

Minutes
Outreach Committee 6/2/12

Present: Tom Choquette, Bobbie Dreier, Thomas Orjala, Jo Ann Wiedman, Bill Rocap, Andrea Barnes, Tony Finstad

The conference call began at 12:30 PM EST with a prayer by Bobbie.

Bobbie:

- Study Group Directory - Closing out active participation as Study Group Directory Coordinator. Responsibility to be passed to Jackie Koury Finstad this summer.
- Exit Survey - Tom requested that committee members send a synopsis report of outreach activities (one page exit survey) to me.

Bill: Spiritual Vitamins

- source removed from Urantia Book quotes in all but Urantia Book Vitamins
- producing 1.6 million quotes
- 16,000 boxes with gift angel in production
- request for Spanish language Vitamins
- need a unique name for box of mercy, forgiveness, peacemaking quotes- A Life of Service ?

Jo Ann: Nothing to report – works at office to encourage readers and get books out – Tom suggested she work with Andrea as a volunteer on RUN and Volunteer Coordinator projects.

Andrea: Mini-Conference report

- goals fulfilled
- \$1300 expended + \$500 from Tuevo Orjala
- 40 people attended
- new study group forming
- old readers reconnected
- introduction to 3-4 new people
- new more efficient model needed (60 volunteer hours to produce, cannot sustain 3 day conferences at one city/mo)
- plans for one day mini-conferences include: June - Salt Lake City, August – Seattle, September - Idaho and/or Wisconsin, October - Florida or Minnesota, November – Phoenix
- Jill Kaveny from Fort Collins has requested a mini-conference
- New study group formed in Portland by Aaron Estrom

Thomas:

1. Del Mar Event report

- Sponsored by Spiritual Vitamins/Truthseekers – not Urantia Book Fellowship
- Bible-based event/ infallibility of the Bible
- some interest in the Urantia Book Spiritual Vitamins
- experienced some antagonism and a complaint about non-Biblical materials
- asked to leave or display only Biblical materials - chose to leave
- good training/ spirits not dampened/ will be forthcoming about Urantia Book in future

Tom suggested that outreach be to “unchurched” (10 million) rather than offend those who are happy with their faith choice. He also suggested that Thomas and Andrea come together to share ideas and plan a conference call one or two months before an event to process future plans and send them to the committee for input.

2. Traveling Ambassador Program: To assist readers who are traveling in support of the revelation and willing to distribute Outreach materials

- Fellowship membership forms/online sign up
- free book cards/ online free book sign up
- Fellowship information cards
- Urantia Books and other secondary works
- opportunities for working with the Fellowship in their area
- ways that we could help them develop their areas
- simple questionnaires to gather information from our readers abroad
- collection of contact information
- develop beta program with Allison Zopel
- logistics – Thomas and Andrea
- finding financial support for travel – Tom

Tony: Yaya Committee

- San Diego Mini-Conference co-sponsored with Outreach Committee – 8 “under 30s” there! See <http://urantianow.com/the-possibility/> for details.
- YaYA Conference (Invitational) Chicago July 28-August 2) See www.urantianow.com for details.
- SSS12 involvement: Family Life Adjunct panel, several YaYA presentations, reduced fees
- Berlin Conference: providing \$500 scholarship for young people in need of help
- Truthseekers in Taos July 17-27: Four YaYAs attending as counselors (Tom presenting on “Meanings and Values”)
- Next YaYA Invitational
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finstad.Anthony@gmail.com; urantia@gci.net; brocap@sbcglobal.net; tomo@imaxmail.net; andbarnes@gmail.com; ubinspired@gmail.com; lara10@bellsouth.net in Santa Cruz in October

I left the call at 1:25 to attend the New York City Ballet! Minutes were completed from notes received from Tony, Andrea, and Tom.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bobbie Dreier
Secretary

PS: Please let me know if a face to face meeting will work on Friday evening, August 3rd at Techny.