

MINUTES OF

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

Parish Hall

Tuesday, June 20, 1978.

Meeting conducted by Mary Kulhanjian, Chairman of the Parish Council
Secretary of the evening, Mary Seraydar, Secretary of the Parish Council.

Der Hayr gave the invocation. Roll Call..107 Paid Members.
40 members present. No quorum present. George Nenezian made motion
to conduct meeting with present members. Seconded by Nerses Zetounian.
Unanimously accepted. It was stated that any proposal or anything we
pass on this evening is to have the approval of the Primate in New York
and the Diocesan Office. Time limit on meeting to 10:00 P.M.

John Basmajian, AD HOC, and John Demerjian were called upon
to speak regarding the structure of our church. John Demerjian gave
his detailed description of his inspection of the church structure;
the termite problem; the cracking walls and roof; and the rotting of
the wood framing. He discussed in detail the letter dated May 28, 1978
from Allen M. Reese & Associates, Inc., Consulting Engineers. He stated
to repair the church structure would cost more or equal to building a
new church. This church was built in 1912, more than 50 years ago.
Also, once you are notified that a building is unsafe for occupancy,
all concerned are legally responsible for making these corrections
and/or closing the building and that the structure is not fit for
occupancy any more. George Nenezian made a motion to accept the
Engineer's report. Seconded by Mrs. Reynolds. Accepted Unanimously.

John Basmajian also explained fully the bad deterioration
of the structure of the church, how unsafe it is and how dangerous
to any occupant. Our present location is not feasible for a new church
building. The lot is too small. When the value of the land exceeds
the value of the building, the building itself is diminished. He
specified and emphasized, 1, That building, the church, is real, real
unsafe. I don't want anyone to step in that building any longer. The
responsibility is too great on the ownership. It is to be known that
the church is a going organization at the present time and is closed
only temporarily. He discussed in detail new sites, its financing
and importance of location and the aim to have it convenient for all
of South Florida Armenians. Louise Mahakian made the motion; that a
future site for a church be in the South Florida area since our present
church is unsafe for occupancy based on authoratative engineer's report.
Seconded by Alice Atamian. 32 accepted - 8 opposed. Motion carried.

Nerses Zetounian motioned that the present church be closed
temporarily with the approval of the Primate and the New York Diocesan
Office and we hold our church services here at the Parish Hall as
described by Der Hayr. Seconded by Mr. Manoukian. Unanimously accepted.
No objections.

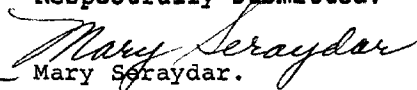
Mr. Byman suggested that we entertain the idea of renting
a church for services.

A meeting is to be scheduled soon with the Parish Council
~~in conjunction with the Building Committee regarding a suitable site~~
feasible for the new church.

Meeting adjourned by Vian Avedishian, seconded by Harry
Pilafian.

Closing prayer by Der Hayr.

Respectfully submitted:

Rev. Joseph Kalfjez 
Pastor and President
Parish Assembly
Mary Seraydar.