

T. F. Torrance Theological Fellowship
Annual Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2004, St. Antonio, TX

Officers Present: Gary Deddo (president), Paul Molnar, Elmer Colyer, Peter Heltzel (recording secretary).

Excused from the Meeting: Eric Flett

The meeting was called to order by Gary Deddo at 7 pm.

Paul Molnar presented a paper entitled, "Natural Theology Revisited: A Comparison of T.F. Torrance and Karl Barth," which was followed by a response from Elmer Colyer and general discussion.

The business part of the meeting was called to order.

Paul Molnar made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting. Christian Kettler seconded it. The motion passed.

We decided to continue to seek official AAR status. Gary and Paul will continue to work toward this end.

We have incurred about \$210 of expenses, mostly for the two hotel meeting room rentals last year and this year. We will begin to collect financial contributions for the Fellowship. Elmer Colyer committed to making an initial contribution of \$100.00. Peter and Gary will look into opening up a checking account for the Fellowship. The membership will be notified when this happens and will welcome contributions at that time.

Robert Leach was commended for his fine work on the website: tftorrance.org

We discussed names for our online journal including Incarnatio and Participatio. Officers will poll members on these two names and make a final decision.

We discussed the possibility of publishing Torrance's sermons on the website. This would have to be negotiated to honor copyright issues. Gary will follow up.

We discussed a plan for rotating members of the board of officers off and onto the board as per our By-Laws. The present officers will continue for a second term for the sake of continuity. Some may end their term at the end of this next year so as to rotate in some new officers.

We will maintain the same format of our 2004 annual meeting for our 2005 annual meeting. There was some concern as to the competition with other organizations meeting at the same time. Discussion began about possibly changing the time to early afternoon on the Friday between AAR and SBL next year. The executive committee will discuss and poll membership about the best time to meet on Friday.

Two names were put forward for possible consideration of next year's presenter at our annual meeting. Iain Torrance, now President of Princeton Theological Seminary and Andrew Purvis of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. The executive committee will pursue securing a speaker for next year. Other nominations for speakers in future years are welcome from the membership. Send them to Gary Deddo.

We will continue to work on a long-term strategy for the "development and dissemination" of the work of the fellowship. This will include the following areas:

- a. SCHOLARSHIP: annual lecture, on-line journal, and development of annual award for Torrance scholarship. Book reviews could be an immediate service of the members to add to the web journal. It was noted that an editorial board would be needed for it to be peer reviewed. The executive committee will work on this during this year.
- b. MARKETING: This will include the design and production of a brochure and continued articles in the North American Karl Barth Society Newsletter.
- c. RESOURCES: We considered the possibility of serving as a Speakers bureau, offering regional Pastor's and or Laypersons Conferences, and having a member's retreat where a development of a long term vision could be discussed and hammered out (possibly held 2006). There was a general enthusiasm for pursuing these kinds of activities, but no one program or activity was officially endorsed
- d. DEVELOPMENT: We will discuss ways of raising money through individual, foundation, and corporate development.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Heltzel
Recording Secretary
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