

Cottonwood Property Meeting at Paul's Office

Cottonwood Property Ordeal

Meeting Date and Time: Monday, Nov 12, 1990

Location: Uncertain, likely 1044 west 200 south, Salt Lake City, UT 84104
(2nd South Church)



Meeting Notes

Opening prayer: Wendell Owen

Attendees:

Paul Kingston, Lionel Brown, Wendell Owen,
Likely more, meeting notes cut off.

Paul Kingston (9):

One of the things that was talked about in our governing Board Meeting and decided between all of us was unanimous. It was our desire that whatever happens, each one of us would have good feelings toward all of us. Lionel made the comment at one time there was a feeling we might try to split up the family or break us up. The unanimous feeling between each and every person on the board there would be good feelings between each one of the board and among yourselves.

With that idea in mind the things we talk about and bring out would be with that background and that hope in mind. I feel like the situation that has come up is going to be a benefit to the order. I feel like this situation can be a benefit and it would be my hope and that if each person on the governing board that our actions would be to that end that our experiences here can help each and every one of us.

After our last meeting Lionel gave me a letter and he asked that I call him back last night in answer to that letter. One of the things we would like to do is discuss some of the different things that have come to some of the board members on that realizing that each and every person in the decisions you make are your own decisions and it isn't any attempt to force or pressure.

It is my sincere desire each one of you will have an open heart that you can hear the things that are going to be brought forth tonight.

Lionel Brown:

I told each of my family you said you could work out the demands but you wanted us to hear another proposal for us to hear. I don't feel we should be here all night and we might not give an answer to the new proposal. I have talked to David. The demand did not sound good to me. David said it wasn't a demand. It was request. There was no demand made by us. We are asking for what we think is right.

Paul Kingston (9):

We have had a few all night meetings. There is quite a difference in the understanding of the younger members. Some of the questions that have come up are important questions. It is pretty hard to make a decision without being aware of how things have been done. I would like to go over a few items I do feel like it is important enough so you will have an understanding.

I appreciate every one being here tonight.

I feel like the things that are being brought out all the people that are here are entitled to hear them. I would like to try to give a background of how and why some of the things have been set up like they have been. To Bring these things out we have to go back to the things that took place in the LDS Church.

The order doesn't require any person to be a part of any church. The order was set up with the idea that all different people from all backgrounds could build the kingdom of God and work together other than a religious basis. How many of you have seen this Articles of Belief?

In the first part of the order we were a little group of people up on the hill in Bountiful. The people of Bountiful started to wonder what was going on. Someone started to talk in Bountiful and they wanted to go up and run that little group of people out of Bountiful.

There was a couple of things Brother Elden did. He prepared this Articles of Belief to help them understand what was going on. The order was set up in a way people could come from all backgrounds. My reason for bringing these things out is so each one will have the privilege of making their own decision. The Lord when he came to Joseph Smith and he brought out things about the establishment of the Kingdom of God, and to set up the Kingdom of God. When the Doctrine and Covenants was first printed the Lectures on Faith were part of the Doctrine and Covenants. They were in the front of the Doctrine and Covenants and they were called Covenants and Commandments.

Paul read from the sixth lecture on faith

"Any religion that does not require the sacrifice of all earthly things never has power sufficient to salvation"

and the paragraphs that followed it.

When some of these things were first brought out to Joseph Smith there were several times the different people in the church tried to live United Order. Again some of the things that were revealed at that time that showed why things were set up in the order as they were.

I have one or two sections to read from Section 85 of the Doctrine and Covenants. It brings out it is the duty of the Lord's clerk to keep a record of things that transpire in Zion, when the church tried to live United Order in the 104th Section: Again a commandment I give unto you" It states, "if the are mine then ye are stewards."

Brother Elden spent almost full time studying the gospel and a lot of his time was spent studying the Doctrine & Covenants and Bible when the Kingdom of God would be established and what laws and principles would be a part of that kingdom. With some of that as a background and with the Lord's revelation and help he put together a structure for the order and a certain outline.

One of the things that was a part of that, the Lord came to Brother Elden and set up a certain form No.6.

Ray Brown read the agreement on this form, and said, "I came to the order but I did not sign one of those agreements."

Brother Elden came to Brother Brown and told him I would have to leave. I went to California for about a year and one half. While I was there Brother Elden sent a letter to me and talked to me about joining the order.

Paul Kingston (9):

Every person that came to join signed this paper.

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Lionel Brown:

I feel my property at Park Valley is consecrated. I believe whatever we have is consecrated. I want to know how fair it is to explain the Golden Rule. It is pretty simple isn't it? Do unto others as you would have others do unto you. I know I haven't one bad thing to go against the leader of the Co-op.

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