Minutes from the First Meeting of the Thomas F. Torrance Theological Fellowship November 21, 2003

<u>Attending</u>: Gary Deddo, Kevin Diller, Robert Leach, James S. Nelson, Roger Newell, Paul D. Molnar, Elmer Colyer, Kurt Richardson, Peter Heltzel, and Eric Flett.

Gary explained the history of the idea for the group came out of a conversation that he had with Elmer.

Adoption of By-Laws

The By-laws were reviewed. The Christian Research Fellowship provided a model for the TFT Fellowship. Elmer gave the rationale for the by-laws:

- 1.) To be in compliance with the AAR
- 2.) To leave the door open to a non profit

We discussed whether we would be an official group at the AAR. We can arrange this for a minimal fee.

Kurt Richardson gave a motion to adopt the By-laws. Robert Leach seconded the motion. It carried with a unanimous vote. The By-laws passed.

Election of Officers

President, Gary Deddo Co-Vice President, Paul D. Molnar Co-Vice President, Eric Flett Secretary, Peter Heltzel Member at Large, Elmer Colyer

The terms for each office may vary between 1-3 years.

Co-Vice Presidents will be potential candidates for the Presidency

Time commitment for the executive committee will be between 2 and 3 days a year.

Pooling money was suggested as an alternative to opening a bank account.

New Business

Elmer brings greetings from the family of James Torrance.

Robert Leach reported on web development and web design. He will continue to serve the Fellowship in the role of Web Master.

Princeton Theological Seminary was considered as a web host

We talked about a web journal and a Torrance Center at Princeton.

Paul Molnar will contact the AAR about official status for the Fellowship.

AAR 2004 Meeting

We will meet after the Karl Barth Society on Friday night in San Antonio from 7-9 PM. Potential Speakers: Holmes Rolston, III; Elmer Colyer.