

T. F. Torrance Theological Fellowship 2020 Meeting Minutes

Virtual, November 14, 2020, 3:30 pm CST

Welcome given by President Gary Deddo
Quorum call by Gary Deddo
Opening prayer given by Jerome Van Kuiken

Old Business

1. Minutes for 2019 were approved by vote of membership present.
2. Update on Robert Walker's TFT Retreats at the Firth Conference Center of Edinburgh University given by Gary Deddo.
 - Uncertain when the next retreat will be. Watch the website for details.
3. Membership Report given by Brent Purkale.
 - 40 new members for 2020.
 - October newsletter sent to 450 members and friends, of which 229 recipients opened it.
4. Treasurer's Report given by Brent Purkale.
 - Net donations given were \$809.37.
 - Expenses were \$530.03.
 - Net donations less expenses, \$279.34.
5. TFT TF website update given by Brent Purkale, co-webmaster.
 - The website continues to grow each year. It now contains about 2,200 (2,183) pages. (Under Content - all content types - 43 pages with 50 items each, plus 33 on the 44th page).
6. *Participatio* Report given by Todd Speidell, editor.
 - Announcement of recent Kierkegaard volume.
 - Upcoming volume on Biblical Theology.
 - Planning future volume on TFT and Ethics.
 - Raised important question for Board: Determining whether an annual speaker should be formally contracted to publish their paper in a future *Participatio*. Tabled for Board meeting.
7. Significant TFT Publications, 2019-2020 given by Kerry Magruder, co webmaster.
 - Reminder to look at home page to see latest issues and content.
 - Call for help to join Kerry Magruder and Brent Purkale on the *Studies Bibliographies*. Contact webmasters@tftorrance.org for more information.
8. Oral History update given by Kerry Magruder.

- Update on project with list of 7 histories collected, all of which are currently in the process of being transcribed and finalized: David W. Torrance, Bob Walker, Jock Stein, Margaret Stein, Jennifer Floether, Eckart Floether, and Tom Noble.

- Call for volunteers with Oral History project, contact webmasters@tfforrance.org.

9. Gary Deddo reminds everyone that donations needed to cover expenses, especially honorariums, website hosting, annual lecture expenses, the oral history project, etc.

New Business

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

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

b) The TFT TF Board of Directors (Exec) has been asked by TFT TF members Dr. Jennifer Floether and Mr. Eckart Floether, of Edinburgh, Scotland, to provide trustees for *The Floether Charitable Trust*, when directed by the executor of their wills, Paris Steele Trustees Ltd. The purpose of that trust is to promote "incarnational, Christocentric-Trinitarian teaching in the church and the academy." The TFT TF Board of Directors has agreed to do so.

c) Video Recording of the Annual Lecture will be made this year by our webmaster, Dr. Kerry Magruder. It will be made available for distribution via the AAR online conference meetings, November, 29-December 10, listed as AAR RSO session P1-103-1, available Tuesday, December 2, at 1pm EST.

d) Thanks given to the organizers and technical assistance, Kerry Magruder and Brent Purkaple, to make possible this virtual event.

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

2. Meeting opened for announcements/discussion from member participants by Gary Deddo.

- No additional announcements or discussion.

3. Motion to adjourn the business meeting was moved, seconded, passed.

4. Announcement made by Gary Deddo of Annual Lecture, this year presented as a virtual Symposium.

The annual lecture will be given by Dr. Todd Speidell titled "T. F. Torrance's Soteriological Suspension of the Ethical." A response will be given by Dr. Chris Kettler, followed by discussion between our presenters and then viewer participation. Starting at 4:30 pm CST.