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April 27, 1982

Mr. Frank Avakian Stoneason,
Executive Director,
Diocese of the Armenian Church,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Avakian,

We are in receipt of your letter, dated April 6, 1982 concerning our Annual Parish Report. You've indicated some points in regard of our report which were raised by the Review Committee.

Herewith we would like to point out to you our version and or explanation concerning the points that were raised by the Review Committee.

1.- It is true that Quorum was not present at our Annual Parish Assembly, however we conducted ourselves according to article 17 of the By Laws (see the second paragraph of the article).

P.T.O.

REV. FR. DIRAN PAPAIZIAN · PASTOR

2. - Invitations which were part of the Annual Reports Book were given by hand to the Church members on Sunday Feb. 14th, in order to save some money to the Church, the rest were mailed first class at the first opportunity.

3. - The reason sample ballot sheet was not enclosed together with the other material, was because the Nominating Committee was not able to come up with full slate (double for each position) and the names of the candidates ^{were} given from the floor. The votes received by each candidate are recorded in the minutes and also mentioned in the letter sent to the prime. I've enclosed a sample ballot used for elections.

4. - All voting were conducted by secret balloting except in the case of Assembly Officers according to past practices. In the future we try to adhere to the specific instructions of the By-laws in this matter.

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5. - We had double slates for all Officers including those for the Assembly Officers; unfortunately they were omitted inadvertently from the Minutes. As for the Assembly Officers the other names were Mr. Sam Mirakian for Chairman and Mrs. Sandy Hurdanian for Secretary.
6. - You've indicated that the Parish Council Report does not contain the signatures of the Officers of the Parish Council. As far as I remember I personally secured all the signatures in their proper places. If anything left out that must be an oversight on my part. If you deem it necessary to include these signatures you may send the report back and I assure you that they will be signed and will be sent to you back right away.
7. - Concerning the Clergy Stipend Report that is part of the Annual Report in the financial section of the Parish Council. On the basis of the Annual Report

I've enclosed Clergy Stipend Form completed for your consideration.

I would like to add that we've received primate's ratification of the election in his official letter, dated April 6, 1982.

As an additional note I would like to inform you that, our ^{new} Parish Council met on April 26, 1982 and elected its new Tivon. The new parish Council for 1982, with names, offices, addresses and telephone numbers have been forwarded to you (separately), as per your request. The dedication of the new parish Council will take place on Sun May 9th in the Church following the church services.

I hope that you will find the above explanation and information satisfactory.

Prayerfully,
Tivon Oguzian

P.S. Being pressed for time I will send later the Clergy Stipend Form completed. Sorry for the inconvenience.