary;

CLP members present:

1. Danny Casco, President, GLMUA
2. Bob Solone, VP, GLMUA
3. Will Sherwood, VP, Local Carolina Readers; outgoing President UAUS
4. Meredith Van Woert, President pro-tem, SURF
5. Susan Owen, UAI ISB and Secretary, SURF
6. Ed Owen, VP, SURF
7. Bruce Brown, outgoing UAUS Treasurer
8. Marie Vasile, VP, UALA
9. Tom Vasile, President, UALA
10. Jeff Wattles, VP, Ohio Students of the Urantia Book

Rick Lyon welcomed everyone and stated that the purpose of this meeting was for a “meet and greet” so the CLP members could meet Pio and Janie and become better acquainted with one another.

The attending members took turns introducing themselves and shared their personal history with *The Urantia Book* and Urantia Association International.

GENERAL COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- We simply cannot be present everywhere since travel is very expensive. Therefore we should foster more online gatherings. The internet is essential to building a more vibrant organization and proceeding forward with dissemination of *The Urantia Book*.
- The UAUS mailing list appears to be corrupted. Several members are not consistently receiving emails.
- Networking is needed to cultivate more workers. We must identify leaders within the US and contact them, support them, and network with them.

- After 60 years since the publication of *The Urantia Book*, what is the next step? And what is appropriate for today's culture?
- A good example of active leadership is Wilson Leon, president of the Colombia Urantia Association. Wilson, who has a background in personnel and conducts leadership training in his job, is holding monthly online meetings.
- Do we want to consider reigniting the program of giving out free copies of *The Urantia Book*?

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

- Update the UAUS mailing list.
- Prepare to discuss annual fundraiser.
- Local association dues must be collected by the next annual meeting. Bruce to send Janie and Joanne his list of active local affiliates.
- Dues are \$5 per person (per Local Association) or a minimum of \$50, assuming the required ten active members.
- Dues should be sent directly to Janie Whinery at 4730 Misty Oak lane, Arlington, TX 76017.
- Joanne to work with Scott Brooks to update all listings on the UAUS website and request that Tidings be posted.
- Prayers are requested for Ted (and Sharon) Lanier who is in hospice with stage 4 pancreatic cancer.
- The board agreed that the UAUS Messenger will be discontinued, since it is essentially a duplicate of the UAI Tidings newsletter.
- Going forward, the UAUS CLP will hold quarterly Zoom meetings on the last Saturday of the month, in June (actually July 1), September, and December.
- The first official UAUS governing board business meeting will be held on June 24, 2017.
- Chris Wood has some suggestions for the next US national conference; Rick Lyon will send them to the board and then to the CLP for "advisement."

FUTURE MEETING DATES (all times 1 PM Central)

- Saturday, June 24, 2017: UAUS Governing Board (Zoom)
- Saturday, July 1, 2017: CLP Quarterly Zoom Meeting
- August 18-21 [TBA], 2017: UAUS Annual Meeting (to be held during the Scientific Symposium IV in Lawson, MO; non-attendees may Zoom)
- Saturday, September 30, 2017: CLP Quarterly Zoom Meeting
- Saturday, December 30, 2017: CLP Quarterly Zoom Meeting

Submitted by Joanne Strobel, UAUS Secretary on May 23, 2017

Signed: *Joanne Strobel*