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THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
FOR THE YEAR 1977

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The First Annual Parish Assembly of St. George Armenian Apostolic Church of Greater Houston was held on Sunday, February 5, 1978 with 56 dues paying members present out of 79 total members registered.

The Meeting was called to order by the Parish Council Chairman, Mr. Yohannes Hekimian at 1:20 p.m. The Reverend Father Terenig Kondralian, Pastor gave the Invocation and presided over the entire meeting. Mr. James Boyajian, Secretary of the Parish Council read the Agenda of the Meeting and gave a brief explanation which was accepted by all the participants with one (1) addition.

According to Article #18 of the By-Laws of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of North America, motions were made to elect the Day's Chairman and Secretary. Mr. Peter H. Basralian was elected Chairman and Miss Houry Sarkissian was elected Secretary by the majority vote. Mr. Basralian and Miss Sarkissian were invited to take their prespective places.

Mr. Basralian then invited Father Kondralian to read his Annual Report and also invited the readings of Annual Reports from the Parish Council, Ladies Auxillary and the Choir. Motions were made and seconded to accept all reports as read. (All copies attached).

The Treasurer of the Parish Council, Mr. Garo Keramian was then invited by Mr. Basralian to give the Treasurer's Report along with the Expenditure Report for the year 1977 and the Proposed Budget for the year 1978. After discussion of these Reports, Motion was made and seconded to accept each Report as read.

A brief discussion with a question and answer period began revolving around the selling and purchasing of property. Our present property located at 1111 Bering Drive is now under contract with a Real Estate Broker for a period of 90 days after which if no result has been reached, other measures will be taken. The purchasing of our new property located in the Park-Hollow Sub-Division on Synott Road presently has a binder holding this until an official down-payment has been made. The final decision on both properties will be made by the confirmation of the Diocese of the Armenian Church. If a decision should be reached, a Special Parish Assembly will be held for discussion of this confirmation by the Diocesan Council of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of North America. It was clearly explained to all members, that all legal papers for properties will be under the name of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of North America.

At 3:30 p.m. Chairman of the Day, Mr. Peter H. Basralian asked that Mr. Garo Keramian, Treasurer of the Parish Council take roll-call of all dues paid members present. Of 79 total members registered, 56 dues paid members came forth to accept from Miss Houry Sarkissian, Secretary of the Day, an Election Ballot with the names

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of Nominees for the election of Parish Council Members. Father Kondralian was asked by Mr. Basralian to explain the purpose of this Ballot. Father Kondralian commenced by reading from the By-Laws of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of North America, that from the 18 Nominees listed on the Ballot, each dues paid member was to vote for only 9. Father Kondralian also read from Article #25 of the By-Laws stating that the first five (5) Nominees elected to the Parish Council with the most votes would serve on the Council for a 2 Year Term and the remaining four (4) Nominees elected to the Council would serve only a 1 Year Term. Voting began and Ballots were then placed into a box for counting. Motion was made by Garabed Harutunian that a committee of 5 persons be selected from the floor to count the voted ballots from the election. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Huileh Simonian. The selected Ballot Committee consisted of:

Mrs. Sona Kirksharian
Mrs. Sofie Boyajian
Mrs. Shake' Berberian
Mr. Joe Galoostian
Mr. Armen Tashchian

Mr. Sooren Yeriazarian spoke on behalf of the Building Committee of the Parish Council. The Committee held several meetings during the course of the year, however, Mr. Yeriazarian did explain that no actual definite plans had been made or drawn up, at which time the Parish Council will approve and a possible Special Parish Assembly will be held.

The addition of Item #9 added by Mr. Basralian onto the Agenda of the Day was explained at this time by Father Kondralian. The question being, why only Armenian descendents can become members of the Armenian Church. Father Kondralian read from the By-Laws of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of North America, Article #5 which explained this question correctly.

The results of the election of Parish Council Members were now presented by the Ballot Committee (copy of this Ballot is attached), read by Mr. Joe Galoostian gave the following results:

Mr. Yohannes Hekimian
Mr. Stephen Saxenian
Mr. Garabed Keramian
Mr. James Boyajian
Mr. Peter Basralian
Mr. Sooren Yeriazarian
Mr. Jani Ohanian
Mr. Hovig Frankian
Mr. Zaven Kirksharian

It was then stated that the first five (5) elected Nominees would serve on the Parish Council for a 2 Year Term and the remaining four (4) elected Nominees

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would serve on the Parish Council for a 1 Year Term.

Following the Election of the Parish Council Members, motions were made from the floor and seconded for the election of one (1) Diocesan Delegate. Mr. Jani Ohanian and Mr. Joe Galoostian were made Nominees for this position. By a majority vote, Mr. Jani Ohanian was election to serve as Diocesan Delegate of our Church and Mr. Joe Galoostian as Alternate Delegate.

Mr. Basralian began taking nominations from the floor for Nominees for the election of a Nominating Committee for the selection of Parish Council Member Nominees for the 1979 Annual Parish Assembly. Those nominated from the floor were:

Mrs. Sofie Boyajian
Mr. Vazrig Grigorian
Mr. Bapken Simonian
Mr. Jacque Bedevian
Mr. Armen Tashchian
Mr. Heros DerGregorian

The results of the members elected to serve as the Nominating Committee were as follows:

Mrs. Sofie Boyajian
Mr. Armen Tashchian
Mr. Vazrig Grigorian

Mr. Basralian again began taking nominations from the floor for Nominees to the election of an Auditing Committee for the purpose of reviewing and balancing the Church Financial Statements for the year 1978. Those Nominees from the floor were as follows:

Mr. Arshag Ohanian
Mr. Khador Yeriazarian
Mr. Bapken Simonian
Mr. Jacque Bedevian
Mrs. Hasmig Mavoulian
Mr. Heros DerGregorian

The results of the members elected to serve as an Auditing Committee were as follows:

Mr. Arshag Ohanian
Mr. Bapken Simonian
Mrs. Hasmig Mavoulian

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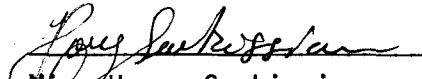
The Chairman of the Day's Assembly, Mr. Peter H. Basralian then thanked all dues paying members and other participants of our Church for coming and partaking to the Assembly and asked Father Terenig Kondralian to make his final remarks. Father Kondralian then closed the Assembly with a prayer and led everyone in the singing of the Hayr Mer.

Mr. Basralian adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.



Mr. Peter H. Basralian,
Chairman of the Day

Respectfully submitted,



Miss Houry Sarkissian,
Secretary of the Day

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The Annual Parish Assembly of St. George Armenian Apostolic Church of Greater Houston, was held Sunday, January 28, 1979, with 55 dues paying members out of 109*total members registered.

The meeting was called to order at 1:20 p.m. by Mr Peter H. Basralian Chairman of the day for the year 1977 meeting. The Reverend Father Terenig Kondralian, Pastor, gave the Invocation and presided over the entire meeting.

Mr. Basralian invited Mr. Garabed Keramian, treasurer of the Parish Council, to roll call the names of all dues paying members. The minutes of 1977 Annual Parish Assembly was read by Miss Houry Sarkissian Secretary of the day for the year 1977. The minutes were approved unanimously.

According to Article #18 of the By-Laws of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of North America, motions were made to elect the Day's Chairman and Secretary:

Three names were nominated from the floor for
Chairmanship:

- Mr. Peter H. Basralian
- Mr. Babken Simonians
- Mr. Stepan Nazarian

Two names were nominated from the floor for
Secretary:

- Mrs. Monica Basralian
- Mrs. Sona Kirksharian

Mr. Peter Basralian was elected Chairman of the Day with 31 votes out of 55 and Mrs. Monica Basralian, Secretary with 21 votes. Mr. Peter H. Basralian and Mrs. Monica Basralian were invited to take their respective places.

The agenda of the Assembly was presented by Mr. Peter H. Basralian with a brief explanation which was accepted by all the participants with two additions. The additions were:

- 1) Mr. Heros Dergregorian made a motion to have "Quarterly short Assemblies rather than one Annual Assembly". This motion was seconded by Mr. Zaven Kirksharian and was open for discussion. It was rejected by majority votes, 21 votes against 12 in favor.
- 2) A request from the floor, asking from Nominated Parish Council members to give a brief resume about themselves. All in favor, the motion carried on as well as the meeting.

*26 of the 109 dues paying members were not qualified to cast votes, since at least six months had not elapsed from their date of registration as members of the Parish.

The Chairman of the Day invited Mrs. Sophie Boyajian to read the report of the Nominating Committee and explain to the participants how to elect from the following ballots:

The participants should vote for:

- Parish Council Members election of 4 out of 8:
(7 names were on the ballot out of 8: Mr. Stepan Nazarian was nominated, and his name was added to the list by majority vote).
- Nominating Committee election of 3 names out of 6.
- Auditing Co mmittee election of 3 names out of 6.

The ballots were distributed amongst the dues paying members (copies attached).

Mr. Peter H. Basralian then invited Father Kondralian to read his Annual Report (copy attached). Then suggested to have a break before going to the next items on the Agenda.

After 20 minutes break the meeting was carried on and Parish Council's Secretary, Mr. Zaven Kirksharian, read Parish Council's Annual Report (copy attached). This was followed by the reading of the building committee report, Chairman Mr. Steve Saxenian (copy attached). The blue prints of the new buildings were presented and explained to the participants by Mr. Jan i Ohanian who is a Parish Council member and the person in charge of the preliminary design of the Churc h Buildings.

Mr. Garabed Keramian, treasurer of the Parish Council read his Annual Parish Financial Report which was approved unanimously (copy attached). Copy of his reports were distributed to all dues paying members.

The results of the election of Parish Council Members, Nominating Committee Members and Auditing Committee Members were now presented by the Nominating Committee chairperson Mrs. Sophie Boyajian (copy of each attached), as follows:

Parish Council Members

- Mr. Zaven Kirksharian
- Mr. Paul Caramanian
- Mr. Jani Ohanian
- Mrs. Hasmig Mavoulian

Nominating Committee

- Mrs. Sophie Boyajian
- Mrs. Shake Berberian
- Mrs. Vanoosh Ohanian

Auditing Committee

- Mrs. Gladys Abajian
- Mr. Joseph Galoostian
- Mr. Babken Simonian

Hereafter, the Organizations within the Church presented their Annual Reports.

Miss Houry Sarkissian, Secretary of the Ladies Auxiliary, presented the Report of the year 1978, which was followed by the Financial Report of the Ladies Auxiliary read by Mrs. Asdghig Bray Treasurer (copies attached).

Mr. Stepan Nazarian, Chairman of the Choir of St. George Armenian Church read his report and was followed by Mrs. Sona Kirksharian's, treasurer, Financial, Report (copies attached).

Sunday and Armenian School: Mr. Heros Dergrigorian, Chairman; Mrs. Alice Galoostian, Secretary; Mrs. Mary Serkhoshian, treasurer; Mrs. Shake Guzel Superintendent and Mr. Assadoor Kevranian, adult class teacher read their reports consecutively, (copies attached).

Mr. Peter Basralian invited the Auditing Committee to give their report. Mr. Arshag Ohanian representing the Committee gave his report in Armenian, after which Mr. Babken Simonian translated this Report into English. The Auditing Committee after thoroughly examining the financial books of our Church Organizations including Parish Council's found them satisfactory and thus approved it. Mr. Babken Simonian stressed on the point that the Parish Council Accounting system should be followed in the official way by keeping ledger book or a journal book and record in proper way all entries and expenses, instead of the simple bookkeeping system.

1979 budget was presented by Mr. Garabed Keramian and a copy was distributed amongst the dues paying members (copies attached). After discussion motion was made by Mrs. Sophie Boyajian to accept the budgets as presented seconded by Mr. Haygaz Ohanian. This was subject for discussion, voted all in favor.

NEW MATTERS

Mr. Peter Basralian invited Mr. Jani Ohanian to present the official price list on Sacrements performed in the Church. Mr. Babken Simonian made the motion in favor, seconded by Miss Houry Sarkissian. Motion accepted unanimously.

Donations for Sacrements:

- Baptism	\$50.00	- For dues paying members	\$25.00
- Engagement	\$50.00	- For dues paying members	\$25.00
- Wedding	\$100.00	- For dues paying members	\$50.00
- Funeral	\$100.00	- For dues paying members	\$50.00
- Requiem Service	\$25.00	Donation	

In case of renting the Church Hall for reception purposes an additional \$50.00 is charged.

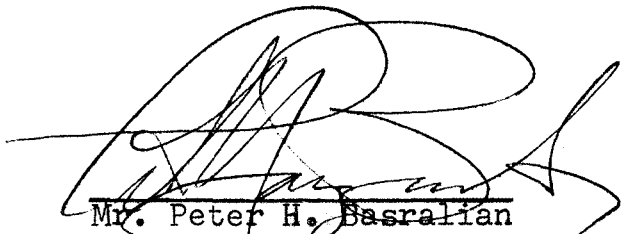
A motion was made by the Parish Council's treasurer to increase the membership dues from \$25.00 to \$30.00. This was subject to a discussion. Motion was made on the floor by Haygaz Ohanian and seconded by Miss Houry Sarkissian, in favor. This motion was rejected by Mr. Heros Dergrigorian. After a vote of 15 against 21 in favor it was accepted and the meeting carried on.

A minimum pledge donation system was explained by Mr. Zaven Kirksharian, person in charge of this system. After a theoretical explanation it came out that a minimum of \$104.00 per person a year will help somehow our goal. This was accepted by a majority vote 13 against 24 in favor.

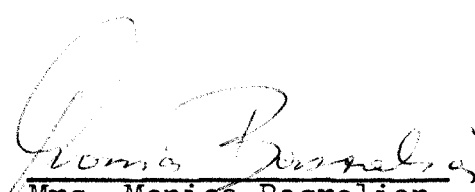
Mr. Peter Basralian invited Rev. Kondralian to explain to the members the contents of the letter-proposal sent by St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church of Binghamton, New York. This proposal contains two points. The first was accepted by the Parish Council members the second rejected. Motion was made on the floor to leave to the Parish Council members the decision of such matter. This motion was seconded by Miss Houry Sarkissian and accepted unanimously.

The Chairman of the Assembly, Mr. Peter H. Basralian then thanked all dues paying members and other participants for coming and partaking to the Assembly and asked Father Terenig Kondralian to give his final remarks. Father Kondralian closed the Assembly with a prayer and led everyone in the singing of the Lord's Prayer in Armenian.

Mr. Basralian adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.



Mr. Peter H. Basralian
Chairman of the Day



Mrs. Monica Basralian
Secretary of the Day