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ARMENIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY RESURRECTION

Annual Parish Council Report for the Year 1962

1. OFFICERS

At the first scheduled meeting of the Parish Council after the 1961 annual assembly the members of the Parish Council were elected to their respective offices as follows:

Chairman	John Maljanian
Vice-Chairman	Peter Egazarian
Recording Secretary	Given Hoosigian
Corresponding Secretary	Harry Berberian
Treasurer	Greg Abrahamian
Pledge Custodians	Haig Yessian Monty Bagdigian
Key Custodian	Harry Badrigian
Advisor	Harry Azarigian

The Parish Council was tremendously grieved with the passing in November of Haig Yessian. With his death this parish lost a strong and faithful member who worked very hard for his church. Peter Egazarian graciously took over his duties as Pledge Custodian for the rest of the year. Since only approximately two months remained to the parish assembly, no replacement was selected for his unexpired term.

2. MEETINGS

Twelve regularly scheduled monthly meetings of the Parish Council were held to handle the routine business of the Council.

Two special meetings of the Parish Council were held as follows:

a) In March a special meeting was held to discuss the existing critical financial condition of the Church.

b) In May a special meeting was held with the Springfield trustees to arrange for Fr. Michael to perform services in Springfield once a month until such time as Springfield was able to acquire a full time priest.

A Special Membership meeting was called in November to elect a nominating committee for the annual parish assembly.

3. CHURCH ENTERPRISES

The Parish Council planned and conducted the following Church enterprises in the past year (1962), and wishes to thank all of those who helped make these affairs successful.

- a) 21st Anniversary Celebration - The Anniversary Banquet was held in the month of May. Total donations were \$606.
- b) Annual Church Picnic - The picnic was held in the month of August. Total profit was \$681.
- c) Raffle - The Parish Council held a raffle with the drawing in December at a Ladies Aide Sponsored Bingo. The raffle realized a profit of \$826.
- d) Church Hall Tables - The Parish Council undertook to get parishoners to donate 20 new tables to replace the old tables in the Church hall. Name plaques were placed on these tables to indicate the donors.

4. CHURCH SERVICES

Church Services were held every Sunday on a regularly scheduled basis. Special Services were also held on pertinent Church holydays. The Parish Council and parish extend their appreciation to those who help Fr. Michael in the conducting of these Services, especially Deacon Ghevont Der Margosian, Deacon Lazar Manoogian, Sarkis Azarigian, Steve Der Margosian, and Given Der Hoosigian, without whom it would be an all but impossible task for Fr. Michael.

5. MAINTENANCE

Minor routine maintenance only was conducted in the past year for up-keep of the Church, since the financial status of the treasury prevented major expenditures for these purposes.

6. PUBLICATIONS

The Parish Council has endeavored to keep the membership informed of Church activities through the mailing of circulars. A notice of Church Services is also maintained in the New Britain Herald for the convenience of its members.

In addition, the monthly Church Publication "Looy's" was put out by Fr. Michael Yeretzgin Buttero and regularly mailed to the parishoners. It is noted that this paper is supported by donations of the recipients.

7. MR. AND MRS. CLUB

The Parish Council considered the application of a group of married couples for admission to this Church organization as a Mr. and Mrs. Club. Such status was granted after review of the presented by-laws by the Parish Council at the June meeting.

8. OTHER CHURCH FUNCTIONS

In the course of the year, Sacraments were performed as follows:

Weddings	0
Baptisms	5
Funerals	6

Fr. Michael also visited the sick, and home were blessed on Christmas and Easter.

9. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The number of Dues Paying Members in good standing at the beginning of the year was 135.

At the close of the year Church records show a membership of 127. The Church has shown a net loss of 8 members in the past year due to death, relocation, and non-payment of dues. This loss was shown in spite of a gain of 4 members.

We are sorry to report that many Church-comers could be considered members in good standing if they would either take out their pledges or pay the pledges they have taken out. Also, our younger people should take up membership at age 21. All the Parish Council and Priest can do is ask that those involved do something to improve the situation. The rest is up to them.

We are also sorry to report that the amount outstanding in pledges past-due amounts to \$560. Again, we ask those concerned to correct this situation, since we can do nothing more.

10. FINANCES

This item will be covered in great detail in the Auditors Report. In general, however, the records show a net profit for the year's operations.

At the beginning of the year, this Parish owed \$667 of its 1961 Parish Dues to the Diocese. In discussions with Archbishop Sion Manoogian after the Banquet, it was pointed out that at the request of our Diocesan Delegates our annual dues for 1962 were reduced from \$1,000. to \$800.

The Parish Council is pleased at this time to announce that all Parish obligations to the Diocese have been paid, largely through the success of our raffle which netted over \$800.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

We have been notified that the East-West Highway will cut across the outer corner of our cemetery land, effecting about 40 burial plots. Hurach Azarigian is handling the settlement of this problem with help from trustees as required. An attorney has been engaged to help Mr. Azarigian as required. The Parish will be kept up-to-date on this matter as developments occur. It is noted that none of the effected plots have been sold nor is any of this land currently in use. Mr. Azarigian will report on this item as a separate item at this meeting.

12. RECOMMENDATIONS

a) That a strong program be initiated for increase of donations for "Loos". Over two hundred (200) families receive this publication, and returns for the past year, through donations, were under \$100.

b) The Parish Council consider possible replacement of the outside side doors of the Church, and possible removal of the doors behind the altar.

defeated c) It is recommended that the minimum pledge be raised from \$.50 per week to \$1.00 per week.

d) It is recommended that the following system of definition of membership for this Church be adopted.

Three categories of membership will be established as follows, with with the noted privileges:

- I Dues Paying Member of the Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection
- II Member of any Armenian Church
- III Non-Pledging member of any Armenian Church

I. Dues Paying Member of the Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection

One who pays to this Armenian Church a minimum pledge of ^{\$1.50} ~~\$1.00~~ per week. In return he is entitled to the following privileges:

Weddings	\$30.00	45.00
Baptisms	\$12.00	
Funeral Services	\$30.00	
Burial Plots	\$50.00	(Dues Paying member for last 4 consecutive years)

Church Hall rental privileges - see table below

He may attend parish meetings with the right to vote.

He may hold any church office (Trustee, Diocesan Delegate, etc.)

II. Member of any Armenian Church

One who pays the minimum pledge to the Church of which he is a member. He must also be a member in good standing of his Church. He is entitled to the following privileges in our Church.

Weddings	\$35.00	45.00
Baptisms	\$20.00	
Funeral Services	\$35.00	
Burial Plots	\$200.00	

Church Hall rental privileges - see table

He may attend parish meetings with no vote.

Handwritten notes:
~~Member of any Armenian Church~~
~~Attended - 1 year~~

III. Non-Pledging Member of any Armenian Church

One who pays no pledge to any Armenian Church and is not a member in good standing of any Armenian Church.

Weddings	^{40.00} \$40.00 50.00
Baptisms	\$25.00
Funeral Services	\$40.00
Burial Plots	\$200.00

Church Hall Rental - see table below

He may attend meetings with no voice or no vote.

IV. Exceptions

The Parish Council may by majority vote of its members and the approval of the Parish Priest take exception to the above by giving the privileges of a member in good standing to any member not in good standing in the following cases:

- i) Cases where former dues paying members are no longer capable of meeting their financial obligations to maintain their status.
- ii) Cases of temporary hardship due to illness, unemployment, etc.
- iii) Any other reason that the Parish Council deems plausible and sees fit to accept.

e) Hall Rental Rates

That the following rates be approved for rental of the Church Hall.

	Members Category I	Non-Members Category II & III	Other Organizations
Wedding Receptions	\$10	\$35	\$35
Banquets	\$10	\$35	\$35
Baptism Parties	\$10	\$30	\$30
Tea & Shower Parties	\$10	\$30	\$30
Paid Movies	\$5	\$15	\$15
Card Parties	\$5	\$15	\$15
Club Meetings			12 meetings \$25. \$5/meeting over 12

NOTE: The rentee is responsible for clean-up of the hall after use.
A charge of \$10.00 will be imposed if the hall is not cleaned.

f) 1963 Budget - That the attached budget be approved.

PROPOSED 1963 BUDGET

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Pledge	⁴⁵⁰⁰ \$5100	Stipends, Salaries	\$5250
Plate	\$ 600	Office, Publications, Mat'l.	\$ 300
Wedding & Baptism	\$ 50	Heat, Water, Elec., Gas	\$ 825
Funeral & Requiem	\$ 200	Bldg. Up keep & Improvements	\$ 100
Yugakin & Hokihonkist	\$ 500	Insurance	\$ 475
Donations:		Prelacy Dues	\$ 800
Ladies Aide	\$ 500	Candles, Incense, Wine	\$ 200
Banquet	\$ 600	Tel & Tel	\$ 100
Miscellaneous	\$ 135	Furniture & Fixtures	\$ 0
Church Enterprises:		Special Donations	\$ 0
Picnic	\$ 650	Clergy Fund	\$ 260
Raffle		Social Security	\$ 100
Hall Donations	\$ 100	N.B. Council Church Dues	\$ 35
Special Plates	\$ 100	Sunday School	\$ 25
Looys	\$ 100	Armenian School	\$ 0
Fund Transfer (Ch.Window)	\$ 365	Fund Transfer (Ch.Window)	\$ 365
		Lodging and Travel	\$ 100
		Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 65</u>
	<u>\$9000</u>		\$9000
	8400.		

13. CONCLUSION

The members of the Parish Council wish to express their deep appreciation for the continuing help that has been received throughout this year from the Priest, Yeretzgin, the Deacons, Choir, Choir Director, Organists, Sunday School, ACYO, Ladies Aide, Mr. and Mrs. Club, and the members of the congregation itself.

We have tried to make this report as complete as possible, and hope we have not made any important omissions.

Respectfully submitted

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