

TGSA Extraordinary Board Meeting
Monday, 6 November, 2023 @ 9:00 AM
Via Zoom

Minutes

Present: Maureen O., Bohdan H., Christian C-S., Rosemary B., Sileen P., Li-Wei L., Susan M., Sam A.,

Regrets: Matthew F., Marina G., Christine S.,

1. Prayer/Territorial Acknowledgment: Prayer was led by Maureen, following which she read the Territorial Acknowledgment.
2. Maureen introduced the reason for the meeting and outlined our options.

It was agreed that TGSA wishes to avoid taking any particular political position.

Following a broad discussion of this issue and the general issue of our response as theologians to the tragedy of violence and war throughout the world, the following motion was made by Maureen and seconded by Susan:

TGSA will send a letter to the TST administration informing them of the letter written by several TST students upon their own initiative regarding the Israeli/Gaza conflict. In addition, we will inform the TST administration that we as a board have discussed the students' letter, we will include a report on our meeting including the pros and cons identified in our discussion, we will clearly state that we as a board felt we could not endorse the students' letter, mainly because of its divisive political position and assure the TST administration that we are open to cooperating with them should they desire our help and input if the TST wishes to make a public statement regarding the Israeli/Gaza conflict.

Passed.

Bohdan volunteered to draft such a letter for approval by the board.

3. Maureen thanked everyone for their input, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Bohdan Hladio