

ARMENIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY RESURRECTION
11 ERWIN PLACE, NEW BRITAIN, CONN. 06051

Parish Council Report for the Calendar Year 1978

Presented at the Annual Parish Assembly on Jan. 28, 1979

At the March 13, 1978 meeting of the Parish Council, members of the newly formed Council were elected to their respective offices as follows:

President	Rev. Fr. Vartan DerAssadourian
Chairman	Mr. Given Hoosigian
Vice Chairman	Mr. Monty Bagdigian
Secretary	Mr. Charles Hovsepian, Jr.
Treasurer	Mr. John Maljanian
Pledge Custodian	Mr. Hurach Azarigian
Advisor	Mr. B. J. Hovhanessian
Advisor	Mr. Gregory Abrahamian
Advisor	Mr. John Chiloyan
Advisor	Mr. Charles Takesian

Due to the change in working hours, Mr. Leon Hovhanessian was unable to attend the Parish Council Meetings and resigned his position. Mr. B. J. Hovhanessian, who had the next highest number of votes, completed the term.

I. MEETINGS

- A. Twelve regular meetings of the Parish Council were held to handle routine business of the council.
- B. Two joint meetings were held with the Building Committee to go over the finalization of the design and construction of a new church.
- C. A special Parish Assembly was convened on November 12, 1978, at which time approval was given to proceed with the construction of the new church.

II. CHURCH ENTERPRISES

The Parish Council planned, organized and conducted the following affairs in the course of the year:

A. 37th Anniversary Celebration

The 37th Anniversary Banquet was held on Palm Sunday, March 18, 1978, at Howard Johnson's, New Britain, Conn. Chairman for the event was Mr. Charles Takesian. Our Primate, Archbishop Torkom Manogian, was guest of honor, joined by Mayor and Mrs. William McNamara, Commissioner Stanley Pac and former Mayor and Mrs. Matthew Avitable. Under the guidance of Mr. Edward Simonian, the total amount of donations was \$5000.00.

B. Annual Church Picnic

A profit of only \$273.00 was realized due to the inclement weather and the bridge, which was under construction, limiting access to the picnic grounds. The Pasoce Hill Grove has again been reserved for a picnic in August 1979.

C. CENTURY BIRTHDAY PARTY

On October 18, 1978 a 100 year birthday party was given in honor of Mrs. Tourvanda Bagdassarian by the Parish Council, Chairman, Mr. Gregory Abrahamian. A profit of \$382.00 was realized from this affair mainly because the dinner was prepared from the food left over from the picnic.

III. PUBLICATIONS

The church newsletter, Looya, is now being prepared through the efforts of Mrs. Mary Abrahamian, Editor and Mrs. Roxie Maljanian, typist, with the A.C.Y.O.A. Jrs. helping in the addressing and mailing every month. The Parish Council is especially appreciative of the regularity and format with which the paper is published. The Mr. & Mrs. Club donated the funds covering the first two months of publishing costs.

IV. MAINTENANCE

The Parish Council performed all the routine maintenance required in the present building, as well as the lot on Stanley St.

The Parish Council is preparing to have the stained glass windows in the church removed in order that they may be repaired and modifications may be made for installation in the new building. It is especially important to remove the windows as soon as possible since no vandalism insurance could be obtained.

V. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

As of January 1, 1978 there were 139 dues paying members of this church and 134 members as of December 31, 1978.

VI. PLEDGE

The actual pledge income was \$1,140.00 below our 1978 budget forecast. As of the start of the year, there is \$900.00 outstanding, which the Council urges to be paid up as soon as possible.

VII. BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Parish Council has been working in conjunction with the Building Committee and any contractual commitments will be made by the Parish Council. Mr. John D. Bagdassarian has been selected and notified that he will be the attorney representing the church in any legal matters.

The Building Committee report will be provided by the committee chairman, Mr. Stephen DerMargosian.

VIII. CHURCH OPERATION

The Parish Council has contacted several people which were considered likely candidates for deacons, but none have accepted. We are still searching.

IX. 1979 BUDGET

The prepared 1979 budget is attached to this report and will be presented by the Treasurer.