

PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 1960

1. OFFICERS:

At a special meeting held after the Parish Assembly, the members of the Parish Council were elected to their respective offices for the ensuing year as follows:

Chairman - Gregory Abrahamian
Vice-Chairman - Peter Egazarian
Secretary - Charles Mazadoorian
Corresponding Sec. - Stephen DerMargosian
Treasurer - Arthur Simonian

In addition, the following offices were appointed by the chairman:

Pledge Custodian - Varton Azarigian
Ass't. Pledge " - Paul Abrahamian
Membership Committee - Stephen DerMargosian
Harry Azarigian
Monty Bagdigian

The retiring members were Harry Hougas, John Maljanian, Stephen DerMargosian and Harry Azarigian.

Due to the death of Varton Azarigian, Given Hoosigian was appointed to fill his term for one year in accordance with the church by-laws.

2. MEETINGS:

During the year 1960, the Parish Council held a total of 15 meetings as follows: 12 Regular 3 Special

a) Special meetings were called to keep up with current business requiring council action. This included preparations and arrangements for the Anniversary Banquet, Annual Picnic, Diocese Day Banquet.

b) Special meetings were also attended out of town concerning the Vehaper's visit to America.

c) The Preliminary Parish Assembly was held on Nov. 20, 1960 in the church to elect a nominating committee for election purposes at the Annual Parish Assembly.

3. CHURCH ENTERPRISES

The following enterprises were undertaken by the Parish Council during the year 1960. It must be remembered that in almost every instance, valuable aid was received from the Ladies Auxiliary in helping to make these affairs a success:

a) 19th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

The nineteenth anniversary of the consecration of our church was celebrated on May 15, and was a very successful affair. The Right Rev. Mampre Archbishop Calfayan was guest of honor. Guest Artists were Mr. & Mrs. Juan Nazarian and the (Saturday) Armenian School students, under the direction of Miss Esgouhi Simonian. A total of \$800.25 was donated by parishoners and friends in the ceremony of the lighting of the candles on the anniversary cake.

b) ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

The annual church picnic was held in the month of August at the Falcon Memorial Park. This affair was sponsored by the Parish Council assisted by the Ladies Aid and parish members. It was a very successful affair and a net profit of \$728.45 was realized.

c) RAFFLE

The parish Council sponsored a raffle held on December 3 in conjunction with a Bingo party sponsored by the Ladies Aid. A total net profit of \$486.25 was realized from this affair.

d) MUTUAL FUND

In accordance with the approval of the parish Assembly of 1960, ~~whereby~~ Mr. Harry Hougas approached the parish Council to establish a mutual fund in the church's name. Permission being granted, Mr. Hougas contacted parish members to contribute to this fund at the rate of \$12/ year. Nineteen members agreed to support this

fund as a means of insuring our future. The parish Council elected Gregory Abrahamian, Peter Egazarian, and Harry Hougas as the Mutual Fund Committee with an indefinite term. On October 10, 1960 the committee purchased 17.32 shares of National Investors Corp. at a cost \$252.00.

e) DIOCESAN DAY BANQUET

A Diocesan Day Banquet was given jointly by the Holy Resurrection Church and St. George's Church of Hartford as requested by the Diocese. The affair took place on September 10, 1960 at our church hall with His Grace Archbishop Sion Manoogian as Guest of Honor. A total of \$566.00 was collected and forwarded to the Diocese.

4. CHURCH SERVICES

Divine Liturgy was celebrated every Sunday except during the weeks that our parish priest served in the Hartford parish and when the Vehapar celebrated holy Mass in Boston which required the assistance of Fr. Michael. Morning Services were held in our church during Fr. Michael's absence, except when the Vehapar conducted Holy Mass in Boston. The parish Council is deeply grateful to Deacon Ghevont DerMargosian, Sub-Deacons Lazar Manoogian, Sarkis Azarigian and Stephen Dermargosian, also our able choir director Miss Sarah Yagoobian and our talented organist Mrs. Maro Donabedian and ass't. organist Mrs. Lucy Simonian for their untiring efforts in donating their services to the Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection. It was with deep regret that the parish Council accepted the resignation of Miss Saran Yagoobian as choir director during the year and glad to announce that Mrs. Maro Donabedian has accepted the directorship of the choir as well as continuing as organist. To Sarah, a special "thanks" for all the wonderful years of her talent, knowledge, time and patience.

5. MAINTENANCE

The following work was done by the Parish Council with regard to maintenance and upkeep of our church:

- a) The stairs leading from the church to the hall were demolished and reconstructed at a cost of \$220.00. The cost of this project was donated by the Ladies Aid.
- b) The heating mains in the church hall and kitchen were covered with insulation and painted to help maintain the same temperature throughout the church. The cost of this project was \$72.43.
- c) The choir loft, stairwell walls, office and foyer walls were painted by the trustees and a few parishoners. The paint was donated by Monty Bagdigian.
- d) A contract has been made with a contractor to spot point the exterior brick and paint the exterior woodwork of the building. Actual work has not been started due to the weather, but will get underway soon. These two projects will cost \$185.00 and \$335.00 respectively.
- e) New flourescent lights were donated by Peter Egazarian and installed by the Trustees in the church hall.

6. PUBLICATIONS

The parish council has tried to keep the congregation informed of every important church event through the continuous mailing of circulars. Every week, a notice concerning church services was placed in the "New Britain Herald" so that both our congregation and all others will know of our church services. In addition, Father Michael and his staff has continued to publish the monthly church paper "Loos". The paper is supported by donations from the recipients.

7. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

At the start of the year the church roll included 119 dues paying members in good standing. During the year, through the efforts of Father Machael and the membership committee, 8 new members were added to the church. Though 8 new members were added to the church roll, it must be mentioned that the church lost 10 members thru death, relocating outside the parish district, and delinquent in dues. It is strongly urged that the members of the congregation pay their dues regularly year by year and make every effort not to fall behind. This regular income is essential in maintaining of church records and payment of bills as they become due. As of this writing dues in arrears amount to \$734.00.

8. OTHER CHURCH SERVICES

During the year the church performed the following:

1 Weddings 6 Baptisms 5 Funerals

9. FINANCES

This item will be covered in great detail by the Auditors Report. It is appropriate though, to mention at this writing the events which took place at the July 7, 1960 Parish Council meeting at the church hall. Our Parish Priest, Father Michael Buttero informed the parish council that he was unable to meet his everyday obligations with his present salary, and if, some consideration be not given immediately, he would have to leave our parish. With due consideration of the problem at hand, taking everything in account, the parish council unanimously voted to increase Father Michael's salary to \$100.00 per week as of July 11, 1960.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: FUTURE PROJECTS & IMPROVEMENTS

a) Painting the interior of the church. The Ladies Aid has

already donated ^{500.00} ~~600~~ for this project and our hope is that it will be completed in 1961.

b) With due respect to the individuals concerned, the report of the Planning Committee is still outstanding.

11. RESOLUTIONS:

The Parish Council has the following resolution for your consideration:

1. Resolved: That the monies collected from burial plots be hereafter deposited into the Trust Fund; beginning with \$350.00 for the purpose of buying additional land in the future as may be necessary.
2. Resolved: That the monies donated to the church as "In lieu of flowers" gifts be hereafter deposited in the Trust Fund.

12. CONCLUSION

The Parish Council wishes to officially express their deepest sympathy to the families and relatives of two departed friends, Vartan Azarigian, a Parish Council member at the time of his death and John Bogosian a former Parish Council member and Trust Fund Advisor, both devoted to our glorious church. We also wish to express our deep appreciation for all the help that it has received from the Priest, Yeretgin, Deacons, Choir, Sunday School and Armenian School Staff, Ladies Auxiliary, A.C.Y.O.A. and the congregation itself.

The Parish Council is happy to report that in its opinion our church under the leadership of Father Buttero is making progressive strides. We feel that if our present rate of growth continues, we will in the next decade be in a position to build a new church. We thank the Parish for their continued support and remind them that the

the success of our church is contingent upon their unselfish devotion.

The Parish Council has endeavored to make this report as complete as possible but in a report of this type, it is possible to omit certain items for which we are sorry and hope to be forgiven.

Respectfully Submitted,

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