

T. F. Torrance Theological Fellowship 2022 Meeting Minutes

Online, November 4, 2022, 12:00 pm CDT

Welcome, President, Dr. Gary Deddo

Quorum call, Gary Deddo

Opening prayer, Joel Scandrett

Old Business

1. Minutes for 2021 were approved by majority vote of membership present.
2. Membership Report given by Brent Purkaple.
 - a) 35 new members from 11/01/21—10/31/22
3. Treasurer's Report given by Brent Purkaple.
 - a) Net income (donations, royalties from Wipf & Stock): \$690.97.
 - b) Total expenses for the year were \$229.00, which is a decrease of \$285.00 from the expenses of 2021.
 - c) Our net income was \$461.97 over our annual expenses.
4. TFT TF website update given by Brent Purkaple, co-webmaster.
 - a) The Bibliography continues to grow.
 - i Total Sources: 1596
 - ii Total Studies: 543
5. Explanation of where to find significant TFT related recent publications, 2021-2022 given by Brent Purkaple.
 - a) The home page (tftorrance.org) has the most recent items listed.
 - b) Click the "notify us" link to send us titles to add, changes to make.
6. Oral History update given by Brent Purkaple.
 - a) Completed 7 interviews.
 - b) Nearly all have been transcribed.
 - c) Manual is nearly complete.
 - d) First round should be final in 2023.
7. *Participatio* Report given by Gary Deddo (notes prepared by Todd Speidell, editor of *Participatio*).
 - a) Reminder to go to the website to find the latest volumes (Kierkegaard, T. F. Torrance and Biblical Theology, T. F. Torrance and Theological Anthropology).
 - b) Upcoming volumes
 - i *Some Implications for the Doctrine of Justification for contemporary Liberation Theology*, overseen by Paul Molnar.
 - ii *Holy Spirit and Christian Experience*, overseen by Jerome Van Kuiken.
 - iii T. F. Torrance and the Natural Sciences, overseen by Kerry Magruder and Brent Purkaple.
 - iv *Papers from the Pandemic*, overseen by Kerry Magruder and Brent Purkaple
8. Update on Robert Walker's TFT Retreats given by Gary Deddo.

- a) The first Furbush Torrance Retreat organized by Bob Walker, was held virtually this year, September 21-24, 2022. The topic was “Jesus: the One for the Many.” Recordings of the virtual retreat will be made available on our website.
 - b) There will be an in-person Furbush Retreat, November 9-11, 2022 on the theme: “How is God with Us?” at the University of Edinburgh, Furbush Study Centre, on Loch Tay. This will be an in-person only event. However, recordings of the sessions should also become available on our website.
9. 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 given by Gary D.
 - a) Gary Deddo explained that this year we will be holding elections for members of TFT TF Executive Board Gary D.
 - b) Gary Deddo explained that a video recording of Annual Lecture will be made this year by Exec member, Jerome VanKuiken, and will be posted by our co-webmaster, Brent Purkaple. It will be available for viewing via our own website. However, since the AAR/SBL conference is not offering to host any prerecorded sessions, this lecture will not be available through their website.
 - c) Gary expressed thanks to Kerry Magruder, Brent Purkaple, and Jerome VanKuiken for organizing the virtual event and for technical assistance.
 - d) Gary Deddo said that next year’s Annual Lecture is yet to be determined. The Executive Board is open to taking recommendations from members.
2. Elections:
 - a) Announcement of the succeeding TFT Fellowship president by President, Gary Deddo.
 - i Myk Habets will be the new president from 2023—2025.
 - b) Presentation of slate of nominees for the TFT TF Board of Directors (Exec) by Daniel Cameron.
 - Jerome Van Kuiken (co-vice president)
 - Gary Deddo (co-vice president)
 - Brent Purkaple (secretary—treasurer)
 - Paul Molnar (member at large)
 - c) Vote on slate of nominees
 - i Slate passes unanimously
3. Gary Deddo opened the meeting to announcements/discussion from member participants.
 - a) Myk Habets mentioned the upcoming book *Torrance and Evangelicals* (Lexham Press).
 - b) Daniel Cameron said that his dissertation on Torrance is complete. Defense is December 13th Torrance and Ecumenicism.
 - c) Paul Molnar reminds us that we should be thankful to Todd Speidell for his work with *Participatio*.
4. Gary Deddo asked if there was a motion to adjourn the business meeting.
 - a) Motion passed. Business meeting adjourned.

5. Gary Deddo announcement that the Annual Lecture this year is streamed live online, and will be recorded and later made available for viewing via our TF Torrance.org website. (Gary D.)
The annual lecture will be given by Thomas H. McCall. Dr. McCall is “Timothy C. and Julie M. Tennent Chair of Theology” at Asbury Theological Seminary. The title of Dr. McCall's lecture will be, “*God Stakes His Own Being:” Torrance (and McCormack) on God and Evil After Barth.*” We will reconvene at 1 pm Central Daylight Time to hear Dr. McCall. There will be a Q&A session after the lecture, moderated by the Torrance Fellowship Co-vice president, Dr. Myk Habets. (6 pm UK).