

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

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL REPORT 1992

1. At the first regular monthly meeting held March 9, 1992 the following were elected to their respective offices:

Chairman	Peter Bagdigian Jr.
Vice-Chairman	Arthur Simonian Jr.
Treasurer	John Maljanian Jr.
Co-Treasurer	John Maljanian
Pledge Custodian	Grant Landsman
Co-Pledge	Paul Abrahamian
Secretary	Gary Hovhanessian.

ADVISOR HARRY HOUGAS
ADVISOR ROBERT YIRIGIAN

The Parish Council administrated the Business of the Church working closely with our President Fr. Michael. We sought ways of obtaining funds to support the church and spent ~~Money~~ prudently to maintain our church complex. monies

Twelve regular monthly meetings were held to conduct the business of the parish. Also in addition to the regular monthly meetings four Tri-City meetings 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 leaders from our parish members had the following successful enterprises:

1. **Church Picnic:** Under the chairmanship of Gary Hovhanessian and with the fine cooperation of the Women's Guild coordinator, Queenie Hovhanessian we held a very successful picnic. Net profit was almost \$3,000.

2. **Anniversary Banquet:** Chaired by Harry Hougas with a very fine committee of Angel Yirigian, Yerezgin Patricia Buttero and Sonia Ohanian. The Anniversary Banquet was held at our church, and realized a gain of \$7,900.

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. The following things were done: a shed and electrical power were built and installed, the outside and inside windows were cleaned, a remote door bell was installed, the choir room was plastered and a closet installed, new electronic timed thermostats were installed, the Abrahamian Auditorium was painted, soffits all around the outside of the church were covered with siding, thereby making the entire outside of the church ^{expenses} maintenance free, a cabinet was constructed and installed in the vestry room, a wet 'n dry vacuum was purchased, the parking lot was repaired, the church purchased scaffolding, with Money from the Men's Club and all the fluorescent lights in the church hall were replaced. Many electrical improvements such as outlets, light switches, etc. were done. Special thanks to all that helped and especially Emil Mosey and Louis Steinke. Money spent on maintenance, repair and enhancements to our property was \$9,305. We have occupied the property for the past 12 years and much work was required to bring the building and grounds up to date.

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 Moneys 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.

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 1992 Parish Assembly

1. Decorate at Christmas - Lights on Church Sign, wreaths on doors - done
2. Get ACYOA Jr.'s going - Mary Abrahamian, Youth Coordinator, done
3. Parking Lot, right of way and access - in process
4. Clean Glass in Sanctuary - done
5. Brush around parking lot - cleared (thanks to Harry Azarigian)

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 December 31, 1992 we had uncollected pledges of \$ 2,270.
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 will be printing a new edition of the Church Handbook, and we encourage all to read and follow the policies and guidelines contained there-in.

Recommendations

1. The Parish Council proposes the election of Peter Bagdigian Sr as Trustee Emeritus. The Parish Council did so at the first convened meeting. We ask that the Parish Assembly ratify this decision.
2. At the last Parish Council Meeting we passed a NO SMOKING order within the church building complex. We ask that our faithful comply with this ban.
3. We recommend the re election of the 2 departing Parish Trust Fund members.



Peter Bagdigian, Jr.
Parish Council Chairman