

PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT - 1972 -

The first meeting was held on Wednesday, March 1, 1972 with Mr. Paul Bogosian presiding as Chairman. Elections were held and approved by the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America.

The following council members were elected:

Chairman	Paul Bogosian
Vice-Chairman	Charles Kochakian
Secretary	Anthony Giragosian
Assistant Secretary	Edward Annaian
Treasurer	Sahag Sahagian
Assistant Treasurer	Arthur Azarian
Advisors	Edward Garabedian
	Robert Maksian
	Ara Nazarian

Council of Churches:	Sahag Sahagian
	Robert Maksian

Liaison Officers:

Ladies Aid	Paul Bogosian
Mr. and Mrs. Club	Anthony Giragosian
Young Women's Guild	Edward Garabedian
Sunday School	Edward Annaian
Armenian School	Arthur Azarian
Choir	Charles Kochakian
A.C.Y.O.A.	Robert Maksian
Building Committee	Ara Nazarian

Local Visitations:	Paul Bogosian
	Anthony Giragosian
Outskirts	Charles Kochakian
	Edward Annaian
North Shore	Sahag Sahagian
	Edward Garabedian

The following is a summary of the highlights of the 1972 Parish Council meetings.

Mr. Charles Kochakian notified the Board that he is retiring from the Newsletter Editorial Staff. This was received very reluctantly by the members for Mr. Kochakian has from the beginning worked successfully to have a meaningful Newsletter. Mr. Kochakian should be congratulated for a job well done. We should not forget Miss Goldie Ozoonian for her capable secretarial duties on the Newsletter Staff. However, we have been very fortunate to have Mrs. ~~Esther~~ Boornazian accept the duties of Editor. Mr. Charles Kochakian will stay on as advisor.

→ Esther

Miss Rosë Naroian, Superintendent of Sunday Schools and Miss Kathy Miranian, Chairlady of the Choir were invited to our meeting on March 15, 1972 to discuss the possibility of increasing the participation of our Sunday School students in the choir as part of their curriculum.

The interior painting needs of the church was completed in March at the cost of \$1,785.00.

Treasurer Sahag Sahagian and Mr. Edward Garabedian consummated the proclamation of Martyr's Day in the city of Peabody for April 24, 1972

with Mayor Nicholas Mavroules. On April 6, 1972 Rev. Avakian, Chairman Bogosian, Treasurer Sahagian and Mr. Edward Garabedian met with Mayor Mavroules to officially photograph this occasion.

Chairman Bogosian informed the Board that Mr. Rene Morrisette, president of the Lawrence Council of Churches warmly accepted to speak on April 23rd in commemoration of Martyr's Day during our church services along with Mr. Peter Babigian and Mr. Charles Kochakian.

The Proclamation and Pictures of the past week that perpetuated Martyr's Day in Peabody was presented to the council by Mr. Edward Garabedian. Chairman Bogosian also made the same presentation of Martyr's Day with Mayor John Buckley and his secretary Mr. Fred Ead of Lawrence, Mass.

Rev. Vartan Avakian notified the Board that the Armenian School will close for the season on May 13, 1972 at 10:00 A.M. with a program and social.

The Lawrence Council of Churches requested and it was granted, to hold their spring meeting May 16, 1972 at our church hall. Refreshment arrangements were taken care of our own Ladies Aid Society.

On April 26, 1972 a motion was made and seconded commending our Vice-Chairman Charles Kochakian for his fine presentation commemorating Martyr's Day on April 23rd. It was also approved to send letters to the following for their contributions to Martyr's Day, Mr. Rene Morrisette, Fred Ead, Rita Williams and Williams Studio.

Treasurer Sahagian on May 10th presented some interesting highlights on the 70th Annual Diocesan Assembly as one of our Delegates. Chairman Bogosian also contributed highlights of the convention for all Parish Chairmen were invited.

Mr. Ara Nazarian Chairman of the building committee notified the board that the razing of the rear garages and hot-topping should commence about the middle of June to make way for the church parking lot.

On July 12, 1972 a letter was received from our Primate expressing his appreciation of the Lawrence Community in participating at his Jubilee Banquet which was held in Boston.

The Diocese on July 20th notified the board that the 26th A.C.Y.O.A General Assembly expressed an abiding concern of their future. Therefore, every Parish should appoint, one person who is appropriately qualified and concerned as a youth leader of our church. The board voted unanimously to retain our present liaison Mr. Robert Maksian who has been doing an outstanding job with our local A.C.Y.O.A.

Mrs. Servart Mellian, principal of the Armenian School notified the board that she would have to resign her post for she was moving out of town. The board appreciated her term as principal and was sorry to lose her in our community. On August 9th a motion was made and voted upon favorably to appoint Mrs. Mary Bogosian as our new Superintendent of Armenian Schools.

Our Building Chairman Ara Nazarian notified the board on August 9th that the fencing and hot topping of our new parking lot at the rear of the church was completed.

Chairman Bogosian notified the Board that Mrs. John Naroian has accepted to do the painting in oil of Archdeacon Kachig Balian. Also, at our Annual Banquet, Mrs. Naroian's oil painting of our Vehapar will be unveiled and then suitably placed in our church. Mr. and Mrs. John Naroian and Family were invited guests at our Banquet.

Treasurer Sahagian recommended and unanimously passed by the board to increase church services due to rising costs as follows: Christening \$15.00 to \$20.00, Weddings \$30.00 to \$40.00, Funerals \$20.00 to \$25.00, and Hall Rental \$35.00 to \$50.00.

The Diocese sent a listing of the Fall Regional meeting from October 27th to November 11, 1972. The meeting pertinent to our area was held at Holy Trinity in Boston on November 11th, our Pastor, Delegates and Parish Council attended.


Father Shannon of St. Lawrence's Church granted our Sunday School to utilize three classrooms in their school building. The fee for this generous offer has been left to the discretion of the Trustees of our church.

The financial statement of our 41st Annual <sup>BANQUET</sup> is as follows: donations \$2147, ticket sales \$1030, Total gross income \$3167. Expenses: circulars \$48.42, flowers \$32.00, meal \$1271.93, photos \$2.55, mailing \$4.12, cake \$25.00, Total expenses \$1384.02. Net Profit \$1,782.98.

Chairman Bogosian recommended and it was agreed upon, that our annual membership meeting be held on February 4, 1973. It was also agreed upon that all church organizations have their annual reports written into book form so as it will not prolong the membership meeting by being read aloud. Treasurer Sahagian and member Robert Maksian will audit all church organizations fiscal records.

In conclusion, the Council wishes to thank Reverend Avakian and all bodies of the church for their sincere devotion to church activities. We should also express our appreciation to Mr. Sarkis Verdanian who has capably translated into Armenian the necessary secretarial duties on Sundays. The trustees have had a fruitful and busy year under the capable leadership of Chairman Paul Bogosian. Twenty meetings were held on Wednesday evenings from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Also, three regional meetings have been attended to.

Submitted to the Annual Membership Meeting on February 4, 1972.

  
Anthony Giragosian  
Secretary