

*Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection
1910 Stanley St, New Britain, Ct.*

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL REPORT 1991

1. At the first regular monthly meeting held April 8, 1991 the following were elected to their respective offices:

Chairman	Peter Bagdigian Jr.
Vice-Chairman	Robert Yirigian
Treasurer	Michael Kallajian
Co-Treasurer	John Maljanian
Pledge Custodian	Sarkis Alkhasian
Co-Pledge	Grant Landsman
Secretary	Art Simonian Jr.

Twelve regular monthly meetings were held to conduct the business of the parish. Also in addition to the regular monthly meetings three Tri-City meeting were held at St. Mark and St. George parishes with their respective Parish Councils concerning items of mutual interest. Your Parish Council also attended the Regional Diocesan Assembly, held in Worcester, Ma.

Church Enterprises: The Parish Council organized the following affairs and together with some very capable leadership of our parish members had the following successful enterprises:

1. **Church Picnic:** Under the co-chairmanship of Peter Bagdigian Jr. & Adrienne Damian and with the fine cooperation of the Women's Guild coordinators, Lucy Simonian & Angel Yirigian we held a very successful picnic. Net profit was \$2,023.00.

2. **Anniversary Banquet:** Chaired by Grant & Sharon Landsman with a very fine committee of Rose Badrigian, Emil Mosey, Yerezgin Patricia Buttero, Arthur Simonian Jr., Carol & Harry Hougas, Robert Artibani, Gary Hovhanessian, Guy & Darlene Simonian and Hurach Azarigian, a Dinner Dance Banquet was held at the new Marriot in Rocky Hill, Ct. The Anniversary Banquet Book was a source of added income. Deborah Buttero donated all the type setting for the Booklet, which made it possible for the booklet to realize a modest profit. Donations realized \$8,840.00 and the affair made a profit of \$1,982.00.

Maintenance: Regular maintenance was performed in a timely fashion and at a minimal cost thanks to the services of many of our faithful, that donated their labor free. You may have noticed that the outside signs are now illuminated, we have power to the front grounds of the church, the front doors of the church have been repaired, the Sound System is installed in the Church Hall, and a host of other things that needed to be done for a long time have been completed.

Finances: This item will be discussed in detail by the Auditing Committee, and during the Parish Council budget presentation.

Permanent Trust Fund: You will note in the reports that additional donations have been placed in this fund. The Monies in the Permanent Trust Fund can not be used or touched, only the interest is given to the various organizations according to the wishes of the donor. This is an excellent way to assure the financial future of our church.

Earthquake: Our parish, along with the other three parishes in our area, hosted a group of Armenian Students from the earthquake area in Armenia. Many thanks to our parishioners who opened up their hearts and homes to these young Armenians.

Church Membership: We were pleased to welcome many new members to our church family. It is especially gratifying to see new young couples not only bring their children to the Church Sunday School, but also take part in sharing the financial support needed to keep our church vital and an important witness to God's Kingdom here on earth.

Summary of requested Actions at 1990 Parish Assembly

1. Light on Church Sign - completed.
2. Year round water behind Altar - completed
3. Decorate at Christmas - Lights on Church Sign, wreaths on doors
4. Get ACYOA Jr.'s going - Mary Abrahamian, Youth Coordinator, working
5. Parking Lot, right of way for access - Access restored
6. 50th Anniversary Celebration - carried out
7. Clean Glass in Sanctuary - in process
8. Brush around parking lot - cleared
9. Mary Abrahamian appointed Youth Advisor, Coordinator

Concerns Requiring Parishioner Support

1. Our church has grown and requires much attention to its operations. We do not have a paid staff and depend on our Members to share the load and concerns to maintain the church's smooth function.
2. It is important that we all try to maintain our pledges on a regular basis, this enables the church to be able to anticipate and pay its obligations on time. The Parish Council does not, in any way, want to harass our members to maintain their Pledge Schedule, and if you feel you have made a commitment beyond what you can afford, please inform the pledge custodian, so that it can be promptly adjusted. The Parish however, requires timely payment of pledges. As of February 4th, 1992, the outstanding balance is \$3,042.
3. We realize that at times it is difficult to find a parking spot in the designated parking area. We ask that you not use the spaces reserved for Clergy and Handicapped, and that you do not park in the fire lanes.
4. We encourage all working youth of our church family to take up membership in their church.
5. We require more membership participation in the Sunday Fellowship Hour.
6. Parents should strive to clean up after the children at church activities. Since we have no paid custodians, we all are, in a sense, custodians. It is important that we take pride in our church and its appearance. Your cooperation is essential to maintain a clean and neat appearance at all times.
7. The Men's Club Fund Raiser, which can generate \$5,000 per year towards church operations, has lost 50% of its support, if they are not able to turn this around they may have to discontinue this enterprise.

8. Trash collection and removal from the church is the responsibility of the persons or organization sponsoring the function. Please help us by adhering to the posted rules for recycling and disposal of trash.

Please note that we do have a Church Handbook, and we encourage all to read and follow the policies and guideline contained there-in.

Recommendations

1. The Parish authorize the Parish Council to negotiate the sale of the Community Center upon expiration of the current lease options. Final approval would be by a special Parish Assembly. The principal realized by the sale would be memorialized in a Monty and Alice Bagdigian Endowment until such time as the Parish should decide otherwise.

2. In Lieu of Flowers Donations, starting in 1992, automatically be placed into the ACHR Endowment Fund, the proceeds to be used to offset operating costs of our Parish.



Peter Bagdigian Jr.
Parish Council Chairman