

TF Torrance Theological Fellowship
Manchester Grand Hyatt, San Diego, CA
Minutes Nov. 16th, 2007

Executive Board Present:

Gary Deddo, Paul Molnar, Joel Scandrett, Elmer Colyer (non-voting member)

Absent: Victor Shepherd, Peter Heltzel

About 30 members were in attendance

Welcome was given by President, Gary W. Deddo, who presided over the meeting.

The meeting was called to order and the annual business meeting was opened with prayer

Minutes for the 2006 annual meeting were presented. They were approved by majority vote without further discussion.

Old Business

1. Membership.

Gary reported on a gain of new members. The total membership stands at 131 persons.

2. Website

Report: Gary Deddo:

Signing up new members by website was working fairly effectively

A way has been provided for members to update their information

Pay Pal was utilized by about 20 members to give taxable donations

Discussion:

1) It was recommended that the \$10.00 limit for donations be lifted.

A motion was made for the limit to be eliminated if the Pay Pal system is amenable. It passed by majority vote

2) Discussion about the need for greater interaction among the members between the times of our annual meeting.

A motion was made for the possibility of setting up a non-managed TFT TF blog be explored. It passed by majority vote

3. Online Journal: *Participatio*

Report: Gary Deddo gave a report on the status of the online *Journal*

Not enough organization/development to really get this off the ground.

Not many submissions.

Would likely take a team of several (at the core) to devote a certain number of hours per year to really get this up and going. Speak to me if you have an interest in taking this on.

Discussion:

It was discussed that an individual person, not likely an executive board person, be found to be editor of the Journal. The exec board would serve as readers/reviewers of the submitted articles.

The executive board agreed to renew efforts to seek a qualified person to serve as Editor

4. Report of Treasurer, Joel Scandrett, was given. (See attached)

New Business

1. Report on Publications was given by Gary Deddo

-Paul Molnar's *Incarnation and Resurrection* was recently published.

Congratulations were offered to Paul

-Gerrit Dawson's *An Introduction to Torrance Theology* was also published by T & T Clark. A number of TFT TF members were contributors. This book was based on the previous year's conference hosted by First Presbyterian Church, Baton Rouge.

-It was announced that Paternoster and IVP will co-publish T. F. Torrance's Edinburgh Lectures on Christology: *Incarnation: The Person and Life of Christ* and *Atonement: Person and Work of Christ*. These two volumes have been expertly and admirably edited by Robert Walker. (Who is also TFT's nephew)
The first volume is due out in October, 2008, the second volume, October 2009.

2. Nominations for Executive Board

As required by our bylaws, members should normally serve for three years and then rotate off. Gary Deddo was approved to serve an extra year's term at our last annual meeting. He has completed that extra term and so will be stepping aside this year.

A Slate of nominees and changing offices was presented by Joel Scandrett on behalf of the Nominating Committee

Nominations were opened to the floor. No additional nominations were moved.

Nominations were closed by majority vote

The Slate of names was placed in nomination for the Executive Board for 2008.

The Slate was approved by majority vote

Announcement of the results. Member elected for the Executive Board for 2008

President Paul Molnar

Co-Vice President, Joel Scandrett

Co-Vice President, Chris Kettler

Treasurer, Gary Deddo

Member At Large: Victor Shepherd

Ad-hoc (non-voting member) El Colyer

3. Miscellaneous Discussion

Reminder that 2013 would be the centenary for Tom Torrance. Would we want to have a special annual meeting, ourselves or in conjunction with others

The need to have speakers selected well in advance was noted, again. Difficulty, so far, in getting more than one year's advance plan was noted by Gary Deddo. He indicated we had even had some cancellations of a couple of persons who had previously agreed to speak but had to change their plans due to personal circumstances.

We have a list of member-approved speakers to pursue. That list was not currently available at the meeting.

The desirability to have conferences sponsored by churches, seminaries or other organizations was mentioned. Members were encouraged to consider whether they knew of some church or organization that would like to sponsor such a conference as we had at Baton Rouge Presbyterian in 2006.

Members were reminded of the presentation by Eric Flett of Eastern University, St. David's PA on "Person's, Powers and Pluralities: Thomas F. Torrance's Trinitarian Ontology of Culture" at 2:00 pm.

4. The meeting was adjourned by majority vote

Respectfully submitted by Gary Deddo