

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT ST. MESROB ARMENIAN CHURCH FOR 75th ANNIVERSARY
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May 31, 1973

Present: Father Patee Metjian, Anoush Kelegian, Father Guregh Yetenekian, Rose Akgulian, Mike Garoukian, Father Arshag Khatchadourian, Sarkis Tchejeyan, Grace Hadjinian.

Meeting opened with a prayer led by the clergy at 8:45 p.m. Minutes of previous meeting were read, and a correction was made on the spelling of Mr. Maksud's name. Minutes were approved as read.

Letter to Mr. Maksud was written by Fr. Arshag regarding his assuming the chairman duties for Saturday's program. Letter was also written to Margaret Dadian asking her to assume choirmaster duties for Sunday's Holy Badarak. Although she did not commit herself, she did express willingness. Father Arshag has contacted the Diocese regarding flyers. All letters were dated 5/26.

Father Patee reported that Mr. Maksud was unable to attend this meeting, although he will take part in the Sports Program as suggested by the Committee, and he will be in touch with the General Chairman (Fr. Arshag). Fr. Patee was informed that the Committee had wanted Mr. Maksud to work out the entire Saturday program with the help of Fr. Arshag, the ACYOA chairmen and their advisors. Fr. Patee said his understanding was that Mr. Maksud was willing to organize the sports program only.

Father Patee contacted John Kaishian for the menu as follows:

- Shish Kebab or char-broiled steak
- Baked potato, butter, sour cream, or pilaf
- Salad
- French bread
- coffee, milk
- soda (extra)
- Cherry surprise
- Cost of the above \$6.00 per person
- Sweet corn - 50¢ extra
- Tablecloths can be provided at 60¢ ea.

Discussion followed, and it was agreed that Father Patee contact John once again to see if he can provide a menu not to exceed \$5.00. Rose will contact a caterer in Racine, and Anoush will get a price from the caterer who served at the Jubilee dinner last year.

Sam Avakian cannot accept the assignment to teach folk songs for the performance on Sunday afternoon because of illness in his family. Father Arshag made a motion that Ruth Kashishian be contacted to head this committee. Rose seconded. Unanimously agreed. Fr. Arshag suggested that before the next meeting, everyone should think of an alternative person, in case she does not accept.

Fr. Arshag said he had called Waukegan and left a message at the Shop of Mr. Marsoobian about today's meeting.

Betty Eland has been contacted twice by Fr. Arshag, to appear on the program, but she has refused.

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Anoush said that at the Jubilee dinner, Surpazan Hayr was disappointed that a clergyman from another orthodox Church had not been invited. Much discussion. Anoush made a motion that we consider having a speaker from another religious affiliation as a guest speaker. Fr. Paree seconded it. 6 voted yes, 2 abstained. Grace made a motion that Fr. Guregh be in charge of selecting a clergyman. Rose seconded it. Vote taken 5 yes, abstained 3. Names suggested for guest speaker were the secretary of the National Council of Churches, Arthur Jorjorian, Dean of Seabury West, Evanston, and Dr. Sittler, Chicago University. The date of the program October 27-28, 1973, and Surpazan Hayr will arrive on the 26th. Copy of minutes should be sent to him.

National Anthem will be sung as a group at the program on Sunday, and Fr. Arshag will accompany on the piano.

Fr. Arshag will call a meeting with Mr. Maksud, Rose, and other concerned members. Rose made a motion that the Parish Council Chairmen and at least one member of the Council should attend these meetings. Seconded. Passed.

Mike Garoukian accepted the job as Treasurer.

Hayr Soorp suggested that during this weekend there be an Arts & Crafts Exhibit. A committee has been set up -- Rozanne Cifaldi, Chairman, Irene Gavric, Treas. and Harry Madaghjian, Secy-Treas. Thought should be given to this idea, and a check should be made with the St. Mesrob Parish Council about exhibiting works in the Church meeting rooms. It was agreed no sales will be made in Church.

Rose would like permission to write to the Primate about inviting and sending flyers to our dissident brothers. Fr. Arshag agreed.

Next meeting Thursday, June 28th. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Hadjivian