

Minutes of the Thomas F. Torrance Theological Fellowship

October 31, 2008
Chicago, Illinois

Present: Elmer Colyer
Gary Deddo
Christian Kettler
Paul Molnar
Joel Scandrett

Absent: Eric Flett
Victor Shepperd
Todd Speidell

Presiding: Paul Molnar, President

Christian Kettler opened in prayer.

Old Business

Old minutes were approved.

Additional TFT meetings were announced:

- Meeting at the Society for Biblical Literature in November 2008.
- IVP/Paternoster reception at SBL celebrating the publication of *Incarnation: The Person and Life of Christ* (Paternoster/IVP, 2008)

Todd Speidell was appointed by executive committee as editor of *Participatio: Journal of the Thomas F. Torrance Theological Fellowship*.

Joel Scandrett reported on the progress of the journal on behalf of Todd Speidell.

Gary Deddo gave the treasurer's report.

Gary Deddo reported on our membership which stands at 170 and on the website.

New Business

Paul Molnar reported on Victor Shepperd's health and announced his resignation from the executive committee.

Paul Molnar reported on publications featuring the work and theology of TF Torrance:

- George Hunsinger, *The Eucharist and Ecumenism: Let Us Keep the Feast* (Cambridge University Press, 2008).
- Paul Molnar, *Thomas F. Torrance: Theologian of the Trinity*, forthcoming by Ashgate.

Paul Molnar announced that the Thomas F. Torrance Theological Fellowship has been invited by the Society for Biblical Literature to become an affiliate member group.

Paul Molnar raised the question re. whether we should accept the invitation from the Society for Biblical Literature. The further question was raised of whether the SBL would be the best venue at which the Fellowship should hold its annual meeting.

- Elmer Colyer moved that the executive committee make this decision upon review of attendance, etc. at the Society for Biblical Literature meeting in November.
- The motion was seconded by Christian Kettler.
- Paul Molnar called for the vote and the motion passed.

Paul Molnar raised the question re. appointing a replacement for Victor Shepperd to the executive committee.

- Gary Deddo nominated Mike Gibson.
- No other nominations were made.
- Gary Deddo moved that nominations be closed and voted upon.
- Elmer Colyer seconded the motion.
- Paul Molnar called for the vote and Mike Gibson was approved to serve as Member-at-Large, replacing Victor Shepperd.
- The executive committee then stands for 2009
 - President, Paul D. Molnar
 - Co-Vice President, Chris Kettler
 - Co-Vice President, Joel Scandrett
 - Treasurer, Gary Deddo
 - Member at Large, Michael Gibson
 - Ad Hoc Member (non-voting), Elmer Colyer

Paul Molnar opened the floor for discussion.

Joel Scandrett raised the question of possible joint sessions with other groups. The following possible joint sessions were named:

- TFTTF and Barth Society—Paul Molnar agreed to explore this.
- TFTTF and Polanyi Society
- TFTTF and Reformed Theology & History Group

No other matters were raised for discussion.

Paul Molnar adjourned the meeting.