

T. F. Torrance Theological Fellowship 2021 Meeting Minutes

Online, November 06, 2021, 12:00 pm CDT

Welcome, President, Gary Deddo
Quorum call, Gary Deddo
Opening prayer, Jerome Van Kuiken

Old Business

1. Minutes for 2020 to be approved by majority vote.
2. Update on July Special Business Meeting by Gary Deddo. A special business meeting was held in July 2021 to vote on amendments to the bylaws. The following changes were approved:
 1. In Article II the phrase “other theologians” was replaced with “other scholars”
 2. In Article III the phrase “Christian theology and related disciplines” was replaced with “Torrance’s theology and related disciplines”
3. Update on TFT Virtual Workshop-Retrea by Gary Deddo.

Was held July 30-Aug 1st, 2021. Three Retreat Sessions and four Workshops sessions
Featured an excellent opening address by Dr. Andrew Purves.
About 52 registered to participate in it.
All of the main sessions/presentations are now available to the public at our webpage on the “Abbreviated Program” page of the Workshop-Retreat .
Thanks to the organizers: Myk Habets, Brent Purkapple, Jenny Richards, Geordie Ziegler, Daniel Cameron, Kerry Magruder.
4. Membership Report by Brent Purkapple.

60 new members from 11/01/20—10/31/21
460 total members
5. Treasurer’s Report by Brent Purkapple.

Net donations \$587.91
Total expenses for the year were \$514.00, which is a decrease of \$16.01 from the expenses of 2020.
Our net donations were \$73.91 over our annual expenses.
6. TFT TF website update by Brent Purkapple.

The website continues to grow each year, and supports many fellowship-sponsored events: Reading Group(s); Furbush; Virtual Retreat; Annual Meeting
The Bibliography continues to grow
Sources=1589 records
Studies=469 records
Send us an email when your publication in the Torrance-tradition comes out.

Vimeo Account
The Fellowship now has a Vimeo account that supports content for various events, such as the annual meeting and the Virtual-Workshop retreat. Subscribe to it to be contacted immediately when new content is uploaded.
7. Oral History update by Brent Purkapple.

Seven interviews completed, with others being planned. The transcriptions of these seven interviews are nearing completion and should be available sometime in 2022.

Volunteers are welcome to help. Email webmasters@tftorrance.org to learn about potential volunteer opportunities.

8. *Participatio* Report by Gary Deddo.

Volumes continue to be published

9. Significant TFT Publications, 2020-2021 by Brent Purkapple.

Direct you to the website tftorrance.org/studies to see the publications that have recently come out. Let us know if you know about others that should be added.

10. Update on Robert Walker's TFT Retreats by Gary Deddo.

The Furbush Torrance Retreat organized by Bob Walker, was held virtually this year, 23-25 September of this year. The topic was "The Trinity and Science." Stimulating and thought provoking presentations were given and panels hosted. Recorded opening and closing times of worship and the sessions can also be accessed through our website. Thanks to Kerry Magruder, who made possible the online streamed and recorded event.

There is a tentative plan to host an in person and also virtual Retreat 22-24 June, 2022.

11. Gary Deddo reminded everyone that donations needed to cover expenses, especially honoraria, website hosting, annual lecture expenses, the oral history project, etc.

New Business

1. The president's report on new items by Gary Deddo.

a) This year we there will be no elections for the TFT TF Executive Board .

But we will be looking for nominees for next year, as exec Board members rotate off. So please provide your nominations to any current Exec board member.

b) Video Recording of Annual Lecture will be made this year by our co-webmaster, Brent Purkapple. It will be made available for distribution via the AAR online conference meetings. And also on our own website

c) Thanks for organizers and technical assistance, Kerry Magruder and Brent Purkapple, to make possible this online event.

d) Next year's Annual Lecture is yet to be determined. The Executive Board is open to taking recommendations from members.

e) Plans for a Virtual Workshop-Retreat for 2022

Not yet planned, but if there is sufficient interest we will likely be able to host another in 2022

2. Open meeting to announcements/discussion from member participants given by Gary Deddo.

3. Motion to be asked to adjourn the business meeting by Gary Deddo.

4. Gary Deddo announced the Annual Lecture, this year presented streamed live, recorded and then made available on November 19th for viewing by AAR conference attenders at 1 pm Central Standard Time. (Gary D.)

The annual lecture will be given by Dr. Stephen Holmes titled "Simplicity in Fourth-century Nicene Theology and T. F. Torrance's *Homoousion*." It will start at 1 pm Central Daylight Time (6 pm UK).