

September 30, 1976

The September meeting of the St. Mesrob Women's Guild was called to order by the Chairman, Var Cherkinian, at 8:02 p.m. A prayer was distributed amongst the members present and read by all.

The roll call sheet which is attached to these minutes showed 26 members present. Executive Board members present were Var Cherkinian, Sue Esayian, Margaret Dadian, Julie Kapralian, Mary Cherkinian, Queenie Gillis, Helen Chordegian, Ellie Mazmanian, and Cetina Nahabedian.

Minutes of the August meeting were read and approved.

Berje Mikaelian moved that the members present constituted a quorum. Mary Domanico seconded the motion; the motion was passed.

There was no correspondence.

Reports from the various standing committees are as follows:

- Flowers: Helen Chordegian stated that the sign-up schedule for altar flowers was filled and at present they were using garden flowers when available.
- Funeral: Margaret Dadian stated there was no report.
- Senior Parishioners: Catherine Mikaelian, Chairman, noted that a program and lunch will be presented on November 7 for all senior parishioners. She also suggests that she would appreciate it if Father Ashjian would mention the event during announcements on the Sundays towards the end of October so that all parishioners would be aware of the function.
- County Home: Mary Chardukian stated that the committee will be making visitation before Thanksgiving.
- Kitchen: Pat Paragamian and Rose Margosian had cleaned the kitchen and also made note of the Various supplies that are needed and should be purchased.
- Mas: The supply is again low and the committee will be baking in a few weeks.
- Program: The October program committee will be presenting Mrs. Donna Barootian, a supervisor with the exceptional educational department of the Unified District, and her topic will be an overview of exceptional education.

The Chair noted that the Church name Day Dinner will be held October 10 and tickets are \$4.00 per person, \$3.00 for students.

Sue Esayian reported on the latmajoon sale, stating the project began on Friday evening, September 10 and was completed on Saturday by 1:00 p.m. She thanked all who participated to make this a successful financial project.

Sophie Chardukian, representing the Holiday Fair Committee stated that volunteers were needed to chair the various baking days. After a prolonged silence -- it has become more difficult to have persons volunteer to head projects -- Var Cherkinian, Mary Domanico, and Martha Topalian, volunteered to head the committee for the Mavish. Catherine Mikaelian and Nancy

Kazarian already had graciously consented to head the committee to make Sarma. The Kata and paklava committee heads shall be brought up at the Executive Board meeting for discussion.

Byds Musurlian reported that she and Mrs. Zarouhi Balian had ordered four (4) large stainless steel with aluminum bottom pots with the approval of the Guild, through Sears, and they will be in our possession within a few weeks.

The Treasurer, Mary Cherkinian, reported a bank balance as of Sept. 1, 1976, to be \$2,081.72. A detailed report for the latmajoon sale was requested and the total profit on that project was \$210.52. (it is to be noted, however, that part of the meat used in this project was lamb pieces from the annual church picnic, which was given to us by the picnic committee)

The Chair stated that a request has been made by the Parish Council to all members of the Parish: "If you are the last one in the building on any given night, please check to see that the doors are locked as you leave".

The Chair noted that she has received phone calls that there are two films available to us in this area:

1. "The Armenian Case"
2. "Tears of Happiness"

Byds Musurlian stated that she had seen "The Armenian Case" and felt it a picture for the youth to see. It is to be noted that this film can be shown in our annex, our only requirement being a rental of a 16mm voice projector and large screen and the film "Tears of Happiness" requires a rental of a movie house, thus boosting the cost.

Father Ashjian noted that a five man clergy committee are sponsoring the "David Wilkerson Crusade" -- a book titled "The Cross and the Switchblade" written by David Wilkerson and made into a movie -- the theme being about the drug scene of today. Any organization may use it and a free offering is provided. He stated that St. Michael's Episcopal Church may co-sponsor it with us, but that this is a Parish Council project.

Catherine Mikaelian and Byds Musurlian will co-chair the project to present the movie "The Armenian Case".

The Chair, presented to the members the question regarding Article IX, Sections 4 and 5 of the By-Laws. It has been customary withing the Women's Guild to elect officers to a one year term and each position to be an elective office.

Article IX, Section 4 reads:

"In the first instance as close as possible to half of the Committee members shall be elected for a one-year term, and the remaining members for a two-year term. Thereafter, half shall be elected to the Executive Committee each year for a term of two years."

As presented by the Executive Board, a yes vote signified approval as the section reads; a no vote stipulated a one year term.

At this time, the Chair appointed Martha Topalian, Helen Chordegian and Mary (K) Akgulian as tally counters.

A paper ballot taken showed 22 - no votes and 4 yes votes, signifying the membership was in favor of a one year term.

Article IX, section 5 reads:

✓ "Officers shall be elected annually within the Executive Committee."

As presented by the Executive Board, a yes vote complied with the section as read; a no vote stated each officer of the Executive Board be elected to position by the general membership.

The paper ballot showed 24 votes no and 2 votes yes; showing the membership was in favor of each officer being elected to position.

Father Ashjian asked to be recognized; and stated:

"that he had not said anything regarding the vote procedure because 1. this (i.e. the question) was not his idea; and 2. every members should be aware that the Primate, Archbishop Manogian, considered this matter last March 8 and had written a letter (i.e., the letter was read in its entirety); that in addition the Archbishop met with the Executive Committee and discussed this subject."

The Chair stated the next Executive Board Committee meeting will be held on Monday, October 4, at 7:00 p.m., in the Church annex.

Berje Mikaelian moved that we adjourn. Mary Domanico seconded it; the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Dadian, Recording Secretary