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The ACYOA Central Council met on Saturday, August 4, 1951 at the St. James Armenian Church Parish house in Watertown, Mass. The meeting was called to order at 2:45 P.M. and the following members were present:

- Manoog Heditian, Chairman
- Arshag Gechijian
- Paul Hovsepian
- Paul Najarian
- Zaven Hovsepian
- Matthew Matteosian
- Acabe Boornazian
- Mary Azarian
- Mary V. Shalakian, Executive Secretary

Bishop Tiran joined the meeting ~~later~~ at its evening session.

The ACYOA Prayer was read by Arshag Gechijian and the agenda of the day was read by the chairman. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted with one correction. The hour of arrival of Paul Najarian be deleted and his name be included at the beginning of the report with the names of those members present.

The present Treasurer's balance is \$2836.00

Plaques

Motion was made and seconded that plaques be purchased for past Assemblies and several extra to be used in future years. Suitable inscriptions are to be made regardless of cost.

Souvenirs

A letter has been received from the David Cook Company stating that tiny bibles are now available in white leather at the same price as in black leather. Printing in gold can be had at extra charge. Miss Shalakian is to check and if we can get these bibles at the same price as last year, they are to be purchased.

Rules of Procedure

Paul Hovsepian suggests that when the Rules of Procedure are presented to the Assembly for consideration, each rule be considered individually rather than the set as a whole. It was also suggested that it be called to the attention of the Assembly that a complete set of By-laws are necessary to the organization and that they appoint either the same committee or elect another to carry through this project.

"A" Awards

As an incentive to the chapters, announcement will be made at the Assembly of awards to those chapters making the greatest stride in the following categories: membership increase to the ACYO Chapter, number of ACYO members who are paid members of the local church, Increase in Guardian Sub-

The Central Council of the ACYOA met for the third time of the 1952-53 season on Saturday 8/14/53 at the Diocesan offices in New York City, under the chairmanship of Zaven Hovsepian and the Presidency of Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan.

The following were present:

Zaven Hovsepian, Chairman
Paul Hovsepian
Gerald Aharonian
Minas Kazanjian, Jr.
Leo Bakalian
Matthew Matteosian
Araxe Selvinazian
Mary Azarian
Hagop Nersoyan, Executive Director
Arshag Gechijian, Former Council member

Absent was:

Miss Acabe Beernazian

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with minor corrections.

Only thirteen chapters have forwarded the additional \$1.00 from annual dues in accordance with the most recent amendment to the Constitution. Follow-up letters have been sent to the negligent chapters. To date, there are 327 membership subscriptions.

ASSEMBLY EDUCATIONAL PERIOD

After much consideration, the following program was planned for the second session of the coming Assembly. 15 minutes for prayer, including a Psalm, Hymn, Litany, Lesson and Prayer. 15 minutes for introducing the subject "What is the Mission and Function of Different Churches and Especially the Armenian Church in the American Life", to be followed by one-half hour discussion by a panel of 2 clergymen and 2 laymen. Mr. Nersoyan will make all arrangements.

National Membership Week

After a lengthy discussion, the Council agreed that one week for a membership drive was not sufficient, that acquiring new members would be done naturally on a 52-week basis. We should constantly conduct ourselves in such a manner that individuals will apply for membership without active solicitation.

Mr. Nersoyan has prepared two pamphlets. One titled "Nine Good Reasons why You Should Belong to the-----ACYOA" will be ready for distribution at the Assembly. Disposition of the second, titled "Where Do I Belong" is pending.

ACYOA Incorporation

Since the ACYOA is a branch of the DIOCESE, there is no need for us to become incorporated, separately.

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Financial Report

Mr. Bakalian, Treasurer, reported that all taxes have been paid with the exception of Newark, Patterson and West Philadelphia. South Milwaukee has paid this year's tax but owes \$84.00 for last year.

As of July 31, 1953, our cash balance is \$5005.60 (savings account \$1032.26 and checking account \$3973.34). The St. Gregory Chapter will audit the books as of June 30, 1953 and they will also be checked by the chairman of the Patterson Chapter who is an accountant.

New Chapters

There has been no correspondence or report from New Britain. Unless there is some change before the Assembly, a charter will not be granted.

A letter dated May 6, 1953 has been received from Toronto, stating the wish to postpone organizing an ACYOA Chapter.

The Washington, D.D. Chapter will be granted its charter at this Assembly.

Guardian Subscription Certificates

Although several certificates were to be acquired for use as Guardian Subscription Awards, the cost was too high, therefore only one is being prepared, free of charge, to be presented to the Detroit Chapter for last year's subscriptions.

No reports or mail has been received from the West Philadelphia chapter since last September. Mr. Nerseyan will call Father Levon for information.

The Waukegan and Patterson chapters have not paid for their banners as yet.

A report on the April Regional meeting held in New England has been received. Miss Azarian reported that the original plan to conduct the fourth meeting in June according to the Central Council Regional Conference plan did not materialize due to the low attendance.

Mr. Aharonian has filed a report on the Central Council visits made to Worcester and Watertown Chapters.

Mr. Paul Hovsepian also has reported on the chapters he visited. The reports were very heartening.

A letter has been received from Mr. Aharonian on the poor status of the Lowell Chapter. There are eight members enrolled and although they have had election of officers, they have been unable to elect a chairman. They have about 21 members in their Junior Group. They are planning a rally to increase membership.

This session adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

The second session started at 2:20 p.m. on Sunday.

Correspondence

A letter has been received from Bishop Terenig Poladian. He has written a book in answer to one written by the Roman Catholic Cardinal Aghajanian. Copies of this book have already been forwarded to us and he asks us to sell them. Mr. Nersoyan has written asking him to enlist the help of the parish councils and we will act as agents.

The California ACYO asks if the right to use our emblem was granted them on a temporary or permanent basis. They will be informed that our intention was permanent.

Accopy of our Manual has been forwarded to the California ACYO.

Miss Gertrude Nahigian of Boston has forwarded a form they have used successfully to enroll new members. The Council will send this form out to all chapters.

Miss Nahigian also suggests that the resumes on Central Council nominees be read at the Assembly. This suggestion will be carried out.

In connection with increasing membership, the Detroit chapter has one person in charge of introducing guests and new members at each meeting. This creates an atmosphere of friendliness and a steady increase in members.

The New York (downtown) chapter writes asking if there is any objection to the two New York chapters jointly conducting an Assembly. After much discussion, it was agreed that where a parish is large enough, it is preferred that they do so alone. Mr. Nersoyan will write them to that effect.

A bid for the 1954 Assembly has been received from the Boston Chapter.

Amendments & Proposals

Proposals for the next Assembly have been received from Detroit, Cleveland & Watertown.

The following amendments will be submitted by the Council:

1-Article 7 Section 3---to read: Upon the written request of at least one-third of its senior members.

2-Article 17 Section 1---Amendments must be forwarded to chapters within 30 days of the Assembly for approval.

3-(a)-Article 9 Section 10- The Treasurer, shall also notify each member of his financial obligation to the organization.

(b)-Article 15 Section 1--Any member who has failed to meet his financial obligation toward the organization, without justifiable cause, ceases to be a member of the organization.

(c)--Article 4-Section 19---The provisions of this article apply to former members of the organization.

1953 Budget

The Budget for the coming year will be submitted to the Budget committee as follows:

Central Council Travel(to meetings)	\$ 900.00
Central Council Travel(to Cleveland Assembly)	750.00
Executive Director Visit to Midwest	200.00
Guardian-Anticipated Deficit	500.00
Petty Cash	100.00
Printing Pamphlets	150.00
Office Supplies	250.00
Executive Director & Guardian Editor Salary	1500.00
Postage	200.00
Miscellaneous	150.00
Total Estimated Expenses	<u>\$4700.00</u>
less:Net Credit (? how arrived at)	1561.88
<u>Net Budget</u>	<u>\$3138.12</u>

The same plan to alleviate the tax burden by sale of the Guardian, will be suggested to the Assembly.

All Assembly details have been taken care of by Miss Selvinazian.

Rules of Procedure

The same voting procedure will be used as in the past.

The Procedure for election will be arranged by Paul Hovsepian and Michael Garoukian of Racine. A suggestion was made to use the first ballot as a qualifying round and thereby cut the number of eligible nominees to six.

The New England Council members will consider which chapter is eligible for the "A" Award.

The next Council meeting is set for 10 a.m. at the Hotel Carter in Cleveland on Friday, September 4, 1953.

The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Azarian
Recordian Secretary.

scriptions, and the group with the most activities of a religious or cultural nature. Mr. Paul Najarian will present the ACYOA with a silver loving cup which will be in turn presented to the chapter making the most all-round improvements. This cup will be passed on each year to the deserving chapter. Mr. Najarian was duly thanked for this generous donation.

Taxes

The Worcester and Evanston chapters have paid their taxes in full. The Providence chapter has paid another quarter of its tax and asked us to wait for the balance. They feel if they pay the account in full, their treasury will be too low to carry on with their activities and they may have to ask the Central Council for a loan. A letter will be written stating the tax must be paid in full prior to the Assembly, and their financial problems can be considered later if they wish.

The New Britain Chapter in response to our letter, wrote directly to Bishop Tiran insisting there is an error on their account. This problem was tabled until a completely itemized statement is prepared by Miss Shalakian of their account.

Union City did not respond at all to our letter.

New Chapters

The Chicago Chapter has forwarded \$55.00 as the Treasurer's balance of the old dissolved Chicago Chapter. This amount was accepted by the Council. A letter recognizing Chicago as a new chapter will be sent and a charter will be issued.

The Downtown New York Chapter will issued a chapter at the Assembly.

A letter will be sent to the West Pullman group recognizing them as a chapter with the privilege to cast one vote at the convention. They also will receive a charter at the Assembly.

Financial S tatement

This statement was approved as submitted by the Executive Secretary.

The meeting was adjourned for supper at 6 P.M.

The second session started at 7:30 P.M.

Correspondence

All mail to Miami has been returned. Further action is pending.

A letter has been received from Rev. Kasparian stating that he has organized an ACYOA group in Springfield, Mass. A letter of thanks will be sent for his fine work. As checked later with Bishop Tiran, Springfield is a "community" as required by the Constitution, therefore directly after the Convention, we can proceed to develop them into an active chapter.

Lowell has again written, clarifying their problem. The group had used Chapter funds to purchase flowers for a funeral and their local priest had objected strenuously. At the direction of Bishop Tiran, Miss Shalakian had already written them that the Chapter was in error and Father Garen was right in his criticism.

Vartanantz Contest

Zaven Hovsepian reported that forms in connection with this contest have been printed and are to be distributed to ACYO chapters for further distribution. All bills are to be paid by the Vartanantz Committee.

Birthday Ball

The final net profit from the Birthday Ball is \$1070.07. Although the Troy Chapter has sent the current Birthday Ball profits, the profit for the previous year has not been received. Paul Hovsepian will write them and ask them to forward all facts and figures regarding it to the Assembly with their delegate. This matter will be discussed with them personally.

Executive Secretary

The Executive Secretary has issued a complaint that there is too much work involved and she may have to give up her duties, or other arrangements made. This was tabled.

Armenian Guardian

A letter has been received from Mr. Hagop Nersoyan regarding his duties if he were the new editor of the Guardian. He will get or prepare articles for the paper and see to it that an interesting copy is issued on time but he will not accept any duties involving acquisition of subscriptions etc. A letter of confirmation of his appointment as Guardian Editor will be sent Mr. Nersoyan. He will also be requested to state with which issue he feels he can start.

Arshag Gechjian here stated that a proposal has been made by Mr. Toumayan of Boston. He is prepared to print the Guardian as a 4-page weekly at \$4.00 per year as a purely business proposition. Mr. Toumayan will be invited to attend our next session for more definite information.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

On Sunday, August 5 the Watertown Auditing & Budgeting Committee met with Council members to check the records. The records for the past year were found to be correct and the following budget for the 1951-52 fiscal year was submitted:

Council Travel	\$ 900.00
Office Equipment (incl. typewriter)	100.00
Office Supplies	150.00
Petty Cash	50.00
Postage, mailing	100.00
Guardian Editor	900.00
Guardian Expense (incl. postage)	1000.00
Secretarial Expense	600.00
Printing	185.00
Council travel to Nat. Assembly	250.00
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	\$ 4235.00
Less: 1951 D.S. Surplus	90.00
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	4145.00
Less: 1950 Travel Allowance	448.00
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<u>Net Budget</u>	<u>3697.00</u>

The above budget was approved by the Central Council and the Budget Committee.

The meeting was officially called to order at 3:10 P.M. with all aforementioned council members present, Bishop Tiran and Mr. Toumayan. The ACYOA Pledge was read by Mr. Hedit-sian.

Armenian Guardian (contd.)

Mr. Toumayan presented the following proposal: That he take over the Guardian as a weekly; under the supervision of the Bishop and the ACYOA; the size to be a little larger than the Mirror/Spectator; all material to be submitted to the Bishop for approval; subscriptions to be \$4.00 annually. He will edit, manage and distribute the paper. Our obligation will be to guarantee 1000 subscribers. Bishop Tiran made it clear that we do not intend to compete with the Mirror/Spectator or any other political paper. Contents of the paper must be relative to the church and Armenian Culture.

We will take this proposition into consideration and in the meantime, Mr. Toumayan will submit to us and estimate as to the cost of printing and edition the present Guardian on both a weekly and monthly basis.

Chapter Proposals

Proposals as submitted by chapters for consideration at the Assembly were listed.

Banners

Mr. Matteosian reported that banners 18x24 in quantities of 25 can be purchased at about \$7.50 each. This fact will be presented to the Assembly and those chapters that so desire may submit their orders.

A motion was here made and seconded that Mrs. Matteosian be thanked, officially, for so generously assisting Miss Shalakian in completing the minutes of the previous Assembly.

A letter of resignation was personally submitted at this time by Miss Shalakian, Executive Secretary. A motion was made and seconded that this resignation be not accepted until some other person can be found to fulfill the duties of this position. Verbal negation of this motion was received.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Azarian
Recording Secretary

Mampré Kalfayan

The Central Council of the ACYOA met for its fourth meeting of the 1953-1954 term on Saturday, August 7, 1954 at the Diocesan Offices in New York City. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Matthew Matteosian at 2:45 p.m. after a prayer by Archbishop Mampré Kalfayan. The ACYO Pledge was read by Ralph Yagjian. The following members were present:

- Matthew Matteosian
- Zaven Hovsepian
- Leo Bakalian
- Ralph Yagjian
- Dennis Papazian
- Gerald Aharonian
- Minas Kazanjian, Jr.
- Arax Selvinazian
- Mary Zotian and
- Mary Selvinazian, Guardian Managing Editor

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and there was one correction. Regarding chapter visits by councilmen, the Newark chapter had been contacted by Mr. Bakalian and chapter activities were found to be in order. The minutes were accepted as corrected.

Srpazan Hayr was asked at this time if it would be possible for the Council to send a representative to the annual clergymen's meeting as per the discussion at the last council meeting. He stated that there would be no objection, but that an official letter of request must be forwarded.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Bakalian, treasurer, reported that the books were closed as of June 30, 1954. On that date there was \$4,651.15 in the checking account, \$1,672.96 in the savings account and \$21.96 in Petty Cash, making a total of \$6,345.37 in cash. Accounts Receivable for taxes amount to \$1,305.09 and from the Anniversary Ball, \$413.25(?). Mr. Bakalian will prepare two statements for the Financial statement, one of the total operating expenses, the other in reference to the Guardian's expenses and income. Second reminder letters will be sent by Mr. Bakalian to those chapters delinquent in their taxes. Mr. Bakalian will also contact the New York Uptown chapter, asking them to audit the Council's books.

ANNIVERSARY BALL

Mr. Kazanjian reported on the financial success of the Anniversary Ball as follows:

Mid-West(Chicago-Racine etc)	\$500.00
Detroit-Cleveland	490.27
N. & E. Philadelphia-Washington	609.20
New York-New Jersey	502.95
Troy	52.50
New England	849.81
Hartford	44.00
	<u>\$3048.73</u>
Expenses(postage, advertising)	214.00
Total Net Profit	<u>\$2834.73</u>

Mr. Kazanjian will continue as National Chairman and lay the groundwork for another successful Anniversary Ball at the Annual Assembly. He will also give his report at the Assembly.

ACYOA SUMMER SCHOOL

Mr. Yagjian gave an excellent report on the Sunday School Teachers' Conference which was held in May. 63 teachers were present and all were enthusiastic about the classes. They all want to know about the Armenian Church and what to teach, but feel that two days is not enough time for all the classes. A second conference is scheduled for November 19-20, but Mr. Yagjian is trying to get another location more convenient to those in the New York Area. Mr. Hovsepian suggested that the names and addresses of all Sunday School teachers be obtained and a copy of the proceedings be forwarded to them, individually, so that they all may benefit.

Srpazan Hayr suggested that the ACYO sponsor Summer Youth Camps and would like us to investigate and submit a report on the subject to him for suggestions and corrections. Mr. Yagjian will start research on this matter.

Mr. Papazian will look into the possibility of conducting a church school teachers' conference in the Mid-West.

PUBLICITY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Aharonian reported on the steps he has taken to carry out the duties of his office. He will also prepare and forward to Miss Mary Selvinazian a form letter to be sent to all chapter publicity directors regarding publicity in their local ~~papers~~ papers.

OFFICE REPORT

Miss Arax Selvinazian gave her report, a copy of which is attached at the end of these minutes.

In reference to the decrease in renewals of the Guardian by regular subscribers, Mr. Kazanjian, Mr. Hovsepian, and Mr. Yagjian will prepare a plan of action and submit it to the council.

GUARDIAN

Miss Mary Selvinazian reported that she does not get enough Chapter news or pictures, nor enough other articles, Letters to the Editor, etc. The plan for Editorials is working out quite well so far. She will also try to get the paper out by the first of each month. Many fine comments have been received regarding the new format of the paper.

The meeting was recessed at 6:40 for dinner and resumed at 8:30 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter has been received from South Milwaukee chapter stating they have lost their charter and would like a new one. A letter asking them to look further for it and suggesting where it may be will be sent before a new charter is forwarded.

Arthur Davidian from Antelias has written that they received the typewriter etc and that the boys had to pay \$50.00 duty on it. This money has been refunded to them.

The Toronto group has sent in 18 application cards and initiation fees. Ten of the cards are in order, therefore a charter will be granted at the Assembly. The other 8 are questionable as to church affiliation and will be checked further.

A group in West Alice, Wisconsin is interested in starting a chapter and would like all pertinent information, which will be forwarded.

ANNUAL REPORTS

The following chapters have not as yet submitted their Annual Reports: Haverhill, North Philadelphia, Paterson, Troy, Watertown and West Pullman. The Evanston Chapter has not forwarded its report or taxes. Mr. Papaxian will visit this chapter regarding this.

ASSEMBLY AGENDA

Miss Selvinazian will discuss the Memorial Service which should take place at the Assembly with Srsozan Nayr.

The meeting with Chapter Chairman or Heads of Delegations is scheduled from 9-11 A.M. on Saturday at the Hotel. Letters to this effect will be sent to the chapters.

A motion was made that the Council present a proposal to the Assembly that: The AGYOA sponsor a pilgrimage to Jerusalem during Holy Week in 1956. The motion was unanimously passed. Miss Mary Selvinazian will check the cost of plane travel and Mr. Saven Hovsepian will check the cost of sea travel. They will report at the next meeting prior to the Assembly.

This session was adjourned at 10 p.m.

The second session started at 11:40 a.m. on Sunday.

CONVENTION REPORT

Mr. John Avakian, chairman of the Troy Convention Committee gave a complete report of their plans and schedule. Everything seems to be in order, they have one radio program and two television programs scheduled prior to the Assembly. Mr. Matteosian and Mr. Hovsepian together with members of the Clergy will be on the TV program scheduled for September 3.

Because our church services will be televised at 3 p.m. on Sunday, it will be necessary that the Sunday session be delayed until 4 p.m. Our slides on the Badarak will be shown in the interim. The Troy chapter has planned to sell to AGYO members the tickets to all the functions from Friday Night thru Monday at a flat rate of \$8.00, a saving of \$1.75 over the individual rate.

Miss Selvinazian will write to the Cleveland Chapter asking them to bring the "A" Award to Troy. The New England Council Members will review the Annual Reports and decide which chapter shall be the recipient of the "A" Award.

The Worcester Chapter has listed Deeratsoo Hovanes Kasparian as a delegate, but Miss Selvinazian reports that his membership fee has not been paid. She will write to Mr. Yagjian to look into this matter.

PROPOSALS

A number of Proposals and Resolutions have been received from Boston, Cleveland, Worcester and New York, Downtown Chapters. They were reviewed and their disposition decided.

A letter has also been received from the Worcester Chapter stating their desire, and the reasons therefore, that a Certificate and a Medal of Merit be awarded to Mr. Ralph Yagjian of that Chapter. A letter will be sent to the chapter ~~stating~~ stating that the subject will be discussed with their delegation at the Assembly as per the requisites of Article 14 of the /privately Constitution and also that they should recheck the requirements stated in the Article and feel assured that they can meet them.

The Council will submit two more proposals to the Assembly pending further discussion and investigation. They are:

1-A National Fund be set up to send Sunday School teachers to conferences in order to learn teaching methods, etc.

2-Five percent of all Chapter Income (gross) be sent into Central Council fund for establishing a Seminary in this country. ?

Both of these proposals will be discussed at the next meeting prior to the Assembly.

A proposal will also be submitted that a Bereavement message be sent to Kichmiadzin on the passing of the Catholics.

The resumes on the candidates for nomination to the council were reviewed.

The Boston Chapter has also submitted a bid for the 1955 Annual Assembly.

BUDGET

The Budget for the new year to be submitted to the Assembly following approval by the Auditing & Budget Committee is as follows:

Administrative Expenses

Central Council Travel(to meetings)	\$ 900.00
Central Council Travel(to Troy Assembly)	600.00
Guardian Editor's Salary	520.00
Executive Councillor Travel	300.00
	<u>\$2,320.00</u>

General Expenses

Guardian, Anticipated Deficit	900.00
Office Supplies	300.00
Postage	250.00
Publications & Printing	125.00
Constitutions	300.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	200.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$4,395.00</u>

Less: Net Profit '54 Anniv. Ball	\$2,835.54	
less: 25% '53-'54 Budget(3,138.12)	<u>784.53</u>	2,051.01
		<u>\$2,345.99</u>

The next meeting is scheduled for 10a.m. at the Hotel Ten Eyck in Albany on September 3, 1954.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Zotian
Recording Secretary

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Minutes of Central Council Meeting

September 18-19, 1954

Opening of Meeting

The first meeting of the Central Council since the 8th Annual General Assembly was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Matthew Matteosian, at 12:30 p.m., on September 18, at the Diocesan Office, 630 Second Avenue, New York 16, New York. Central Council members present were Rose Bannaian, Elizabeth Ekmanian, Arax Selvinazian, Gerald Aharenian, Nubar Dorian, M. Casey Kazanjian, Matthew Matteosian, and Ralph Yagjian. Dennis Papazian was absent because of obligations at a testimonial banquet for Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan in Detroit. Former Central Council members, Lee Bakalian and Zaven Hovsepian were also present as was Mary Selvinazian, Managing Editor of the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN. Mary Asarian Zotian ISSAR joined the meeting.

Mr. Matteosian asked Mr. Yagjian to open the meeting with the ACIOA Prayer and Pledge.

Election of Officers

Mr. Matteosian announced that election of officers was in order. Mr. M. Casey Kazanjian was elected Chairman, and Mr. Matteosian turned the meeting over to him. Other new Central Council officers were elected as follows: Mr. Ralph Yagjian, Vice-Chairman; Rose Bannaian, Recording Secretary; Miss Arax Selvinazian, Corresponding Secretary; and Miss Elizabeth Ekmanian, Treasurer. The Chairman then made the following appointments: Mr. Gerald Aharenian, Publicity Director; Mr. Nubar Dorian, Educational Director; Mr. Matthew Matteosian, Anniversary Ball Chairman; Mr. Dennis Papazian, Junior Groups Director.

Church School Teachers' Conference

Mr. Yagjian announced that he has taken care of the mechanics for the Church School Teachers' Conference at Whitinsville, Mass., on November 20-21.

Diocesan Assembly Representatives

Mr. Matteosian, Mr. Dorian, and Mr. Yagjian were appointed as the Central Council members who will be the spokesmen for the ACIOA at the Diocesan Assembly when it is held this year in Union City, New Jersey. Mr. Dorian will make the speech at the Diocesan Assembly Banquet.

Chapter Report Committee

Miss Selvinazian, Miss Bannaian, and Mr. Aharenian were appointed a committee to revise the monthly chapter report form this week-end to one that may be used for the quarterly chapter reports to the Central Council in accordance with a resolution passed at the 8th Assembly.

Executive Counsellor

Mr. Zaven Hovsepian was appointed Executive Counsellor by the Central Council as was authorized in the budget approved at the 8th Assembly. The Executive Counsellor, upon direction of the Central Council Chairman, will visit chapters which are having major difficulties and give them immediate aid in attempting to solve their problems. Mr. Hovsepian was selected as one who has the background, qualifications, and time because of the nature of his position to

fulfill the requirements of this office. Central Council members will continue visiting chapters as much as possible and make their services available, but the Executive Counsellor will be called upon for the more serious problems that may require a longer period of time to handle the situation. Toronto, Richmond, West Allis, and West Pullman were mentioned by Miss Selvinazian as chapters in need of assistance.

As Executive Counsellor, Mr. Hovsepian is to be invited to attend Central Council meetings. Miss Mary Selvinazian, Managing Editor of the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN is also to be notified of Central Council meetings.

It was suggested that when the time comes that we can afford to hire someone on a full-time basis in the capacity of Executive Counsellor or Executive Director, we should do so, but at the present time we have a part-time person, called the Executive Counsellor, who will aid in solving the major problems of chapters.

Prayer Book

Mr. Kazanjian appointed Mr. Yagjian chairman of a committee to prepare plans for an ACYOA Prayer Book in accordance with a resolution passed at the 8th Assembly and submit a report to the Central Council at our next meeting. Mr. Yagjian is to obtain a committee from his region and work with Father Mesrob Semerjian.

The following suggestions for the Prayer Book were made:

- ACYOA Prayer and Pledge
- ACYOA Hymn
- Short history of ACYOA
- ACYOA Chapter Directory
- Parish and Church Directory
- Page of Armenian letters in capitals and small letters
- Hayr Mex transliterated from Armenian
- Certain Armenian prayers transliterated
- Prayer Book be in English

Jerusalem Pilgrimage

Miss Mary Selvinazian, Mr. Dorian, and Mr. Hovsepian were appointed a committee to take whatever steps are necessary to publicize and start the plans for the 1956 pilgrimage to Jerusalem as voted by the 8th Assembly, and then report to the Central Council. No commitments should be made. Mr. Dorian will consult with Father Torkom Manogian on this matter as Father Torkom is known to have some suggestions in this regard.

Visual Aid Projects

The visual aid projects were discussed briefly. Miss Selvinazian is to write to Mr. Papazian to ask what progress has been made on the Divine Liturgy slide project since the 8th Assembly.

Youth Camps

With regard to the ACYOA sponsoring youth camps as was voted at the 8th Assembly, Mr. Yagjian reported that he has made contact with Rev. Appleton and a Mr. Benedict of the Diocese of the Episcopal Church of Western Mass. and will meet with them on September 25 about youth camp arrangements in the Mass. area. Mr. Yagjian suggested we make use of Episcopal camps until such time as we can have our own. He will make contacts regarding youth camps with Episcopal Dioceses in various other states in which we have chapters. Central Council members will work with the Episcopal Dioceses in their various regions upon direction from Mr. Yagjian to make plans. The cost per child who attends youth camp will be approximately \$20 a week. The Episcopal Diocese in Mass.

has agreed to let us use their facilities for our youth with the same privileges as the Episcopal with the understanding that religious instruction will be given by our clergymen.

Mr. Yagjian suggested we distribute a little bank appropriately labeled to each ACYOA member through the chapter chairmen with the request that 10¢ be deposited in the bank each week for the youth camp project. The banks cost approximately \$10 a hundred, but Mr. Yagjian mentioned the possibility of obtaining 1000 little banks from a Worcester bank at no cost if we deposit our youth camp funds in their bank. Mr. Yagjian will handle this project. The project is to be voluntary on the part of ACYOA members only and is to be our own project and not a fund-raising project in the parishes. It is to be publicized only among our chapters.

Sending Church School Teachers to Conferences

In order to learn what conferences are available in the various regions to which we may send Church School teachers who will then disseminate information regarding the conferences attended to other teachers in accordance with a decision at the 8th Assembly, it was suggested Miss Selvinazian write to the World Council of Churches to request information regarding what conferences are being given in religious education, when, where, by whom, the subject, and the cost. Mr. Dorian in consultation with Father Mesrob will then pick out the conferences which are discussing topics from which our Church School teachers might most benefit. Contacts will be made with the Church Schools in the various regions to inform them of the available conferences and request that names of candidates to attend be submitted after consultation with parish priests. Those who attend may be priests, superintendents of Church Schools, or teachers.

We were informed by Mr. Dorian that Father Mesrob was appointed by the Diocesan Council to look into the religious education materials available and make lists of these items which may be used in our Church Schools and draw up a program. He suggested that after attendance at religious education conferences, those attending the conferences consult with Father Mesrob before disseminating material.

Miss Selvinazian will write to Father Mesrob to tell him of the availability of this fund to send Church School personnel to conferences and what our plans are in accordance with the decision at the 8th Assembly. She will send him a copy of the information to be received from the World Council of Churches. Mr. Dorian will handle this project.

Seminary Scholarship Fund

The Treasurer was given authority to set up an Armenian Seminary in America Scholarship Fund when the chapter taxes are paid in accordance with the decision at the 8th Assembly regarding such a scholarship fund.

A copy of the resolution passed at the 8th Assembly regarding greetings to the Diocesan Assembly this year, encouraging them toward the establishment of an Armenian Seminary in America and informing them of the establishment of our Seminary Scholarship Fund is to be sent by Miss Selvinazian to the President of the Diocesan Assembly.

Rules of Procedure

Mr. Kazanjian informed us the Lawrence chapter has a rules of procedure booklet. He will appoint a committee from Lawrence to submit their rules of procedure to the Central Council and we will then pass on them as a possible set of rules of procedure for Assemblies in accordance with a decision at the 8th Assembly.

ACYOA Hymn

Matthew Matteosian was appointed to consult with Father Torkom Pentafjian and Mr. Rouben Gregorian about an ACYOA Hymn and report at our next meeting. Miss Arax Selvinazian is to write to Father Torkom Postajian and Mr. Gregorian about this matter. The Central Council was in agreement that this song be called a hymn instead of anthem.

Bereavement Cable to Etchmiadzin

Miss Selvinazian is to send a bereavement cable to Holy Etchmiadzin. Mr. Dorian will write the message in Armenian and send it to Miss Selvinazian.

Miss Selvinazian broup up the following questions.

Conduct at Assemblies

Miss Shockey Gengozian of Racine had suggested that the Central Council send a directive to the chapters as to conduct at the Assembly. After discussion, it was made clear that what our ACYOA members created was mainly noise, rather than destructiveness. It was agreed that at each Assembly we express to the host hotel our approval to discharge any people who unduly abuse the privileges of the hotel and suggest a note to that effect be given to each Assembly-goer who registers for a room at the hotel. The host chapter may be instructed to prepare these notes..

Toronto Banner

Mr. Matteosian will make arrangements for a banner for the Toronto chapter.

Armenian Guardian Subscription Directive

The question was raised as to whether we should have a directive sent to the chapters regarding ARMENIAN GUARDIAN subscriptions in accordance with the spirit of the 3th Assembly to have a house to house solicitation to sell subscriptions. Mr. Hovsepian will write a directive which Miss Selvinazian will send to the chapters.

Worcester - Ralph Yagjian

We were informed that the Worcester question regarding Ralph Yagjian had been referred back to the chapter with a reference to the Constitution.

West Pullman and West Allis

Miss Selvinazian told us a member of the West Pullman chapter had spoken to her requesting help to keep the chapter together.

West Allis needs to be organized. The Chairman instructed Mr. Hovsepian to contact Father Vartan Megherian of Evanston to see if Father Vartan can do anything to help these chapters. If Father Vartan cannot give the needed assistance, Mr. Hovsepian will do so. Mr. Hovsepian will give a report on these situations at the next meeting.

New Constitutions

Miss Selvinazian informed us we need to have new Constitutions printed. She and Mrs. Mary Zotian were appointed to go over the present Constitution to make corrections in wording and printing which would put the Constitution in its original form except for the duly authorized changes in wording and amendments made at the Assemblies of the ACYOA and approved by the chapters. They were given permission to make changes for better wording which would not change meanings. A report is to be given at the next meeting.

Cathedral 'Buy a Brick' Project

The Chairman showed us a letter from Father Torkom Manogian regarding the "Buy a Brick" campaign for our Cathedral and Cultural Center Project. In the letter, Father Torkom requested the opportunity of being present at the meeting at which we discussed the content of his letter if we decided to put it on our agenda. Being informed that he was out of town, it was decided to invite Father Torkom to our next meeting.

Eighth Annual General Assembly Minutes

The Council went over the minutes of the 8th Assembly. Miss Selvinazian will duplicate the minutes and send a copy to the Minutes Reading Committee appointed at the 8th Assembly and to the chapters.

Central Council Minutes - September 3

Mrs. Zotian then read the minutes of the September 3 meeting of the Central Council in Albany, New York.

Honorable Mention Certificates - A Award

Miss Arax Selvinazian and Miss Isabelle Krikorian were appointed to take care of the honorable mention certificates in connection with the "A" Award according to the decision at the 8th Assembly. The Council agreed the action should be retroactive, considering last year was the first year honorable mentions were made.

Letter to Archbishop Tiran

Miss Selvinazian will write the letter to Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan in accordance with the decision at the 8th Assembly thanking him for his message to us and informing him that his presence was missed at the Assembly.

Nominating Committee Rules of Procedure

Miss Bannanian made the suggestion that we have some rule about the number of names the nominating committee should submit to the delegates as Central Council candidates at the Assemblies. It was suggested that this be provided for in the rules of procedure submitted at the next Assembly.

Mr. Kazanjian asked Mr. Hovsepien to present a voting procedure to be followed at our Assemblies.

Indexing of Assembly Minutes

Mr. Hovsepien suggested that the minutes of past Assemblies be volumed and indexed, the index to be by subjects discussed. The Recording Secretary will undertake this task. Central Council members were requested to bring copies of minutes of past Assemblies to the next meeting for Miss Bannanian to use. The further suggestion was made that sometime the Central Council minutes should be volumed and indexed.

Bulletin and Directive Stationery

Mr. Matteosian suggested that punched paper be used for bulletins and directives to facilitate voluming.

Paterson

The question of why no delegates from Paterson were present at the Assembly was raised. Mr. Bakalian informed us that at the last moment, the delegate and alternate were unable to attend because of personal business. He said the chapter has approximately 12 members. Mr. Matteosian suggested that Mr. Dorian and Mr. Hovsepien go to Paterson to find out how the chapter stands and try to

get the Union City chapter to help the Paterson chapter. Mr. Dorian requested that a letter be written to the Paterson Parish Council to ask for their cooperation. Mr. Dorian and Mr. Hovsepian will plan to meet with the Paterson Executive Committee, Paterson Parish Council, and then suggest some gathering of the chapter with the Parish Council present.

Boston

Mr. Aharonian brought up the Boston chapter situation in that the membership is declining. Mr. Matteosian said he plans to visit the chapter in the near future. Mr. Hovsepian mentioned that he felt the Boston chapter is discouraged because of lack of community cooperation.

Chapter Visitation Chairmen

The Chairman appointed the following Council members to be in charge of chapter visitations in their respective regions. These persons are to correspond with the various chapters in their regions, find out the problems, and assign Council members to make the visitations to the chapters in cooperation with the chapters.

Mr. Matteosian - New England

Mr. Dorian - New York- New Jersey area, Philadelphia, Washington, and Hartford.

It was requested that Mr. Dorian make the dates of visitation in his region available to Mr. Hovsepian so that Mr. Hovsepian can also attend if possible along with the other Central Council members in the region.

Miss Bannanian and Mr. Papazian - Midwest

During visitations Council members should plan not only to meet with the Executive Committees and chapters, but also with the Parish Councils.

Public Relations

Mr. Yagjian pointed out that we must endeavor to encourage our AGYOA members to work with the parish priests and be positive about our organization and Church.

Mr. Aharonian and Miss Mary Selvinazian will work on a more expanded public relations program for our Organization.

Letter to Diocesan Council re Diocesan Assembly

Mr. Dorian will write a letter in Armenian to the Diocesan Council about the items we wish to be considered for the agenda at the Diocesan Assembly this year and request time for our representatives to elaborate on these items at that time. (Church School teachers conference, youth camp project, 1956 Pilgrimage to Jerusalem, and Armenian Seminary in America Scholarship Fund)

Letter to Diocesan Council regarding our speaker at Diocesan Banquet

Miss Selvinazian will write a letter to the Diocesan Council requesting permission for our representative, Mr. Dorian, to speak at the Diocesan Assembly Banquet. Our three official representatives or spokesmen at the Assembly will cooperate in deciding upon the content of that speech.

Armenian Guardian Editorial Staff

A general discussion regarding the present context of the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN followed. It was agreed that it is almost impossible to have a publication that will appeal to everyone, but that the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN should not be either extremely theoretical or the opposite, but a well-rounded publication. The following Editorial Staff for the coming year was elected by the Council in accordance with a decision at the 8th Assembly.

Father Torkom Manoogian; Father Arsen Ashjian; Miss Mary Selvinazian, Managing Editor; Mr. Nubar Dorian; and Mr. Zaven Hovsepian. Father Mesrob Semerjian will be the alternate priest.

This Editorial Staff is responsible to the Central Council and will be elected annually.

Miss Arax Selvinazian will write letters to the two priests regarding their election and ask if they will serve. A bulletin will then be sent to the chapters. No staff names will appear on the coming issue of the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN.

Miss Mary Selvinazian requested permission to have 16 pages in the coming issue of the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN. Granted.

The new Editorial Staff will set up the policies regarding ads in the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN. A calendar of events for chapters free of charge will be started in the next issue.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. to reconvene at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, September 19, at the Diocesan Office.

Sunday Session

The September 19th meeting of the Central Council convened at 12:00 p.m. at the Diocesan office. The Mayr mer was said. Present were Rose Sannaian, Elizabeth Ekmanian, Arax Selvinazian, Gerald Aharonian, Nubar Dorian, M. Casey Kazanjian, Matthew Matteosian, Ralph Yagjian, and our Executive Counsellor, Zaven Movsepian.

Committee Reports

Mr. Kazanjian asked that those appointed to committees write to him as often as possible to inform him of their progress. He also requested we notify him regarding chapter visitation plans.

Directories

We were given a bulletin by Miss Selvinazian of the new Council officers and another with the names and addresses of chapter chairmen and corresponding secretaries. This information is also being sent to chapters. Miss Selvinazian will send the addresses of Council members and the Executive Counsellor to the Council and Executive Counsellor. A suggestion was made that when Miss Selvinazian sends the bulletin to the chapters informing them of the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN Editorial Staff, she also inform the chapters of our new Executive Counsellor, Mr. Movsepian.

Agenda

Mr. Matteosian suggested that the Chairman send a copy of the agenda for each meeting to the Corresponding Secretary in order that a copy of the agenda may be enclosed with each meeting notice.

Letters

Mr. Dorian read the message he had written for the bereavement cable to be sent to Holy Stchmiadzin. He also read the letter which is to be sent to the Diocesan Council listing the items we would like them to consider placing on the agenda for the Diocesan Assembly this year and requesting permission for our official representatives to speak about those items at the Assembly.

Chapter Reports to Visitation Chairmen

It was requested that Miss Selvinazian notify Council members of the chapters in their respective regions which are having difficulties. The suggestion was made that the chapter reports from various regions be forwarded to the Council members in charge of visitations in those regions for review. Each previous report is to be returned to the New York office as the new report is received.

The further suggestion was made that Council members actually making the visitations read the individual chapter reports before making the visits.

Minutes of Central Council Meetings

The Recording Secretary will send a copy of the minutes of meetings to each Council member and to the Executive Counsellor.

Mid-West Visitations

A question was raised regarding costs involved in chapter visitations in the Mid-West because of the distance of Cleveland and Detroit from the other Mid-West regions. After considerable discussion, Mr. Dorian moved that the Central Council pay for expenses incurred by Mr. Papazian and Miss Barmaian in chapter visits. They are to keep in touch with the chapters in their regions and report the condition of the chapters to the Executive Counsellor. The motion was seconded and passed. Mr. Mattoosian requested that his name be inserted in the minutes as objecting to the motion.

Report of Chairman in Armenian Guardian

The Chairman requested permission to place an article in the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN regarding plans of the Central Council during the coming year. Permission was granted.

Educational Activities

Mr. Dorian said he and Mr. Yagjian will work together to formulate plans for educational activities during the year and requested suggestions from the Council as to what his field covers. A summary of the discussion is as follows: Send directives to chapters to get educational programs under way; distribute information of sources of program aids - topics, films, speakers, books, and other ideas for religious education and on other subjects pertinent to the chapters and in keeping with the ideals and aims of the ACYOA; make educational material available, either in person or printed; send out instructions about procedures in educational programs. Regarding monthly talks to the chapters, Mr. Dorian suggested that Council members go to the chapters whenever possible to present this material in program form, if feasible - in the East particularly. Mr. Mattoosian suggested such might be done at the same time we are making chapter visitations regarding administrative problems. Another suggestion was made that when we visit chapters for educational activities, we try to go in groups. Miss Barmaian suggested getting educational directors of chapters in various regions together for meetings on how to conduct educational programs and such. Mr. Kazanjian asked that while Mr. Dorian is in office, he make a list of his duties and activities to be passed on to the next Director of Educational Activities.

Father Torkom Manoogian who had just arrived at the Diocesan Office was invited to join the meeting at this time.

Anniversary Ball

Mr. Kazanjian requested Council members to attend Anniversary Ball committee meetings in our regions as we are honorary members of those committees and also try to attend the Balls in our nearby regions. We will be notified by the National Anniversary Ball Chairman and individual Ball Chairmen of the dates of meetings and Balls.

Diocesan Assembly Balloting Article - ARMENIAN GUARDIAN

Mr. Hovsepian read his intended editorial for the Armenian Guardian regarding the use of the secret ballot at the Diocesan Assembly, suggesting that on matters which pertain to the people as a whole, the people the delegates represent, voting should be by open ballot. Comments and suggestions were made regarding the item, and it was decided that it be used as an article under

Mr. Hovsepian name, rather than as an editorial of the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN. Mr. Kazanjian suggested the article also be placed in the official church publication to make it available to more adults. Miss Selvinazian suggested that it be placed in other Armenian-American papers also. Mr. Hovsepian asked to have Father Torkom approve the article in its final form before it is used. Mr. Kazanjian suggested that the editorial to be used in the next ARMENIAN GUARDIAN be one wishing success to the Diocesan Assembly.

Cathedral "Buy a Brick" Project

The letter from Father Torkom on the Armenian Cathedral and Cultural Center Campaign Committee's "Buy a Brick" project was brought up and Father Torkom explained the project. The Council agreed that the ACYOA accept its obligation to participate in the project by selling "buy a Brick" certificates at \$1 each. Our pledge will be \$5,000, and we will set our quota at approximately \$5500 and follow the plan of setting quotas for chapters and if the individual chapters meet their quotas, they will get 10% of the money they collected. The point system used for chapter taxes will be used to determine the quotas for the chapters. What we sell will be in the name of the ACYOA and will be used to purchase a memorial unit in the Cathedral. What the unit will be will be decided at the ACYOA Assembly when the time comes. It was pointed out that an effort should be made to encourage the sale of these certificates to those outside our Church. Mr. Kazanjian and Mr. Mattcosian will write a directive to the chapters informing them of this plan and requesting that the funds be in by the first of February, 1955.

Father Torkom plans to visit the various chapters and explain the project to them. One person in each chapter will be asked to be responsible for the books of certificates issued to that chapter. Father Torkom requested a list of chapters and officers and also a list of Council members in the various regions to set up a schedule of visitations. Mr. Dorian and Miss Ekmanian will assist Father Torkom with this project.

Miss Selvinazian will answer the letter from Father Torkom of the Cathedral Campaign Committee.

Congratulatory Messages

Miss Bannanian raised the questions of whether or not we have a policy of sending congratulatory messages to assemblies of other organizations in our Church. Mr. Kazanjian stated we do send telegrams. He will send the telegram to the ACYOC for their Assembly in November and to the Diocesan Assembly when it meets this year. Other telegrams will be sent as the occasions arise.

Letters are to be sent from the Council to the Troy Church organizations for their efforts with regard to the 8th Assembly.

A letter is to be sent to the Union City chapter from the Council commending them for their progress this past year.

A letter is also to be sent to the Detroit Junior Chapter on their achievements this past year.

It was suggested that chairmen in charge of chapter visitations take note of chapter progress when looking over the chapter reports from their region and recommend which chapters should receive letters of commendation from the Council as well as assistance letters.

Talent Festival

Mr. Yagjian suggested we sponsor an AGYOA spring week-end at the Mayflower Hotel at Plymouth, Massachusetts, preferably the week-end after the Choir Seminar, as a money-raising project and a national AGYOA gathering. The Hotel has given a quotation of \$19 per person for room and board for two days and can accommodate up to 450 people, no guaranty required. Mr. Yagjian said he and a committee from his area would assume the responsibility to plan this week-end if the Council would sanction going ahead with the idea under the name of the AGYOA. Such was decided. However, there is to be some theme for the week-end - a talent competition among chapters or something of the sort.

Free Armenian Guardian to Parish Councils and Diocesan Delegates

Mr. Yagjian asked whether it would be possible to send free ARMENIAN GUARDIANS to Parish Council members and Diocesan Assembly Delegates throughout the year to keep them better informed of AGYOA activities. It was estimated that this would cost approximately \$500 a year. Miss Selvinazian informed us that each priest gets a complimentary copy of the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN. Miss Bannaian suggested that because the cost involved to the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN was rather high, the individual chapters give gift subscriptions of the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN to their Parish Council members and Diocesan Delegates. Mr. Hovsepian suggested that perhaps one special issue might be sent to these persons. Mr. Matteosian suggested that the Council turn this problem over to the newly-elected Editorial Staff of the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN. Agreed.

Prize Trip for Sale of Armenian Guardians

A \$100 expense-paid trip for the person who sells the most ARMENIAN GUARDIANS during the year was suggested as a sales promoter. Considering the incentive that was created at the time of the 8th Assembly with regard to the sale of ARMENIAN GUARDIANS, this matter was tabled.

Emblems

Mr. Yagjian suggested we have emblem stickers for the AGYOA. Mr. Matteosian will obtain information regarding the cost involved and report at the next meeting.

Regional Dinners

Mr. Aharonian proposed the AGYOA sponsor regional community dinners for the purpose of raising funds and acquainting our communities with AGYOA activities. Clergy, parish councils, and diocesan delegates would be invited as guests. Mr. Aharonian offered to set up the mechanics of such dinners and present the suggested plans at the next meeting. Net proceeds would be given to the Central Council. Mr. Dorian requested permission from the Council to go ahead with such a dinner in the New York-New Jersey region this year. Mr. Matteosian will do the same in the Mass. area. These two regions were appointed to hold these regional dinners this year on an experimental basis. Miss Selvinazian will write a letter to the five chapters in the New York-New Jersey region regarding this project, notifying the chapter chairmen that Mr. Dorian will call a meeting of chapter chairmen in the region to plan the dinner. She will also write a similar letter to the seven Mass. chapters informing them that Mr. Matteosian will call a meeting of the regional chapter chairmen. The two dinners should be on different dates. Miss Selvinazian will notify the two regional dinner chairmen, Mr. Dorian and Mr. Matteosian, when the letters have been written, and the chairmen will set the dates for the planning meetings. Mr. Aharonian suggested that these dinners might be further explored as a means of raising funds for our youth camp project.

As Mr. Hovsepian was invited to attend the meeting for the purpose of requesting him to become our Executive Counsellor, it was decided to pay his expenses to the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rose Bannaian
Recording Secretary

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

minutes of Central Council Meeting

December 18-19, 1954

Opening of meeting

at the Diocesan Office

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. M. Casey Kazanjian, at 12 noon, and the ACIOA prayer was read by Mr. Dennis Papazian. Council members present were Missis Rose Bannain, Elizabeth Ekmalian, Arax Selvinazian, and Messrs. Gerald Aharonian, Nubar Dorian, M. Casey Kazanjian, Matthew Matteosian, and Dennis Papazian. Mrs. John Zotian (Constitution Committee), Miss Mary Selvinazian (Managing Editor of the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN), and Mr. Zaven Hovsepien (Executive Counsellor) were also present. Mr. Kazanjian was absent because of illness in his family. The Chairman urged that we all work together as a team at all times. He announced that our meeting schedule for the day would be as follows: 2-6 p.m., then 8:30 to 11:00 p.m. Mr. Kazanjian read a letter from the Union City chapter inviting us to hold our Sunday meetings at their parish house, to have dinner with them at 1 p.m., Dec. 19, and later in the afternoon to see a command performance of the play, "Abie's Irish Rose." A decision on the invitation was postponed, pending the status of the agenda later in the day.

As copies of the minutes had been sent to each member, a motion was made and passed to dispense with the reading of the minutes. The minutes were approved as written. Miss Ekmalian reported \$2579.08 in the reserve account and \$4950.38 in the regular account.

Bishop Terenig Poladian entered the meeting at this time. The Chairman read a letter from our President, Archbishop Mampre Calayan, expressing his regrets at being unable to attend the meeting as he must be present at a church function in Watertown, and requesting that Bishop Terenig be allowed to represent him at our meeting.

Diocesan Assembly report

The Chairman reported on the correspondence he had had with the Union City Parish Council and Archbishop Mampre regarding our speaker at the Diocesan Assembly Banquet. It was noted that in the future, contacts regarding who the ACIOA speaker will be at this banquet should be with the President of the Diocesan Council and not with the local parish hosting the Assembly. Mr. Dorian reported on the Diocesan Assembly. He recommended in connection with a resolution passed by the Diocesan Assembly regarding the establishment of a committee to investigate the matter of whether or not the ACIOA should be under the jurisdiction of the Diocesan Council and as such under the local Parish Councils, that we appoint a committee of two or three to offer to meet with the Diocesan Committee on this matter. Mr. Hovsepien recommended that we write to the Diocesan Council that we have been advised about the resolution in question and offer to meet with them at their convenience and suggest a time. He further suggested that before that time our committee draw up a brief which would acquaint the Diocesan Council with the background and functions of the ACIOA, and in general cover the founding of the ACIOA, the setting up of the organization, the persons on the Diocesan Council who ratified our original Constitution, our purposes, our functions, our accomplishments to date, and our contributions to the Church community. It should be pointed out in this brief that the large majority of the relationships between Parish Councils and ACIOA chapters is most satisfactory. Mr. Hovsepien said that if necessary, we should write to the Parish Councils to get corroborating

statements. The Chairman requested the privilege of approaching the President and the Diocesan Council informally about this matter. However, a motion was made by Mr. Papazian that the Chairman appoint a committee to follow in general the plan recommended by Mr. Hovsepian. Miss Selvanazian seconded the motion, which was passed. Bishop Terenig advised that we as youth have a responsibility to find a means of mutual understanding between the elder and younger generation in this country.

Sunday School Teachers' Conference

In Mr. Yagjian's absence, the Chairman reported that the conference in November was a success and another one is being planned for the East in the Spring. Mr. Papazian reported on the prospective conference in the mid-west, March 4-5-6, at the Kellogg Center at Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan. The College has a conference program coordinator who would be available to help us make the technical arrangements after a certain number of persons have made reservations. The Council gave Mr. Papazian approval to go ahead with the conference. A suggestion was made that a typical Sunday School class situation be set up and that teachers themselves be allowed to bring up problems themselves.

Anniversary Ball

Mr. Matteosian reported that balls have been set up in the various regions as follows:

- Troy - January 15
- New England - January 22
- Philadelphia - January 29
- Chicago - January 29
- Detroit-Cleveland - January 29
- New York-New Jersey - February 5
- Hartford - January 29

It was recommended that the Anniversary Ball Chairman write to Toronto asking them to hold some affair within their means commemorating the anniversary of the ACOA, even though they are not at this time able to hold a ball. It was also mentioned that he suggest to them that those who can might attend the Detroit-Cleveland Ball.

Publicity Director's Report

Mr. Aharonian reported on the post-assembly coverage in the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN and MIRROR-SPECTATOR and the reviews of the last CU meeting in the publication. He mentioned the publicity the Sunday School Teachers' Conference received. Mr. Aharonian said he is planning an article for the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN on the Anniversary Ball and one on the June Festival Weekend. Thank you letters have been sent to the newspapers, TV, and radio stations in Troy and Albany in connection with the last Assembly. Mr. Aharonian is writing to the chapters to request them to send articles on special functions to the HAYASTANYATZ YEGERGHITZI, NOR ASHIGER, and BAIKAR in Armenian as well as in English to English-language papers.

The Chairman suggested that the Publicity Director send a bulletin to the chapters that they keep their local bulletin boards and schedules of events up to date. Mr. Aharonian reported he is sending a directive to the chapters on publicity outlets available and suggesting methods of publicity. The Chairman suggested he mention in the directive that publicity directors avoid sending articles which are exact duplicates to different publications. Mr. Aharonian informed us of a letter he received from Joan Avakian of Troy requesting that the CU pay one-half of the cost of the publicity regarding the Assembly. Mr. Aharonian read the letter he had sent in response informing her that the cost of the publicity for the Assembly is a cost to be defrayed from the income of the Assembly.

Visual Aid Project

Mr. Papazian said he had taken the material he has to date to the professional division of Wayne University and got many pointers from them. He mentioned some of these. Mr. Hovsepian said he is building a projector which takes both film strips and slides. The price of the unit will be about \$20. He suggested that when we offer the film strips for sale we also offer for purchase the unit to show the films. Mr. Papazian hopes to complete the visual aid project by the time of the next Assembly.

Antelias Seminary Students

Bishop Terenig asked that the ACOYA make an effort to help locate prospective seminary students to the seminary in Antelias to eventually be priests in our country. When a seminary is established in the U. S., these students would return to finish their studies here. Bishop Terenig was asked to suggest methods that might help accomplish this. He suggested that we send a letter to the chapters about Bishop Terenig's mission in this country and that if any persons are interested he will be available to meet with them to give them more detailed information. He said an article regarding this should appear in the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN. Bishop Terenig also suggested that we make an attempt to determine a means of sponsoring a student. Bishop Terenig will send us a circular with all the necessary details from which we will draw material to write a letter to send to the chapters. The matter of a means of sponsoring a student at Antelias will have to be taken up at the next Assembly.

THE CHURCH OF ARMENIA by Ohrmanian

Bishop Terenig asked whether the ACOYA could estimate how many members might wish to purchase the book, THE CHURCH OF ARMENIA, by Ohrmanian, with revisions by Bishop Terenig. At a cost of approximately \$3.50 a copy. This information is needed to aid in informing the publishers approximately how many copies to print. The Chairman pointed out the number of items on our agenda and said we would make an attempt to place it at the end of our agenda at this meeting if time permitted and otherwise place it on the agenda for our next meeting.

ARMENIAN GUARDIAN

Miss Mary Selvinazian reported the Editorial Staff had two meetings to plan two issues. She said the chapter news articles from the local publicity directors were coming in too long and recommended that a letter be sent to publicity directors asking them to limit their news to one typewritten page, double spaced. Mr. Aharonian said he would include a mention of this in the bulletin he plans to send out to the publicity directors.

The Chairman informed the Council that in his opinion the Editorial Staff at its first meeting acted beyond its jurisdiction on two issues--not putting ads in the publication and also deciding who would write the articles and editorials in the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN and sending letters asking for them. He said that upon learning of these decisions, he had asked Miss Selvinazian to temporarily disregard the decisions of the Editorial Staff and had suspended the Editorial Staff. The Council agreed that the Chairman has a right to take temporary action in the absence of a CC meeting if he feels immediate action is necessary, whether they later agree with the action or not.

Miss Mary Selvinazian was then asked to give a report of the Editorial Staff meeting. She said she had been asked to continue as Managing Editor. In the light of the prospects for increased ARMENIAN GUARDIAN subscriptions, the Staff had decided to omit ads temporarily and that if a sufficient number of subscriptions were not received, the Staff would then reconsider using ads. Various

persons had been asked to write editorials and articles. In connection with the educational program of the ACYOL, a series of articles by Mr. Dorian on Armenian saints was to be started. A decision was made by the Staff to have a book review each month. Worth while passages sent in will be reprinted. It was decided by the Staff to leave it up to the CC whether chapter pictures should be included in the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN. The general policy of putting in pictures pertaining to news of more than local interest on a regional or national level would be followed. The Staff is considering a series of biographical sketches on the clergy of our Church, along with their pictures. Mr. Dorian added that it was his feeling that CC members should write editorials and articles for the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN.

After this report the Chairman said that when Mr. Yagjian, Mr. Matteosian, and he met in Watertown, they rescinded the Chairman's action to suspend the Editorial Staff. The questions then were what the thinking of the CC is on the point of ads and whether the Editorial Staff is functioning according to what is in the minutes of the last Assembly and the CC meeting. Mr. Aharonian moved that the CC express a vote of confidence in the Editorial Staff of the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN and such was done. Questions were raised about suggestions to guide the Editorial Staff and payment of transportation costs for Staff members and were temporarily tabled.

Constitution Reading and Printing

Mrs. John Zotian reported on the findings of herself and Miss Arax Selvinazian in checking over the Constitution for changes in wording from the original Constitution. Mr. Dorian moved that we direct Mrs. Zotian and Miss Selvinazian to draft the Constitution as it is to be reprinted, making changes for better wording as long as they do not change the meaning and intent of the Constitution and submit the draft to the CC. At the next Assembly the draft will be submitted to a Constitution Reading Committee along with the recommendations of the committee and Council and then to the Assembly for approval. No further Constitutions are to be printed until that time.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. to reconvene at 8:30 at the Hotel Statler.

Second Session

The Chairman opened the meeting at 9:15 p.m. in Room 446 at Hotel Statler. Present were Misses Rose Bannanian, Elizabeth Ekmannian, Arax Selvinazian, and Messrs. Gerald Aharonian, Nubar Dorian, M. Casey Kazanjian, Matthew Matteosian, Dennis Papazian, and Zaven Hovsepian.

Chapter Report Forms

Mr. Kazanjian reported that the quarterly chapter report forms were completed and thanked the committee that drew up the reports. The questions was brought up as to whether there should be some sort of report form for junior groups. The Council decided to send a short quarterly report form for the juniors to the senior group with their report to be completed by the junior group and returned with the senior group report. Miss Bannanian is to draw up the junior group report form and send it to the Chairman for approval.

Junior Groups

The Chairman is going to write a bulletin to the senior groups regarding the organization of junior groups in their respective cities if they do not have one.

Correspondence

Mr. Kazanjian reported that all the letters he was directed to send at the last meeting had been sent. He said that due to a delivery delay, a telegram was not sent to the ACYOF Assembly at Thanksgiving and to the Diocesan Assembly the same weekend. A good-will letter is being sent to the ACYOC. The Chairman read a letter to be sent to each junior group chairman upon election.

Prayer Manual

In Mr. Yagjian's absence, Mr. Kazanjian said that Father Mesrob Semerjian is setting up the format and material and the Worcester chapter is doing the work on the prayer manual. Mr. Papazian is to work on a prayer of Grace for the manual. He also is to submit a ^{possible} revision of the Prayer of the ACYOA.

Hymn

Mr. Matteosian said Father Torkom Postajian is working on the ACYOA Hymn. It is to be in Armenian.

Youth Camps

The Chairman reported for Mr. Yagjian that the banks have been obtained and arrangements have been made for two-week camps at Charleton near Pittfield, Mass.

Junior Groups

The Chairman mentioned that several junior groups had asked for assistance on junior group activities. Mr. Papazian reported on a brief outline he and some of the other members of the Detroit chapter have drawn up on the activities of the Detroit junior group, mentioning certain problems a junior group may have and giving suggestions on how to meet them. The Chairman asked Mr. Papazian to break it down so that one bulletin goes to the senior group to give directions and one to the juniors to give them advice and suggestions.

Assembly Minutes Index

Miss Bannanian reported that she has copies of all the Assembly minutes except the 2nd and 6th, and asked the Council members to try to obtain copies of these minutes. She stated that the index should be completed by the next Assembly.

Honorable Mention Certificates

Miss Ekmanian read the copy of the Honorable Mention Certificates and a sample such as that to be sent to the chapters receiving honorable mention in connection with the "A" award was passed around. The Council voted to accept the Honorable Mention Certificates as presented by the committee. The CC decided to have certificates made up for "A" award winners, also.

World Council Conference

Mr. Yagjian has written to the World Council of Churches and is awaiting an answer.

Emblem Stickers

Mr. Matteosian has contacted the G. H. Davidson Co. regarding automobile stickers with our emblem in our colors. They cost \$20 a thousand and \$120 for 2000. The CC voted to acquire 2000 of these stickers to be sold to members of chapters.

Toronto Banner

Mr. Matteosian is to see to it that the Toronto banner is made up and sent to Miss Selvinazian to be given to the Toronto chapter at the next Assembly.

Correspondence

Miss Selvinazian went over the following letters.

1. From Archbishop Mampre acknowledging our election of officers.
2. From Archbishop Mampre regarding receipt of the 8th Assembly minutes.
3. From N. Y. St. Gregory, pledging support on the regional dinner project.
4. From Moosharar promoting the use of their publication for publicity.
5. From Bridgeport about organizing an ACYOA chapter in their city, requesting 30 members who can be to be present on January 7, 1955 at 8 p.m., to help them organize and asking for information regarding the starting of a junior group.
A letter is to be sent them that there will be CC representation at that meeting and suggesting that if they have not already done so they should invite members of their parish council as well as their priest.
6. From North Philadelphia regarding Directive 20 on Buy A Brick Certificates, bringing up a question regarding this project pointing out Section 3 and 4 of Article 12 in our Constitution.
Miss Selvinazian is to answer the letter clarifying the project and the reasons for it.

The Chairman pointed out that the Cathedral and Cultural Center Project Committee had sent a letter regarding the drawing date on the Buy a Brick Certificates to all organizations participating in the drive, including our chapters.

Mr. Kazanjian is going to write a follow-up bulletin regarding the sale of the certificates to be sent to the chapters and asking them to send in their returns during the month of February, if at all possible. He asked CC members to encourage the sale of these certificates.

7. From Union City chapter inviting us to Union City on Sunday, December 13 as was mentioned in the earlier session. The CC decided to accept the invitation and Miss Selvinazian is to write a letter of thanks to the chapter.
8. From Father Papken Varjabedian suggesting we make sound tracks in Armenian for religious films. He further suggested we put the whole Liturgy on tape omitting the priest's part, to be used for radio broadcasts. No action was taken.

Miss Selvinazian showed us a copy of an installation of officers service. Discussion on this was tabled until the next meeting. Mr. Matteosian is to look it over and make recommendations at the next meeting.

Miss Selvinazian is to send a bulletin to the chapters announcing the appointment of Mr. Hovsepian as our Executive Counsellor and another bulletin about the members of the Editorial Staff of the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN.

Miss Selvinazian suggested a typewriter be purchased for the ACYOA. The CC decided to make the purchase and Miss Selvinazian and Mr. Dorian are to take care of the transaction.

June Festival Weekend

Mr. Hagjian is in charge of the June Festival with the other CC members in New England. It will be held June 11 and 12 at the Mayflower Hotel at Cape Cod. The cost will be approximately \$20-\$25 per person. The tentative program includes an athletic contest between the east and west on Saturday afternoon, the talent competition among chapters from 8-10 p.m. (with prizes), dancing with Armenian and American orchestras after 10 p.m. Sunday morning, everyone will attend the

Sunrise Service, and Sunday afternoon, a beach party. Our prayer of Grace will be introduced this weekend. A bulletin will be sent to the chapters about this weekend. Mr. Yagjian will write it and send it to Miss Selvinazian.

Regional dinners

Mr. Dorian said that no correspondence will be sent to the chapters regarding Regional Dinners until the Anniversary Balls have been held. After that time, letter will be sent to them and committee meetings held. Tentative plans include the sale of tickets, no booklets, inviting the Primate, clergymen, parents representatives, CC representatives, 3 or 4 entertainment acts. The youth camps will be stressed at these dinners.

Educational Program

Mr. Dorian brought up that he was planning to place a series of articles on Armenian saints in the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN in conjunction with his educational program. He has prepared material to be sent to the chapters for each month left in this fiscal year. Mr. Dorian has two topics suggested for each month along with source materials. He will write a directive to be sent to the chapters about this program. Ten copies of each month's program will be sent to each chapter. A form will be sent with each program every month to be completed as to what material was used and the comments regarding the program.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 to reconvene at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 19, at the Union City Parish House.

Third Session

The Chairman called the meeting to order at the Union City Parish House at 11 a.m. Present were Messes Rose Bannanian, Elizabeth Ekmanian, Arax Selvinazian, and Messrs. Gerald Aharonian, Nubar Dorian, M. Casey Kazanjian, Matthew Matteosian, Dennis Papazian, and Zaven Hovsepian.

ARMENIAN GUARDIAN - Editorial Staff

Father Yerkom Manogian, Mary Selvinazian, Mr. N. Dorian, Mr. Zaven Hovsepian accepted as members of the Editorial Staff of the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN. Father Arten had declined and Father Shahe had been asked in his place. Miss Selvinazian will write a letter to Father Shahe to ask whether he will officially accept as a member of the Editorial Staff. If he does not accept, Father Mesrob will be asked. The question of transportation expense for members of the Editorial Staff was brought up. A motion was passed to take the transportation expenses of the Editorial Staff members from the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN income. In view of the resolution passed at the Assembly that the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN should have an Editorial Staff, permission is implied that the CC pay the transportation expenses of the Editorial Staff to carry out the resolution.

Transferring Subscriptions

Mr. Aharonian brought up the question of transferring subscriptions when more than one member of a family belongs to the ACYOL. It was pointed out that this discussion was held at the Assembly in Cleveland, and it was said that subscriptions should not be transferred from the New York office, but that after receiving the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN, a person may give his copy to someone who is not getting one.

There was a discussion pro and con about increasing the pages in the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN to 12. It was suggested that this be left to the Editorial Staff. The CC voted to have ads in the publication. Further discussion on the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN was tabled temporarily.

Chapter Reports

The Chairman mentioned remarks made in the N. Y. Holy Cross chapter report to the effect that their Parish Council will not allow a junior group to be organized in their parish. It was decided that Miss Selvinazian and Mr. Dorian with Miss Ekanian are to make a chapter visitation to try to help solve the situation.

The Lowell chapter commented in their chapter report that the report is too long. Mr. Matteosian said he felt there were some unnecessary sections in the report, and the Chairman asked him to work on the report and bring his suggestions to the next meeting.

Toronto in their report requested that packages not be sent to them as there is a heavy duty which must be paid on them.

Washington - new visitation

It was pointed out that the West Philadelphia and Union City chapter are doing unusually well.

Chapter Visitations

Other than the chapters to which CC members belong the following chapters have been visited.

Paterson - Mr. Dorian
 Toronto - Miss Bannanian
 Boston - Mr. Matteosian
 Haverhill and Lawrence - Mr. Ahronian and Mr. Kazanjian
 Worcester - Mr. Ahronian, Mr. Kazanjian with Mr. Jagjian.

Council members are to attempt to maintain contacts with chapters in their regions throughout the year whenever possible.

Executive Counsellor Visits

Mr. Hovsepian said he had visited the West Philadelphia chapter. Regarding a visit to Toronto, he said Miss Bannanian after her chapter visit had written him that no special visit from him was necessary unless he was in the vicinity. However, she had suggested that a chapter in Niagara Falls would prove mutually beneficial to the two. There is a Niagara Falls person working to organize a chapter in this city. Mr. Hovsepian will assist when they are ready. In connection with West Allis and West Pullman, Miss Bannanian and Mr. Papazian are scheduled to visit them, and they will report to Mr. Hovsepian as to whether visits from him are necessary.

Regarding Newark, Mr. Dorian was going to do what he could first. Mr. Dorian has visited the Newark parish priest and is trying to get the chapter to reorganize. The priest wrote letters to eligible persons, but there was very little response. Mr. Dorian nevertheless has asked to have a meeting called, and he and Mr. Hovsepian, and, if possible, other CC members will attend this meeting.

Mr. Leo Bakalian has told Council members that there is a lack of interest in Paterson. Mr. Dorian said that the Union City literature is being sent to former members of the Paterson chapter to attempt to arouse interest. He says some of their members have been coming to the Union City meetings. He mentioned that in a month or two a meeting will probably be called of Paterson people. Miss Selvinazian said there is a new parish priest in Paterson who might be of assistance. It was suggested that Archbishop Mampre might also be able to help.

Mr. Hovsepian was asked by the Chairman to leave the Mid-West chapters to Miss Bannanian and Mr. Papazian and devote his time to Newark and Paterson. Mr. Hovsepian is to visit Washington, if possible. Richmond will probably not be visited this year. It needs much concentrated work.

bridgeport is organizing and those CC members who can will attend their organizational meeting.

Pilgrimage Committee

The Chairman gave a brief summary of a complete report submitted by the Pilgrimage Committee with suggested methods of organizing and carrying out this project. As the plan seems a little involved for the CC to execute, it was suggested that an agency be found to take care of the technical details for us on a commission basis.

The meeting recessed at 1 p.m. for lunch with the Union City chapter.

The meeting resumed at 2:15 p.m.

Revision of Manual

Miss Bannaian mentioned that the manual needs to be brought up to date. The Chairman said this will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. All CC members now have a manual except Miss Bannaian and Miss Selvinazian is to make one up for her.

Stationery for Regional Activities

There was discussion about what stationery should be used by Anniversary Ball Committees in carrying out their correspondence. The Council decided to have a supply of our letterheads printed without any special notation at the top, such as the chapter name or CC, to be made available for use by committees such as the Anniversary Ball and Regional Dinner committees. As New England had wanted to have special Anniversary Ball stationery printed, Miss Selvinazian is to write to the New England group of the CC's decision.

Commendation of Chairman

Miss Bannaian said our Chairman should be commended for his efforts and for his correspondence to the CC members keeping them up to date on our progress. It was requested, however, that unless immediate action is deemed necessary or unless a directive is carrying out a decision of the Assembly, that no directives be sent to the chapters until the CC has had an opportunity to discuss the item with which the directive is concerned.

Transportation Expenses

A question was brought up as to what expenses the CC members are entitled to. A motion was passed that the CC members be reimbursed for travel and hotel expenses to CC meetings, leaving the mode of travel to the discretion of the members with the understanding that the members are to use the most economically feasible means of transportation. Mr. Papazian requested his name be inserted in the minutes as objecting. It was suggested that new CC members be informed of this each year.

ARMENIAN GUARDIAN

A motion was passed that in the light of the present deficit we keep the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN temporarily an 8-page publication. Another motion was passed that ads will be placed on additional pages beyond the 8. Mr. Aharonian requested his name be inserted in the minutes as objecting. The Chairman asked members to urge the solicitation of subscriptions to the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN when making their chapter visits. Miss Arax Selvinazian is to send a bulletin to chapters urging the solicitation of subscriptions in the light of the discussion at the Assembly.

The responsibilities of the Editorial Staff will be to publish the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN and to report through the Chairman or Managing Editor of the Staff at

at every CC meeting. The Council, recognizing the relationship between the CC members and the Editorial Staff determined that no CC member other than those on the Editorial Staff should have any arbitrary power to determine the content of the publication.

Pilgrimage Committee

The CC appointed the following policy committee for the Pilgrimage project. Archbishop Mamre Galfayan, Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan, Father Hm. yag Intoyan, Father Torkom Manoogian, Father Yegishe Ghiziring, Mr. Dadour Dadourian, Mr. Bedros Bondatzi, Mr. M. Casey Kazanjian, Mr. Matthew Matteosian, Mr. Nubar Dorian. Archbishop Mamre, as President of this committee will send the notices of meetings.

Miss Selvinazian is to write to the Primate informing him that in accordance with the decision at the Assembly we recommend the above persons be members of the Pilgrimage Policy Committee. If he approves, letters will then be sent to the members of the committee asking them to serve. The President will make substitute appointments, if necessary.

The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ROSE BANNAIAN
Recording Secretary

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Minutes of Central Council Meeting

March 26-27, 1955

Opening of Meeting

The meeting was called to order at the Diocesan Office by the Chairman, Mr. M. Casey Kazanjian, at 2:20 p.m., and the ACYOA prayer was read by Mr. Dennis Papazian. Council members present were Misses Rose Barnaian, Elizabeth Ekmanian, Arax Selvinazian, and Messrs. Gerald Aharonian, Nubar Dorian, M. Casey Kazanjian, Matthew Matteosian, Dennis Papazian, and Ralph Yagjian. Miss Mary Selvinazian, Managing Editor of the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN and Mr. Zaven Hovsepian, Executive Counsellor were also present. Archbishop Mampre Calfayan was absent because of illness.

As copies of the minutes had been sent to each member, a motion was made and passed to omit the reading of the minutes. Two corrections were made in the minutes and they were then approved.

Miss Ekmanian reported \$5651.23 was in our Regular Account as of March 26 and \$2579.08 in our Reserve Account.

Publicity Report

Mr. Aharonian stated that articles on the Anniversary Ball and Lenten Banquets had appeared in the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN and an article on the Anniversary Ball in the MIRROR-SPICATOR. He was commended on the articles. Mr. Aharonian stated that the bulletin he plans to send to publicity directors is in the process of being done.

Constitution Reading and Printing

Copies of the recommendations of the committee were given to CC members. The intention of the committee was to make the Constitution and amendments coincide with the wording and intent of our original Constitution ~~MEMO~~ and Amendments but with changes for better wording that did not change intent. Mrs. Mary Zotian and Miss Arax Selvinazian worked with the original Constitution and the Constitution currently in use (1952) in making their recommendations. Mr. Kazanjian asked CC members to read the report of the committee so that the matter may be discussed fully at the next meeting.

Correspondence

The Chairman read a note from Archbishop Mampre in response to our congratulatory letter to him on his election as Primate.

Miss Selvinazian brought the following letters to our attention.

1. From Archbishop Mampre acknowledging our letter regarding suggested appointees for the Pilgrimage Committee. His Eminence in his letter suggested a few further names.
2. From Archbishop Mampre informing us that letters had been sent to the Parish Councils regarding our Directive #22 pertaining to four members of ACYOA serving in Church every Sunday.
3. From Mr. Hoke enclosing a copy of a prayer written by him. Prayer was given to Miss Mary Selvinazian for printing in the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN if the editorial Staff so decides. It was recommended that a copy of that particular issue be sent to Mr. Hoke with a note, if the prayer is used.

- 4. From St. Sarkis Church of Niagara Falls regarding the prospective organization of an ACYOA chapter.
- 5. From Chicago chapter enclosing a copy of by-laws to be approved. Mr. Papazian is to communicate with the Chicago chapter to clarify the wording of the by-laws.
- 6. From Paul Hovsepian of Detroit announcing birth of baby girl.
- 7. From Racine regarding Assembly progress.

The Chairman read a letter from the St. Gregory chapter inviting the CC to their chapter initiation service March 27 at 7 p.m. The invitation was accepted pending the status of the agenda.

The Chairman read a letter of resignation from Miss Arax Selvinazian. In the letter Miss Selvinazian stated that she has prepared an office manual to aid the new corresponding secretary. The CC did not wish to accept the resignation, but as Miss Selvinazian cannot continue to do the work, the resignation was accepted with regrets. A vote of thanks was extended to Miss Selvinazian for her past efforts. It was suggested that Miss Arpina Tavitian of Union City be coopted to fill the vacancy. Miss Tavitian will be invited to attend our Sunday session to ask whether she will serve.

ARMENIAN GUARDIAN

Miss Mary Selvinazian reported that an Editorial Staff meeting had been held on February 12 and Father Shahe Altounian had been elected Chairman of the Editorial Staff. He will call meetings and coordinate the work of the Editorial Staff. Each person on the Editorial Staff will edit various categories of articles. The E. Staff asked that the CC send a bulletin to chapters again encouraging the sale of ARMENIAN GUARDIAN subscriptions. Editorial writers will be clergymen, CC members, E. Staff members, prominent members of the community and others specifically asked by the Editorial Staff. On the question of ads, the E. Staff felt that the ads used should be ads of Church organization assemblies, local chapters, Armenian charitable, educational and cultural organizations, and publishers of books. The E. Staff plans to publish names of persons who give gift subscriptions. The recommendation of the E. Staff to compensate persons who submit articles with a gift subscription of the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN to whomever they designate was not accepted. The CC considered the matter of whether the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN should be 8 or 12 pages. Because of the deficit involved, it was again agreed that the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN temporarily be kept an 8-page publication.

Other Publications

The CC requested that the Chairman write a letter to Archbishop Nempre asking him to write a letter to the editor of the ARMENIAN REPORTER, a publication not affiliated with the Church, informing the editor that the ACYOA should not be mentioned separately from The Armenian Church.

Mr. Kazanjian was also asked to relay the wishes of the CC to Archbishop Nempre that the ACYOA mailing list and files not be made available to individuals or groups not affiliated with the Church without due consideration by the CC.

Anniversary Ball

Mr. Matteosian reported net proceeds of approximately \$3400 from the Anniversary Balls. He stated that Toronto had held a commemorative affair. It was recommended that Mr. Matteosian write to Toronto commending them and saying we are confident they can begin participating fully in this national project next year.

Educational Program

Comments received from chapters were read by Mr. Dorian. He was commended for the educational program he has set up.

Prayer Manual

Father Mesrob Semerjian who was to aid us with the manual will be unable to do so because of illness. The Chairman asked Mr. Yagjian to obtain an estimate of the cost of publishing a manual and to find out which priest will assist us with the manual, with or without a fee. As there are several prayers of grace already available, Mr. Papazian will not need to submit a new one for the manual. It was decided not to revise the wording of the Prayer of the ACYOA.

ACYOA Hymn

Mr. Matteosian stated that as Father Torkom Postajian is going to Antelias, he will be unable to aid us with the lyrics for our hymn. Mr. Matteosian was instructed to ask Father Arden Ashjian if he will aid us.

Youth Camps

Mr. Yagjian informed us that the possibility of sending our youth temporarily to Episcopal camps has been eliminated as the Episcopal Diocese will allow us to send our youth to their camps only if our youth participate completely in their program, including their worship. The plan of obtaining free savings banks from a Worcester bank must also be dropped as the bank will not furnish a sufficient number of banks. Mr. Yagjian reported he had looked into the possibility of having envelopes printed for a weekly donation from members to the youth camp fund. Each packet would have 52 envelopes with the same number on each and would be appropriately labeled. Each ACYOA member would receive a packet, and periodically, chapters would send a check in the amount of the members' donations to the CC for the youth camp fund. Mr. Yagjian suggested that in preparation for the time when we have our own youth camps, we might send a few of our teenagers to Episcopal leadership training camps. Rev. Nichols, Director of Youth Activities in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Mass. has said we may enroll our youth in their leadership training program. With regard to the envelope plan, Mr. Hovsepian suggested these envelopes be distributed not only to present ACYOA members, but to all persons who have at any time been ACYOA members, and estimated that at the present time that would reach approximately 2000 persons. Mr. Kazanjian suggested we might broaden our coverage to include distributing envelopes to all youth in our Church communities.

A motion was made by Mr. Dorian and seconded by Mr. Aharonian to accept the duplicate envelope plan suggested by Mr. Yagjian, one section for the youth camp fund and one for the Armenian Seminary in America Scholarship Fund. Voting was tabled until the second session.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

Second Session

The Chairman called the second session to order at 9:30 p.m. at the Hotel Statler. Present were Misses Rose Bannaian and Elizabeth Ekmanian, Messrs. Gerald Aharonian, Nubar Dorian, E. Casey Kazanjian, Matthew Matteosian, Dennis Papazian, Ralph Yagjian, and Zaven Hovsepian.

Visual Aid Project

Mr. Papazian reported that Yeretzkin Mayr Yefkin Megherian took the slides of the Divine Liturgy to have an artist draw pictures from them to be made into a booklet. Explanatory comments will accompany the pictures when the booklet is completed.

Assembly Minutes Index

Miss Bannaian reminded CC members to send her a copy of the 2nd and 6th Assembly minutes. She plans to complete the index this summer.

Typewriter Purchase

The matter of a new typewriter was tabled until we find what equipment is available to our new corresponding secretary. If a typewriter is needed, Mr. Dorian is to assist the secretary in making the purchase.

Executive Counsellor Report

Mr. Hovsepien reported he has been working with the Newark and Paterson chapters. Newark is becoming active again, but there is not much response from Paterson. Regarding a Washington visit, Mr. Hovsepien said Mr. Kazanjian had informed him that he had visited the chapter, and so Mr. Hovsepien did not need to make the visit. Regarding Paterson, it was suggested that we ask Archbishop Nampre to write a letter to Father Vartan of Paterson to direct the priest to assist in reorganizing and reactivating the Paterson ACYOA chapter and informing Paterson that Mr. Hovsepien will be happy to meet with their group whenever requested.

Rules of Procedure for Assembly

Mr. Hovsepien reported he is working on the rules of procedure to be suggested for use at the next assembly.

Chapter Visitations

Mr. Dorian reported on a visit to Bridgeport, Conn. He plans to visit St. Gregory and Holy Cross when arrangements are made. Miss Skmanian was asked to make a visit to the Union City chapter.

Mr. Papazian has made tentative arrangements to visit Evanston, Chicago, and West Pullman.

Miss Bannaian reported on her visits to Racine and South Milwaukee.

The Chairman asked that chapter visitations not yet made should be completed as soon as possible.

Information ~~xxx~~ on how to organize an ACYOA chapter has been sent to Niagara Falls per their request. They will notify us when they are ready to actually organize. A letter is to be sent to them that we will assist them in every way we can and will have a representative visit them when they desire it.

Miss Bannaian was asked to look into the possibility of a chapter in Waukegan.

Chapter Report Forms

Mr. Matteosian presented a new format for the quarterly chapter report form. The general format was accepted with a few minor changes. Miss Bannaian is to send a copy of the new format incorporating the suggested changes to the Chairman and to Mr. Matteosian for approval. The Chairman also asked Miss Bannaian to go over the Annual Report for possible revisions. The Junior Group report form prepared by Miss Bannaian was approved.

Installation of Officers Ceremony.

Mr. Matteosian will report at the next meeting on the installation of officers ceremony given to him for study at the last meeting.

Directive #22

The Chairman reported that favorable comments have been received from several parishes in which the ACYOA is carrying out the provisions of Directive #22 which requested four different ACYOA members to assist in Church each Sunday. He urged that this directive be followed in our chapters. A follow-up directive is to be sent to the chapters to this effect.

Junior Groups

Mr. Papazian said he has prepared the material to assist Junior groups and it is ready for mailing. Mr. Kazanjian said he wrote the bulletin to go to Senior groups about organizing Junior groups if they do not have one. It also is ready for mailing. The Chairman read a copy of the letter he sent to the newly-organized Union City Junior group. Mr. Dorian suggested that the first Junior group activity upon organizing might be to invite the parish to come to the Church to pray with them and for them.

"A" Award Certificates

Samples of the proposed certificates to be presented to "A" Award winners were presented and approved.

Brick Certificates

It was mentioned that a form has gone from the Cathedral Campaign Committee to all groups participating in the Brick Bond campaign and therefore no bulletin will be sent from the CC at the present time.

Emblem Stickers

Mr. Matteosian said the emblem stickers have been printed and are in New York. 1000 have glue on the outside and 1000 on the other side. He suggested we send 50 stickers to small chapters and 100 to the large chapters, including both kinds of stickers and recommend the chapters charge 20 or 25 cents for each sticker and send us 10 cents of that amount. Stickers may also be made available at the Assembly.

Lawrence Form

The Chairman showed a form sent out by the Lawrence chapter to members asking for suggestions to improve their program and chapter activities. Mr. Kazanjian recommended the idea might be used advantageously by other chapters.

World Council of Churches

Mr. Yagjian informed us of the training programs available through the World Council of Churches. It was decided that because our Church School programs have enlarged to such a point that we are bringing trained personnel to our own conferences we would not send individuals to the World Council of Churches conferences. This does not mean an abandonment of the idea expressed at the 4th Assembly, but the incorporation of the idea with our Church School conferences in bringing trained personnel to us with these funds and thus reaching more people.

Election of CC Chairman

Mr. Kazanjian suggested that in the future the CC Chairman be elected at the Assembly site by the CC members so that the Chairman can be better prepared for the first CC meeting.

Church School Conferences

Mr. Yagjian gave a report of the Church School ^{Teachers'} Conference held in ^{Teachers'} Whitinsville November 20-21. He said complete reports are in the Church School Conference file, including copies of material sent to Church School teachers on the Conference. \$75 was given to the Treasurer as income from this Conference. Mr. Yagjian said another Conference is being planned for May 7 and 8 at Whitinsville. The following conference will be planned for the New York area.

Mr. Papazian passed around copies of the booklet distributed at the Mid-West Church School Conference, March 5 and 6 at Michigan State College's Kellogg Center. The Chairman requested that in the future, a letter from the CC appear in the front of such booklets. Mr. Papazian said \$100 had been donated to the Conferency by the Detroit ACYOA, and \$90 loaned by the Detroit Church School The Detroit Church School

is willing to donate 50 of this latter amount. He asked the CC to pay \$75 of the expenses. A motion made by Mr. Dorian and seconded by Mr. Yagjian passed to this effect. As the New England Conference had a \$75 surplus and the Mid-West Conference a \$75 deficit, it may be pointed out at the Assembly that the overall picture balances itself.

Mr. Yagjian said that the coming Church School ^{Teachers'} Conferences will be set up along a certain pattern to coordinate them.

The Chairman asked to be notified of any conferences and other activities planned by members of the CC.

The idea expressed by the Church School teachers at the Mid-West Conference of forming a Church School Teachers' Association was discussed. Such an association would gradually handle the conferences and other Church School work. Mr. Yagjian said the same idea was being considered in New England. A suggestion was made that this association, if formed, should be only a group to further the work of the Church Schools. The ACYOA would encourage and aid them in whatever way possible. A discussion was held on the various Church organizations which have youth as members.

The meeting adjourned at 12 a.m.

Third Session

The Chairman called the session to order at 10:30 a.m. at the Diocesan Office on Sunday, March 27. Present were Misses Rose Bannaian, Elizabeth Momanian, Max Selvinazian, Messrs. Gerald Aharonian, Nubar Dorian, W. Casey Kazanjian, Matthew Matteosian, Dennis Papazian, Ralph Yagjian, and Raven Hovsepien. Also present was Arpena Tavitian who had been invited to attend the meeting.

Honorable Mention Certificates

A motion moved by Mr. Dorian and seconded by Miss Bannaian that we use the already printed honorable mention certificates as merit certificates to those individuals who are elected by their chapters for honorable mention and have new ones printed with wording which does not mention "certificate of merit" as such. A new wording for the honorable mention certificates was accepted by the CC. A suggestion was made that all retroactive "A" Award and Honorable Mention Certificates be presented at the 9th Assembly Banquet.

Regional Dinners

Mr. Dorian said that with the Jerusalem Aid dinners and Bishop Terenig's collections for Antelias, there were too many activities in the New York-New Jersey area during the Lenten period to have an effective ACYOA dinner, so he spoke with Mr. Matteosian, the New England dinner chairman, and they thought it wise to postpone the dinners until the fall. A motion moved by Mr. Yagjian and seconded by Mr. Dorian to hold the Regional dinners during the month of November was passed. The point was made that the postponement of the dinners should be mentioned in the ARGENTIA STADIUM.

CC Vacancy

Arpena Tavitian was coopted by the CC to complete Miss Selvinazian's term on the CC which will end at the 9th Assembly. She will serve as Corresponding Secretary. Miss Selvinazian will be relieved of her duties as of the end of the present meeting.

June Festival

Mr. Yagjian said a letter will be sent from Worcester to chapter chairmen requesting talent for the Saturday evening program. All plans are in progress. A possibility of charging one price for members and another additional \$5 for non-members was

mentioned. A suggestion was made that if that were done, a list be kept of non-members who attend the Festival and send them gift subscriptions of the AG paid for from the net proceeds of the Festival.

Pilgrimage to Jerusalem

Mr. Kazanjian said the Pilgrimage Committee held two meetings since the last CC meeting. At the first meeting which was primarily an orientation meeting, they went over the plans submitted by the CC committee and redrafted them into what they thought would be a workable form for our requirements and set up sub-committees. Mr. Kazanjian and Mrs. Matteosian will serve as co-chairmen of the committee which will officially be called the ACYOA Jerusalem Pilgrimage Committee. At their second meeting, permanent committees were set up. Arrangements are being made for two modes of travel, boat and airplane. The eastern Easter will be May 6 in 1956.

Youth Camps

A motion moved by Mr. Borian and seconded by Mr. Aharonian to adopt the envelope plan to help raise funds for the youth camp was passed. Mr. Yagjian and a committee from Worcester will handle the distribution of the envelopes to ACYOA chapters. Each chapter will take charge of its own distribution of envelopes and collections and at the end of the collection period, send a check to the CC Treasurer in the amount of its chapter collections for the youth camp fund. Distribution is to start as soon as possible.

CHURCH OF ARMENIA - Ohrmanian

The CC decided to drop the matter of attempting to determine how many ACYOA members would purchase copies of the CHURCH OF ARMENIA by Ohrmanian, with revisions by Bishop Terenig, because of other means already being used in the parishes.

Prayer of Grace

The CC decided to send an English transliteration of the Jashagetzook to the chapters after approval by Archbishop Nampre to ask them to learn the prayer of Grace and use it. It will also be placed in our prayer manual.

Revision of ACYOA Manual

After Miss Tavitian is oriented, she and Mr. Hovsepien with Miss Arax Selvinazian's assistance will work on revising the manual.

Antelias Seminary

It was decided that the bulletin to chapters enclosing information on the Antelias Seminary as a step in encouraging young men to attend the Seminary as discussed at our last meeting would be sent out only upon the approval of our Primate, Archbishop Nampre.

9th Assembly

Miss Tavitian is to write a letter to Racine in response to their letter regarding the coming assembly informing them there will be no pre-Assembly session this year, asking them not to plan a tour for delegates, asking them to follow the time schedule set for meetings in the past, requesting clarification of the hotel situation, enclosing a copy of the content of the note regarding conduct to be distributed to all who register at the hotels, and commending them.

Next CC Meeting

The next CC meeting will be held about August 1 in order to prepare the proposal and resolutions to be submitted by the CC at the assembly and to consider those submitted by the chapters and be able to get the material to the chapters in time for their consideration before the Assembly.

Diocesan Assembly - ACYOA Proposal

The CC decided to drop the matter of a committee to meet with the Diocesan Committee on the matter of whether the ACYOA should be under the jurisdiction of the Diocesan Council and as such under the Parish Councils as discussed at our last meeting. The Chairman reported that Archbishop Nempre had informed him there would be no study of the ACYOA at this time; therefore, no committee is necessary. Mr. Kazanjian asked Miss Tavitian to get the proposal on this matter's passed at the last Diocesan Assembly.

Progress Report

The CC decided to establish a committee to prepare a report of ACYOA progress since its inception for the benefit of our members and for our records. Mr. Hovsepien was asked to plan the process for writing this report.

New Business

A motion was made by Mr. Matteosian to reconsider the decision to keep the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN to 8 pages and seconded by Miss Barnaian. Motion defeated.

It was decided to publish a statement in the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN to the effect that it is the only official organ of the ACYOA.

A communication is to be sent to the chapters informing them of the change of secretaries.

Jerusalem Aid

A letter from Father Guregh Kapikian requesting our participating in the Jerusalem Aid project was read. It was decided to send a bulletin to chapters asking them to assist in whatever way they can in the raising of funds for the Jerusalem Aid Fund. Because of contributions being made by ACYOA individuals and chapters on a local level and in the light of a collection made at the last Assembly for this fund, a motion made by Mr. Matteosian and seconded by Mr. Lorian to donate a set amount from the Anniversary Ball proceeds to the Jerusalem Aid fund was defeated. It was decided that the question of further aid from the ACYOA to the Jerusalem Aid fund be brought up at the next Assembly.

Armenian Seminary in America Scholarship Fund

A motion was made by Mr. Lorian that the envelope plan be adopted for the Armenian Seminary in America Scholarship Fund. The motion was seconded by Mr. Yagjian and passed.

The previously tabled motion to adopt the combined envelope plan for the youth camp fund and Armenian Seminary in America Scholarship Fund as presented by Mr. Yagjian was ~~passed~~ passed.

Mr. Yagjian moved that both envelope plans be held up to be approved by the Assembly before being administered. The motion was seconded by Miss Barnaian and passed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ROSE BARNAIAN
Recording Secretary

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
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Mr. M. Casey Kazanjian

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The letters sent to Mr. Kazanjian on the action of the CC regarding the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN Editorial Staff and the Pilgrimage Committee by the Corresponding Secretary were read by Miss Tavitian. There was discussion as to whether the content of these letters was according to the decisions made at the last meeting. It was felt the AG Editorial Staff letter was technically correct, but that the Pilgrimage Committee letter was a little too strong and contained details other than those included in the motion dissolving the Pilgrimage Committee although it was emphasized this was not intentional on the part of the person writing the letter.

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In the light of facts presented at this meeting not heretofore known and since the interim Pilgrimage Committee did not take further action than that already taken by the original Pilgrimage Committee, a motion was unanimously passed to rescind our previous action dissolving the original Pilgrimage Committee and to reinstate the original committee.

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Recording Secretary

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Central Council meeting
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Mr. Albert Der Tatevasian, Chairman of the Assembly had been invited to attend the meeting to go over the next chapter's plans for the Assembly, and he was present. After a discussion of Assembly arrangements, Mr. Der Tatevasian left the meeting.

Mr. Harry Terzian, AOYOA member from Detroit, had requested permission to be present during the meeting. Permission was granted.

The session recessed for lunch at 1:30 p.m. and resumed at 3:15 p.m. Mr. Terzian was present at this time. Mr. Matteosian also arrived for this session.

The CC then went over the CC report to the Assembly as prepared by the Recording Secretary and its final form was agreed upon. The Youth Camp Committee, Pilgrimage Committee, and Ad. Editorial Staff reports had been or were submitted to the CC, and summaries of these reports were incorporated into the CC report. After discussion of the various sections of the CC report to the Assembly, the CC accepted and approved the report as it was to be presented to the Assembly.

"A" Award selection followed much discussion and after due consideration, it was decided by secret ballot that the New York Holy Cross Chapter should receive the "A" Award and the Watertown and Bridgeport Chapters should receive honorable mention.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved at this time.

Messrs. Dorian, Matteosian, and Sarkisian was appointed by the Chairman to go over proposals and resolutions received from chapters since the last CC meeting and to see the delegations who have submitted proposals we suggest be withdrawn.

The Assembly agenda was set up and Assembly Committees selected, the latter pending the approval of the Assembly to appoint committees.

It was mentioned that Miss Tevlian of Detroit will show the Pilgrimage films during the period between the Assembly banquet and ball.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rose Bannanian, Recording Secretary

A special session of the CC was called at 5:10 p.m. on September 1 at the Sheraton-Park Hotel in Washington and all members were present. Father Megherian was also present. After a discussion, it was decided to reconsider the "A" Award recipient. A secret ballot was taken and Watertown was selected as the Chapter to receive the "A" Award and the New York Holy Cross and Bridgeport Chapters honorable mention. The session adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Rose Bannanian

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
Central Council Meeting
August 18-19, 1956

Opening of meeting

The meeting of the CC was called to order at 10:30 a.m. at the Diocesan Office in New York City by the Chairman, Mr. Yagjian, and opened with a prayer. Present were Misses Bannanian, Ekmannian, and Tavitian and Messrs. Dorian, Eskigian, Papazian, Sarkisian, and Yagjian. Mr. Matteosian was absent because of business reasons. Mr. Hagep Nersoyan had been invited by the Chairman to attend the session as a consultant regarding Assembly procedures and was present.

The Rev. Fr. Vartan Megherian entered the meeting at this time to preside in the absence of Archbishop Mampre Calafayan who was unable to attend and said a prayer.

A motion was passed that Mr. Nersoyan be permitted to participate in discussion at the meeting.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read, corrected, and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Miss Ekmannian reported there is \$4491.57 in our Regular Checking Account, \$401.37 in our Armenian Seminary in America Scholarship Fund Account, and \$3291.29 in our reserve fund.

Correspondence

Miss Tavitian reported that a letter had been received from Mr. Ralph Vartigian of Troy regarding the formation of a Junior Group there. Miss Tavitian sent them the necessary information.

L. from the Rev. Mr. Garegh Kapikian regarding people to contact at St. Catharines parish to organize an ACOYA chapter. Miss Tavitian will follow up on this.

A thank you note was read from Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sarkisian for their wedding gift from the CC.

L. from International Recording Guild regarding the services they offer for the taking of minutes at meetings and conferences was brought to our attention. Miss Tavitian is to get more information from the company.

The Chairman said he received a L. from the newly-organized Diocesan Church Council asking whether the ACOYA prayer manual and the Catechism by Archbishop Khoren Nurbey will be available to Church Schools and at what price. Mr. Yagjian said he replied that they would be available and that the prices being considered at \$2 for the Catechism and \$1 for the prayer manual.

L. from the Haverhill chapter regarding officers elected for the year and stating that the person elected Treasurer did not accept his office. The Executive Committee co-opted another Treasurer and requests approval of the method by which they did it as outlined in their letter. Miss Tavitian is to send a letter to them giving the approval of the CC and referring the chapter to Article 9, Section 4 of the Constitution.

L. from New York Holy Cross informing us that they have prepared slides on vessels, vestments, and practices of the Armenian Church and asking whether we wish them to take the slides to the Assembly for showing to those present.

A motion was passed that a letter be written to New York Holy Cross by the Chairman thanking them for their letter and commenting them on their visual aid project and for offering to show the slides at the Assembly. The letter is to inform New York Holy Cross that although we will be unable to have the slides shown during the sessions, we will make arrangements for them to be shown sometime during the Assembly weekend to those interested.

L. from outgoing chairman of St. Gregory saying membership has decreased to the point that they do not have enough senior members of good standing eligible for election to the Chapter Executive Committee and asking whether they might elect seniors who have been members in good standing for less than a year and junior members to office. Miss Tavrian will write to the Chapter telling them the matter is under consideration.

The Chairman reported he wrote to President Eisenhower inviting him to attend our assembly banquet, and then to Vice-President Nixon, but both are unable to attend. He has been in contact with Mr. Maxwell Rabb, 2nd Assistant to the President who said he was unable to send anyone to us. Mr. Yagjian said he informed the Washington Chapter of this. The CC decided that the Chairman should write a letter to the national committee chairman of the Democratic and Republican parties asking them if they have any top government officials who would be available to attend our Assembly banquet. Each party is to be informed that the other party is receiving a similar request.

Mr. Papazian reported he received a letter from the ASYOC that they have been discussing preparing slides on the Divine Liturgy and understanding that we have a project already underway, asking whether they might have a sample of our material. Mr. Papazian answered that he will send them a set of slides and accompanying materials after the Assembly at the cost of reproduction. He said that if they have any talent interested in working on visual aids that perhaps they can consider working on the Sacrament of baptism.

Publicity

Mr. Sarkisian said Assembly ads had been sent to all Armenian-American papers except the HAIRBNIK and that an ad will be sent to them through the mail. It was emphasized by members of the CC that Assembly publicity should cover all phases of the Assembly with not too much emphasis on the social aspects.

Mr. Sarkisian will further follow up the below publicity program.

1. A form to local chapters for local publicity releases.
2. Attempt to secure UP and AP releases
3. Coordinate Washington publicity - work with host chapter on publicity to newspapers, radio, and television.
4. See that post-Assembly publicity is written up and published in the GUARDIAN and sent to other Armenian-American papers.

Mr. Sarkisian said articles in English have been submitted to English-language Armenian papers.

A motion was passed that the Chairman send a letter to Archbishop Mampre asking him to submit an article in Armenian to Armenian-language papers regarding our Assembly.

Mr. Sarkisian said the September issue of the AG is the Assembly issue. The October issue will be out shortly after the Assembly to cover post-Assembly news.

Cathedral Brick Campaign

The Chairman reported the ACYCA raised \$2698 of its \$5000 goal. The number of chapters which met their quotas will be available at the next meeting. A summary report will be incorporated in the CC report to the Assembly.

The session adjourned at 1:00 p.m. for lunch and resumed at 3:00 p.m. at the South Room of the Hotel New Yorker to which the CC had been invited by the hotel.

Pilgrimage

As the Archbishop has approved the action of the CC at the last meeting reinstating the original committee, Mr. Yagjian will write a letter to the Pilgrimage Committee regarding this and informing them to have their report submitted to the CC prior to the Assembly. A copy is to be sent to Miss Bannan also as soon as possible to enable a summarization for the CC report.

Tenth Assembly

Miss Bannan gave a report of her meetings with Washington Chapter July 26-27 on Assembly plans. She stated that if all the items discussed were carried out, the Assembly should be an outstanding one.

It was decided to place a call to Mr. Albert Per Matevasian on Sunday to talk over with him pertinent matters regarding the Assembly.

A cable is to be sent to Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan as the ACYCA founder asking for a message for this anniversary assembly banquet.

Also, as this is an anniversary assembly and Mr. Hagop Nersoyan is the former executive Director of the ACYCA, the CC invited him to attend the Assembly and speak on the Past, Present, and Future of the ACYCA.

The CC expressed appreciation to Miss Bannan for her efforts in Washington, instructing her to include this mention in the minutes.

It was recommended that CC members take Communion en masse during the Assembly.

The CC then discussed possible CC candidates with the purpose of making available to the Nominating Committee names of as many qualified persons as we can and then leaving it to them and the delegates from there on.

A suggestion was made that the Chairman allow some time for the delegates to discuss outside of the sessions the candidates for CC - either at a recess during the session or by having the Nominating Committee submit names at one session and have the election at another session.

Various CC members were designated to call the chapters whose annual reports are not in as yet with the purpose of asking that the reports be submitted immediately if not already done, following up on delinquent taxes, checking on delegates, reminding them to bring their banners.

The following are groups which may receive charters at the Assembly if all requirements are met - Long Island, Niagara Falls, Richmond, New Britain, Montreal, and St. Catharines.

A suggestion was made that a Resolutions Committee be appointed at the Assembly.

The CC felt it advisable that the activities of the CC be reported separately from the report of the chapter activities and statistics and that if possible the CC report be duplicated and placed in the delegates folders. This will eliminate the necessity of reading the CC report to the assembly and make the information available to delegates ~~available to delegates~~ for reference while discussing old business, etc.

It was decided that the Anniversary call report should not be a separate report, but that the financial statement should be one of the statements submitted by the Treasurer, and any recommendations from the chairman be incorporated in the CC report to the Assembly.

The same will be true of the Youth Camp Committee report, except that a summary of the Committee report is to be incorporated in the CC report to the Assembly and the complete report also duplicated and placed in the delegates folders for more detailed information.

It is hoped to do the same thing with the Pilgrimage Committee report. Because of the early time of registration this year, it was decided that delegates folders be distributed at the start of the first session.

An effort will be made to coordinate the CC report and the old business agenda.

Church School Teachers' Conferences

Two were held this past year - one east and one mid-west.

Mr. Verian said the diocese had established a Church School Council which along with other duties will undertake from now on the administration of the church school teachers' conferences which the ACRYC heretofore sponsored.

Prayer Manual

The prayer manual is now completed. Copies were distributed to members of the CC. The manual cost more than the amount allotted by the budget because of high binding and printing costs. ~~xxxxxxx~~ This was unavoidable to get the kind of manual and binding the Assembly had expressed a wish to have, and now the CC requests authorization from the Assembly for the loan of the additionally needed sum to finance the expense of the manual to be repaid upon ~~xxxxxxx~~ the sale of manuals to non-members. Mr. Yagjian will submit a report to Miss Samraian for summarization in the CC report to the Assembly. The CC decided to recommend to the Assembly that the ACRYC members still receive the prayer manual free as designated at the 3th Assembly and that \$1.00 be charged to non-members. A prayer manual will be given to each delegate at the Assembly.

The session adjourned at 6:45 p.m. for dinner, and resumed at 8:45 p.m.

Tenth Assembly cont'd

It was decided to ask the President of the Assembly to limit his talk at the start of the first session to opening remarks rather than a speech, since a lengthy talk is to be given at the Assembly banquet.

The CC felt that approximately between 15-20 hours of paid secretarial assistance a week is needed for ACRYC. Recommend a wage of \$1.50 an hour.

Ninth Assembly Minutes

The CC went over the minutes of the last Assembly to check whether all items had been carried out. All had been with the exception of the purchase of file cabinets, which is pending the changing of the ACRYC office.

Miss Tavitian will prepare the necessary roll call, vote tally, parliamentary procedure, and rules of procedure sheets.

CC Report

The CC went over last year's CC report to help supply Miss Sannaian with needed information for this year's report.

It was suggested that in the future either the CC report en masse or a summarization be published in the Ad to keep readers informed on action and progress. It was also suggested that the Chairman of the CC next year write monthly progress reports in the Ad and that also the Publicity Director consider placing reports of CC meeting in the Ad.

Catechism by Archbishop Khoren Narbex

Mr. Yagjian said 3000 Catechism had been printed, 100 of these to be hard bound and to have seal for \$3, 2000 to be cardboard bound to be at \$2. As it was not feasible during the year to publish a compilation of past Ad articles and as church school teachers' conferences and regional conferences had expressed a need for such books as the Catechism, when the opportunity to publish such a book came up, the CC took advantage of it and with the approval of Archbishop Mampre and will now ask the Assembly to authorize its action and the loaning of money from the general fund to subsidize the printing until the copies are sold.

It was recommended that the incoming CC use such sales promotional ideas as mailing copies of the Catechism and a letter to the Diocesan Council and to the Church School Council, a letter to Parish Councils, and also send a copy to such places as Stchmiadzin, the Patriarchates, the California Dioceses, the Ad Book Library and other libraries around the country in Armenian centers.

The CC approved the loan of \$500 from the general fund to pay for current cost in the printing of the Catechism.

"A" Award

The secretaries when working with the annual reports are to select the semi-final chapters for the "A" Award and submit them to the CC at the Washington meeting for final selection.

Regional Conferences

- 4 were held in New England
- 2 in the mid-Atlantic
- 2 in the mid-West

The session adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

Sunday session opened at 11:30 a.m. with a prayer. Present were Misses Sannaian, Skandian, and Tavitian and Messrs. Makigian, Papazian, Sarkisian and Yagjian.

Constitution Reprinting

Miss Sannaian reported she had sent her recommendations for revisions in the Constitution prior to reprinting on to the Rev. Mr. Shupe Altounian, who is then to forward the material to Mr. Richard Gregory. Miss Sannaian reviewed the revisions with the CC for their recommendations.

Amendments, Proposals, and Resolutions

The CC reviewed the amendments, proposals, and resolutions submitted thus far by chapters. Those to be presented at the Assembly will be mailed to delegates. Those which the CC recommends not be submitted will be reviewed with delegates from the chapters concerned to ask whether the delegates will withdraw them.

The CC then decided upon the following to be submitted by the CC to the Assembly.

Amendments -

Article 4, section 19 - These persons who are ineligible for senior or Junior membership, but who are interested in the Organization may become Associate Members until such time as they are eligible for senior or Junior Membership. Application for Associate membership shall be made to the Chapter executive Committee and election shall be by majority vote by secret ballot at the Chapter executive Committee and approval by the Parish Priest. Associate members may participate in the activities of the Chapter, but shall not vote or hold elective office. Contributions to the treasury by Associate Members in lieu of dues, shall be considered contributions to the Chapter.

Proposals -

That the Assembly authorize the Central Council to contact the Diocesan Council to request them to consider allocation of funds for an executive director of the ACYOA.

That the Assembly authorize the Central Council to send a report of the activities of the ACYOA to the Diocesan Council to consider enclosing this report in the folder of each Diocesan Delegate at their Annual Assembly.

That 25% of the net proceeds of summer festivals remain with the host chapter or region and 75% go to the Youth Camp fund.

Resolutions

That all ACYOA members be encouraged to attend Church every Sunday and on all Holy Days of Obligation.

That all ACYOA members, 21 years of age or older be encouraged to become dues-paying members of their parish.

Financial Statement

Miss Ekmannian then submitted the attached summary of receipts and disbursements for the year to each CC member for review prior to presentation to the Assembly.

The session adjourned at 3 p.m. for lunch and resumed at 4:15 p.m.

Ninth Assembly

Mr. Papazian reported the Racine Chapter had refused to send the Assembly film to the Central Council and Mr. Papazian reviewed the letter he wrote to them in reply as to why the film is the property of the Assembly. Mr. Papazian was asked to write again to Racine asking them to bring the film to the assembly for possible showing if it has not already been sent to New York. If the chapter does not give the film to the Assembly, the matter will be submitted to the tenth assembly.

The Racine financial statements for the year seems incorrect. Mr. Papanian and Miss Bannian are to talk with the Racine delegation at the Assembly.

Budget

The following budget to be submitted to the Assembly was then set up.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Central Council Travel			
Meetings	\$1,200.00		
1956 Assembly	700.00		
Chapter visitations	300.00	\$2,200.00	
Secretarial services		<u>1,200.00</u>	
			\$3,400.00

GENERAL EXPENSES

ARMENIAN GUARDIAN	\$3,000.00		
Office supplies	300.00		
Postage	200.00		
Armenian Seminary in America	200.00		
Scholarship fund	200.00		
Miscellaneous expenses			<u>\$3,900.00</u>
Total Estimated Expenses			\$7,300.00

CREDIT

Net Profit of 1956 Anniversary Ball	\$3,310.58		
25% of 1955-56 Budget deducted (\$4,321.69)	<u>1,080.42</u>		
Total Estimate Credit			<u>\$2,229.16</u>

NET BUDGET

\$5,070.04

AG Editorial Staff

The CC recommends the incoming CC remind the new editorial staff to send reports to the CC on plans and policies.

Regional Conferences

It was mentioned that chapters reported at regional conferences that they do not mind hosting regional and national events such as Anniversary balls, summer festivals, regional conferences, AGYA Day Dinners, and raising funds for the national organization, but that letters of appreciation would help morale.

It was stated that chapters appreciate receiving congratulatory telegrams from the CC at their Anniversary balls.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. with a prayer.

The next meeting of the CC will be at 10 a.m. at the Deraten-Park hotel in Washington D. C.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT ANNAN
Recording Secretary

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
minutes of Central Council Meeting
September 24-25, 1955

Opening of meeting

The first Central Council meeting since the Ninth Assembly was called to order by the past Chairman, Mr. M. Casey Kazanjian, on September 24, 1955, at the Diocesan Office in New York City. The Rev. Fr. Vartan Megherian, Vicar General of the Diocese, presided at the meeting as the Primate was in Etchmiadzin. Present were Misses Rose Sannaian, Elizabeth Akmanian, Arpena Tavitian, and Messrs. Alex Dadourian, Nubar Derian, Matthew Matteosian, Dennis Papazian, Harry Sarkisian, and Ralph Yagjian. The meeting was opened with prayers led by Father Vartan.

The Central Council discussed the setting of a policy regarding non-Central Council members attending Central Council sessions. ACOA members are welcome to attend meetings upon formal application to the Chairman of the CC and granting of approval by the Chairman. The CC as a whole shall decide whether non-CC members shall be allowed voice at the meetings.

The CC was welcomed to the post-assembly meeting by Father Vartan. The acting Chairman acknowledged the remarks of Father Vartan and thanked the CC members for their assistance and cooperation at the Ninth Assembly.

Election of Officers

Mr. Yagjian was elected as the new CC Chairman. Other officers were elected as follows: Vice-Chairman, Mr. Matthew Matteosian; Recording Secretary, Miss Rose Sannaian; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Arpena Tavitian; and Treasurer, Mr. Alex Dadourian. The retiring Chairman then turned the meeting over to Mr. Yagjian and left. The new Chairman accepted his office and said the CC members are charged with the responsibility of setting an example for other ACOA members to follow.

Mr. Yagjian made the following appointments - Anniversary Ball Chairman and Publicity Director, Mr. Harry Sarkisian; Educational Director, Mr. Nubar Derian; Junior Groups Director, Mr. Dennis Papazian. Miss Akmanian was placed in charge of the Youth Camp Fund and Armenian Seminary in America Scholarship Fund Development Plans.

ARMENIAN GUARDIAN - Editorial Staff

The CC discussed the advisability of having all or most of the members of the editorial staff from the same region, although the region need not necessarily be New York.

A motion was passed that the members of the Armenian Guardian editorial staff for the fiscal year 1955-56 be from the New England area.

Candidates for the editorial staff elected by the CC were The Rev. Fr. Shahn Ateunian, The Rev. Fr. Arten Ashjian, Miss Rose Aznavorian, Mr. M. Casey Kazanjian, and Mr. Harry Sarkisian.

It was suggested that the CC Chairman call the first meeting of the editorial staff and be present at the meeting.

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A motion was passed that the CC recommend to the editorial staff that Mr. Hagoj Nerseyan be appointed as the managing editor of the GUARDIAN.

Miss Tavitian is to write letters to those elected to the Editorial Staff by the CC asking if they will serve. Letters of appreciation are to be sent to those who served on the editorial staff during the 1954-55 year.

Miss Mary Melvinazian, the managing editor of the GUARDIAN during the 1954-55 year, was called to the meeting at this time and asked to complete the October issue of the GUARDIAN. Appreciation was expressed to her for her services.

Agenda

The meeting was recessed shortly at this time for the president, chairman, and recording secretary to prepare the agenda for the remainder of the meeting. The proposed agenda was then submitted to the CC.

Thank You Letters

Mr. Kazanjian returned to the meeting at this time to turn over to the new chairman correspondence received since the assembly. Mr. Kazanjian reminded the CC to send out thank you letters to those to whom we were directed by the assembly. He recommended that since we received a dinner invitation from Mr. Gulgenk Gulbenkian, chairman of the Parish Council of Racine, we send a thank you letter to him.

Minutes of CC Meeting

The minutes of the September 2 meeting of the CC were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Miss Melvinazian reported we have \$132.66 in our regular Account.

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A motion was passed that Mr. Kazanjian be reimbursed for expenses incurred to attend this meeting.

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Father Vartan reminded us the approval of the President should be obtained before the calling of a meeting.

Correspondence

Letter from Boston requesting clarification on amendment that chapter executive committee shall call the members of the chapter to meet at least twice a month for chapter activities. Miss Tavitian will answer the letter.

Letter from AUYOC requesting 10 copies of our Constitution. Miss Tavitian will acknowledge the request.

Letter from Long Island group requesting material to organize an AUYO chapter. Miss Tavitian will send material.

Letter from Cathedral and Cultural Center Campaign Committee thanking us for allowing Mr. Paul Chaputian time to speak at our assembly and acknowledging our efforts in the "Brick" project.

Letter from Mr. Paul Chaputian thanking us for time allotted him at our ninth assembly.

Pilgrimage to Jerusalem

Mr. Matteesian said the pilgrimage committee met earlier that day. They have made contact with Miss Ruth Pedrossian, a hotel agent in Boston who works with travel agencies, and she will handle arrangements for us. Plans with the Greek lines will be dropped as they have informed us they will not be able to get the pilgrims to Jerusalem at the time we desire. A suggestion was made that ACOYA stationery be used for letters sent out by Miss Pedrossian to promote the project.

Miss Skmanian said that approximately \$670 has been spent thus far on the Pilgrimage project.

Mr. Matteesian said as soon as plans become definite with Miss Pedrossian, promotion plans will be stepped up.

Prayer Manual

Mr. Yagjian said the prayer manual is about ready to go to press. He reported that he had received a letter from Father Vartan expressing the desire of Archbishop Mampre to see the manual in its final form before printing, stating the Primate had some suggestions to make. As Archbishop Mampre is at Etchmiadzin and will be gone for a few months, there will be a delay in the printing of the manual. Arrangements have been made with the printer to go ahead after the approval of Archbishop Mampre.

The meeting recessed at 7:15 p.m. for supper and resumed at 9:20 p.m.

Assembly Minutes

The draft of the Ninth Assembly Minutes was read by Miss Sannaian, discussed, and approved.

Chapter Manuals

It was mentioned that retiring CC members should give their chapter manuals to the new CC members.

Church School Teachers' Conferences

A motion was passed that we have Church School Teachers' Conference Chairmen elected by the CC to organize conferences in various regions and ask the Diocesan Office to appoint a priest as adviser to these conferences.

The CC elected the following as conference chairmen. Miss Margaret Skizian, Illinois-Wisconsin; Miss Ardemeas Teovalian, Detroit-Cleveland-Niagara Falls-Toronto; Miss Rose Norian, New York-New Jersey-Philadelphia, Washington D. C.; Mr. Gerald Aharonian, New England. Miss Tavitian is to write to these persons asking if they will serve.

Mr. Yagjian reported there is a possibility we may not be able to get the Seabury House in Connecticut for the November conference.

The CC asked Father Vartan whether we may tell the conference chairmen that they may contact him for advice on the conferences in the absence of Archbishop Mampre. Father Vartan agreed. He will work with the CC members in this area on this phase.

Regional Dinners

Father Vartan suggested that these dinners be held on the Sunday that is named ACOYA Church Sunday. Another suggestion was made that these dinners be for the benefit of the youth camp.

A motion was passed that the chapters be instructed to hold a dinner and cultural program in their parishes on ACOA Sunday each year to celebrate the day.

Brick Certificates

The UC decided to write a letter to the Cathedral Office asking for the names of brick certificate representatives in various parishes in order to be able to contact these representatives to help us promote the sale of brick certificates in our chapters. After receipt of the names, a directive will be sent to chapter executive committees giving them the names of the representatives in their area upon whom they should draw.

Anniversary Ball

As Mr. Alex Dadourian will be out of town for the next two months, he asked to be replaced on the Anniversary Ball Committee in the New York-New Jersey area. Mr. Joseph Kalemkarian of New York, Holy Cross was recommended as a replacement, and Miss Tavitian will write a letter to Mr. Kalemkarian.

Mr. Sarkisian is to begin working on the Anniversary Ball arrangements.

Chapter Visitations

Chapter visitation assignments were made as follows:

Boston - Mr. Matteesian
Bridgeport - Mr. Dorian
Chicago - Mr. Papazian
Cleveland - Miss Sammaian (Mr. Papazian, if possible)
Detroit - Mr. Papazian (Miss Sammaian, if possible)
Evanston - Mr. Papazian
Hartford - Mr. Yagjian
Haverhill - Mr. Sarkisian
Lawrence - Mr. Matteesian
Lowell - Mr. Sarkisian
Newark - Miss Tavitian (In Mr. Dadourian's absence)
New York, Holy Cross - Miss Tavitian
New York, St. Gregory - Miss Ekmanian
North Philadelphia - Mr. Dorian
Paterson - Miss Tavitian (In Mr. Dadourian's absence)
Providence - Mr. Yagjian
Racine - Miss Sammaian
South Milwaukee - Miss Sammaian
Toronto - Mr. Papazian
Troy - Mr. Dadourian
Union City - Miss Ekmanian
Washington D. C. - Miss Tavitian
Watertown - Mr. Yagjian
West Philadelphia - Mr. Dorian
West Pullman - Mr. Papazian
Worcester - Mr. Matteesian

Prospective Chapters

Long Island - Mr. Dorian
Niagara Falls - Mr. Papazian
West Allis - Miss Sammaian
Waukegan - Mr. Papazian

Chapter quarterly reports are to be sent by Miss Tavitian to CC members in charge of visits to the respective chapters and when CC members are finished with the reports, they are to be returned to the office. Whenever necessary, correspondence should be maintained by the CC members with the chapters of which they are in charge.

Paterson - A motion was passed that a committee from the East be assigned to visit Paterson with the Vicar General after making arrangements with the Paterson priest regarding a meeting. The Chairman appointed the CC members in the New York-New Jersey area to be this committee.

Newark - The same action ~~is~~ as stated above in connection with Paterson will be taken with Newark.

The Chairman urged early chapter visitations. A meeting should be held with the Executive Committee and President of the Chapter prior to the Chapter meeting, if possible. An effort should be made to speak to the Parish Council Chairman during the visitation.

New Britain - A letter addressed to the Primate from a group in New Britain expressing the desire to reorganize an ACOYA chapter in their parish was referred to the CC. Mr. Sarkisian is to study the history of the New Britain ~~CC~~ chapter and make a report at the Sunday meeting.

The meeting recessed at 1:05 a.m.

Sunday session

The meeting was resumed on Sunday, September 25 at the Diocesan Office at 10:30 a.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Present were Misses Annaian, Kormanian, and Tavitian, and Messrs. Ladeurian, Dorian, Sarkisian, and Yagjian.

Regional conferences

The Chairman appointed members of the CC to call regional conferences of priests, all members of senior executive committees, and two members of junior executive committees of chapters in their various regions to discuss general practices followed in their chapters and how to improve them, what types of activities they would like to have, and to try to plan some regional activities, in accordance with sentiments expressed at the Ninth Assembly.

New England - Mr. Sarkisian
 New York-New Jersey-Bridgeport - Phila. - Washington D. C. - Troy -
 Long Island - Mr. Dorian
 Detroit-Cleveland - Miss Annaian
 Illinois-Wisconsin - Mr. Papazian

Central Council members are responsible for arranging the conferences and the program and giving reports of the conferences to the CC.

A suggested program was set up by the CC as follows:

Prayer
 Roll Call
 Priests Messages
 CC Member Remarks

Past activities and ways of improving program - on chapter and regional level.

- Religious
- Cultural
- Educational
- Social
- recreational

Junior Groups

AGYOA National Projects

- Pilgrimage
- Youth Camp
- Church School Teachers' Conferences
- Prayer Manual
- Visual Aids
- brick campaign
- AGYOA Sunday Dinners
- Anniversary Ball
- ARMENIAN GUARDIAN
- Other

Executive Counsellor

To conform with Article 11, Section 12, the position of executive counsellor was abolished by the CC. A letter is to be written to Mr. Movsepien expressing appreciation for her services.

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Mr. Papazian and Mr. Matteesian entered the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

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Clerical Help

A motion was passed that we hire a girl on a part-time basis to assist with CC clerical work. Further discussion on this matter was tabled until later.

Hymn

Mr. Matteesian said Deacon Gare Papazian hopes to write lyrics for the hymn. A motion to drop the matter of writing a hymn if Deacon Gare has not started working on the lyrics was defeated. Another motion that the hymn be in English was defeated.

The CC decided that after the lyrics are written, they be presented to the CC before being set to music.

Visual Aids

Mr. Papazian said the slides will be ready for distribution in about a month and a half. A motion was passed to have a set of slides made for each parish - 32.

Mr. Papazian said he had asked Miss Arpena Zevickian to write a statement on vestments in preparation for the next visual aid project.

Diocesan Assembly

A motion was passed that the Chairman of the CC address the Diocesan Assembly Manual if permission is obtained from the Diocesan Council. The letter of request is to be addressed to Archbishop Mampre.

Another motion was passed that we have at least two CC members in addition to the Chairman attend the Diocesan Assembly sessions. The two were designated as Mr. Derian and Mr. Matteesian.

A motion was passed that we write a letter to the Diocesan Council requesting that AUYOA be put on the agenda of the Diocesan Assembly and that a representative from the CC be permitted to explain our program and projects to the Diocesan Assembly with discussion to follow.

Junior groups

Quarterly reports received from Junior groups are to be sent to Mr. Papazian, and he will correspond with the Junior groups when necessary. The Junior groups material he has prepared will be sent in full to chapters that do not have Junior groups. Those that already have Junior groups will be sent the latter portion of the material.

Emblem stickers

A directive will be sent to the chapters with the emblem stickers to be sold. Chapters will be charged 10¢ and emblems may be sold for 25¢.

Revision of chapter manual

Tabled until next meeting.

Installation of Officers Ceremony

Miss Tavitian was asked to bring a copy of the ceremony to the next CC meeting for discussion.

Medal of merit - Armen Kalbian

Miss Tavitian is to notify Union City that due to the action of the Ninth Assembly on Article 14, the CC doesn't deem it wise to consider the awarding of a medal of merit.

Youth Camp Committee

Mr. Dorian will call a meeting of the Youth Camp Committee and notify Mr. Yagjian of it.

A motion was passed that we have a Youth Camp board of directors consisting of three persons appointed by the Diocesan Council, one of whom shall be the Director of Youth Camps appointed by the Diocese, and three AUYOA members appointed by the Central Council of the AUYOA, one of whom shall be the Chairman of the Central Council, to define the overall policy of the youth camp which shall be administered by the AUYOA Youth Camp Committee and the Director of Youth Camps.

Our members on the Youth Camp board of directors were designated as Mr. Yagjian, Mr. Dadoufian, and Mr. Dorian.

A motion was passed that the CC authorize the Youth Camp Committee to investigate camp sites, to purchase a camp site with the approval of the Youth Camp board of directors if a suitable site is found, to initiate fund-raising projects, to handle the administration and management of the youth camp in conjunction with the director of Youth Camps appointed by the Diocese.

Another motion was passed that we write a letter to the Diocesan Council informing them of the decisions of the Ninth Assembly regarding the purchase of a youth camp and the appointment of a youth camp committee, and the CC decisions regarding a youth camp board of directors. Mr. Yagjian will write this letter.

Several possible youth camp fund-raising projects were discussed.

Double Envelope Plan

1000 sets have been ordered by Mr. Yagjian. He said Miss Sarkisian will be in charge of the envelope plans for the youth camp fund and Armenian Seminary in America Scholarship fund.

New Britain Chapter

Mr. Sarkisian gave a resume of the history of the New Britain chapter. The New Britain letter to the President requesting that their chapter be re-organized will be answered by Miss Tavitian to the effect that the letter to the President was referred to us. Chapter application material is to be sent with the letter.

ARMENIAN GUARDIAN

The October issue is being completed by Miss Tavitian and Messrs. Jorian, Papazian, Sarkisian, and Yagjian.

Youth Camp Committee

A motion was passed that during Mr. Alex Dadourian's absence from New York for the next two months, his brother might serve on the Youth Camp Committee.

New York - Holy Cross

The Chairman will ask Father Vartan to write a letter to New York, Holy Cross requesting a meeting with the Parish Council and the priest which the Chairman and vice Chairman of the CC will attend.

Secretarial Assistance

A motion was passed that because of the unusual load of clerical work during the coming month, we allocate \$50 to Miss Sannaian and \$50 to Miss Tavitian from the office expense account to pay for temporary clerical assistance.

The motion passed the previous day to hire a girl was dropped.

Treasurer's Duties

Because of Mr. Dadourian's two-month absence, Miss Sarkisian will continue with the duties of the Treasurer until his return.

Tenth Assembly

The Chairman will write a letter to the Washington chapter clarifying that the Assembly is sponsored by the CC but the chapter is the host and explain their obligations and responsibilities. A suggestion was made that a manual be set up for Assembly host chapters. Several visits will be made to the Washington chapter during the coming year. Several suggestions to observe the tenth anniversary of the adun were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ROSIE SANNAIAN

Recording Secretary

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAMinutes of Central Council Meeting

December 13-14, 1958

First Session - December 13, 1958

The second meeting of the 1958-59 Central Council was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Dennis Papazian on December 13, 1958 at 2:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Armenian Church, Union City, New Jersey. The Rt. Rev. Miron Gourdjikian, Vicar-General of the Diocese, opened the meeting with a prayer. Central Council members present were the Misses Ann Dadaian and Varsen Garabedian and Mr. Nishan Eskigian. Absent were Messrs. Robert Goshgarian, Joseph Kalemkerian, Harry Terzian and Ralph Yagjian.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

The CC acknowledged the presence of Miss Rose Norian who was asked to serve as temporary treasurer to the CC as a committee of one.

Correspondence

Letter dated December 4, from Archbishop Sion Manoogian, acknowledging our cablegram of congratulations on his election to Primate of the North American Diocese.

Christmas card from the Church of England, Council on Foreign Relations, Lambeth Road, Lambeth Palace, London, England.

Letter dated September 25, from Archbishop Mampre Calfayan, acknowledging our request to have delegates from the ACYOA attend the Diocesan Assembly, and informing us that the canonization of saints was tabled at the Bishop's meeting in Cairo.

Post card dated October 10, from The Very Rev. Alan Potookian, thanking the ACYOA for our thoughts of him during the 1958 Assembly.

Letter dated September 24, from Archbishop Mampre Calfayan to the Chairman, expressing his thanks and blessings for the Chairman's words of appreciation on behalf of the ACYOA.

Letter dated November 28, from Gary A. Lulejian, Chairman of the North Philadelphia Chapter, thanking CC for presenting the "A" Award to his Chapter for outstanding achievements at the 12th Annual Assembly.

Letter dated October 27, from Bishop Souren Kemhadjian, General Administrator of the Affairs of the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem, expressing appreciation to the ACYOA with regard to the action taken to devote the proceeds of the 1959 ACYOA Day celebrations towards the support of a Seminarian.

Treasurer's Report

The Chairman announced that the complete records and monies due the CC from last year's Treasurer have not been handed over and the Chairman is engaged in extensive correspondence with the past Treasurer to obtain this material.** The fact that it is not all presently available prevents the acting Treasurer from giving a full report at this time.

** (For the information of CC members: The majority of the books and the apparent full amount of money due has been received as of December 13, 1958.)

Miss Norian announced that a meeting is scheduled for December 19 with regard to the auditing of the Treasurer's books as soon as the above books and information are received. She reported the following from information which she had available:

Balance in Bank	\$ 861.60
Due from Joseph Kalemkerian (Funds which had been advanced for his proposed trip to California)	<u>114.40</u>
Total	<u>\$ 976.00</u>
Bills Outstanding:	
Mirror-Spectator	\$ 12.80
Petty Cash on Hand	\$ 6.00
Reserve Fund	\$ 5,771.00
Youth Camp Fund	\$ 3,410.17
Seminary School Fund	\$ 1,218.96

Miss Norian informed the CC that Armenian Guardian bills for the September, October and November issues have been paid up-to-date.

The Chairman will contact Mr. Harry Shamlan, Past Treasurer, with regard to missing checkbook prior to February 1, 1958. The Chairman will continue his efforts towards receiving the money in the Troy, New York bank account.

Mr. Joseph Kalemkerian entered the meeting at 2:30 p.m., accompanied by Robert Touloukian, of the New York Holy Cross Chapter, who attended at the Chairman's invitation with regard to the Youth Camp.

Reports of Standing Committees

Anniversary Ball National Chairman

Mr. Kalemkerian reported that five regions have announced the dates for their Anniversary Balls. Mr. Kalemkerian will furnish the names and addresses of the Anniversary Ball contacts in the Detroit-Cleveland and Wisconsin-Illinois Regions to Mr. Papazian and the contacts in the New Britain-Hartford Region to Mr. Eskigian for these gentlemen to follow through with regard to the Balls.

ACYOA Day Coordinator

Mr. Kalemkerian reported that money has been coming in from the ACYOA Day proceeds. Miss Dadaian will make up a list of the Chapters who have sent in their money for ACYOA Day Celebrations and those who haven't.

Junior Groups Director

Mr. Eskigian reported that he is submitting monthly articles to the Armenian Guardian on Junior Group activities and proposed activities, including the initiation of a major program of activities.

Mr. Robert Goshgarian entered the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Mr. Kalemkerian reported that a Junior Groups Regional Conference will be held in Union City shortly after the first of the year. He will contact Mr. Harry Sarkisian, former CC member, for ideas on setting up and having successful Junior Regional Conferences.

Publicity Director

Mr. Goshgarian reported on publicity releases to date. Suggestion was made as to the types and amount of publicity to be submitted to various papers in order to keep the ACYOA in the public eye.

A list of important items which should receive publicity was drawn up.

Membership

Mr. Eskigian reported that he approached several chapters for the purpose of enlisting aid to increase membership, however his plan did not work out because of lack of enthusiasm. He has since directed another attempt through the Armenian Guardian to the attention of the Juniors.

A proposed membership program was set up and the following suggestions were made on ways of getting names of prospective members:

- a. Sunday School list from the Chairman of the CRE. (Mr. Eskigian will contact the Chairman of the CRE and report back to CC.)
- b. Socials and dances. (Cards will be supplied to people attending dances to be filled in by them. These cards will show names, addresses and whether the individual is a member of the ACYOA. The cards may be passed out at the Anniversary Balls and turned in to be drawn for a \$10.00 door prize provided by the CC.)
- c. Give-aways. (Example - Detroit Chapter Booklet.)

It was suggested that we give away a picture of Saint Vartan with a short bibliography on the reverse side. Action on this was tabled. The Union City Chapter will experiment with this.

Suggestion was made that we give separate awards to the Juniors and the Seniors for Chapters having increased membership on a percentage basis. These awards will be presented at the next Assembly Banquet. Mr. Goshgarian will publicize the proposed Membership Award and Miss Dadaian will send out a directive to this effect.

Other suggestions to increase membership were as follows:

- a. Parents:
 - 1) Send representatives to the Ladies League meetings in the Churches.
 - 2) Mimeograph little articles to be handed out to people after Church.
- b. Working through Parish Priests
- c. Charts
- d. After Church coffee

A short recess was called by the Chairman.

Motion passed unanimously that Rose Norian be co-opted into the CC and act as Treasurer for this year in view of the resignation of Mr. Alex Dadourian.

Youth Camp

Mr. Robert Touloukian presented a prepared outline covering the details in connection with the renting of a Youth Camp during the last week of August, 1959. This outline is attached as a supplement to these minutes.

Motion passed that we rent Camp Becket-in-the-Berkshires for the last week of August, 1959.

Mr. Robert Touloukian was named Director and will be assisted by Mr. Nishan Eskigian and Miss Barbara Voskian. Publicity will be handled by Mr. Dennis Papazian and the Administrative duties assumed by Mr. Touloukian.

Diocesan Assembly

Mr. Papazian reported on the Diocesan Assembly attended by himself and Mr. Kalemkerian.

Armenian Guardian

The CC noted its error in omitting from the September 13-14 minutes the names of Harry Sarkisian and Deacon Richard Sarafian from the Editorial Staff of the Armenian Guardian and brought to the attention of the CC in letter dated October 4, 1958 from Miss Rose Aznavorian.

The Chairman is to contact the Armenian Guardian Editorial Staff and ask them to nominate a clergyman to replace The Very Rev. Meszob Semerjian who, we have been given to understand, has resigned.

Mr. Papazian announced receipt of letter dated November 4, 1958 from The Rev. Fr. Mampre Kouzoulian regarding the October Editorial in the Armenian Guardian, "Solving The Crisis". The CC noted the reaction to the October Editorial and the Chairman will write the Armenian Guardian Staff in its regard.

Suggestion made by Mr. Goshgarian that in the future any correspondence received by CC members pertaining to the Armenian Guardian should be referred to the Editorial Staff.

Meeting recessed for dinner at 6:30 p.m. The Rt. Rev. Nuron Gourdjikian announced that pressing work would not allow him to be present at the Council meeting for the remainder of the weekend.

Second Session - December 13, 1958

The second session was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Papazian, at 9:30 p.m. at the Holy Cross Armenian Church, Union City, New Jersey. CC members present were the Misses Ann Dadaian, Varsen Garabedian and Rose Norian and Messrs. Mishan Eskigian, Robert Goshgarian and Joseph Kalemkerian. Absent were Messrs. Harry Terzian and Ralph Yagjian.

Church School Column

The Chairman noted receipt of letter dated December 9, from The Rt. Rev. Nuron Gourdjikian, Executive Director of the Sunday Schools, with regard to the proposed Church Schools Column in the Armenian Guardian, requesting that the CRE be allowed to submit four rather than two typewritten pages of copy. The request was approved.

Subscription Drive

Mr. Kalemkerian announced that letters have been written to the Chapters requesting names of doctors and lawyers, with only one Chapter responding to date.

Miss Norian stated that once the "News & Views" article is established, the CRE will take it upon itself to encourage more subscriptions to the Armenian Guardian.

Miss Dadaian commented on the receipt of letter from Springfield Chapter requesting pamphlets or brochures which may be used in promoting Guardian sales. One thousand copies of the brochure used in last year's subscription drive will be printed, with a supply sent to the Springfield Chapter. Mr. Kalemkerian will check the brochure first to see if it needs revision.

Prayers and Sacraments

Mr. Yagjian will be asked to present a report to the CC as to the progress being made on the reprint of this book. Mr. Goshgarian will contact Mr. Yagjian on this matter, since orders for this book have been coming in. Mr. Kalemkerian will send copies of this publication to the ACYOC as soon as it is available.

Part-Time Secretary

Misses Dadaian and Norian will attempt to get part-time office help on a trial basis.

Chapter Visitations

CC members reported on their various chapter visitations. Miss Norian was assigned visitations to the Chapters which had previously been assigned to Mr. Dadourian.

ACYOA Bibliography

Preliminary work has begun on the bibliography by the Union City Chapter and the final job will be presented to the CC at the next meeting. Miss Norian stated that the job will be finished and sent to the Chairman prior to the next CC meeting.

Miss Norian will contact Deacon Hovhannes Kasparian with regard to his bibliography and report further at the next CC meeting.

Mr. Papazian announced that he has obtained a \$400 donation for the publishing of a booklet on "The Great Value of the Armenian Church". He will check further with regard to this.

Mr. Papazian announced receipt of a letter dated December 3, from Dr. Stephan Svajian, Chairman of the Cathedral Project Publicity Committee, asking for two names of ACYOA members who would be named to the Cathedral Publicity Committee. An attempt will be made by Mr. Kalenkerian and Miss Norian to fill this request.

Films

Miss Dadaian will write Mr. Yagjian for the Racine Assembly films which he had taken to edit. The Niagara Falls Assembly films have been received, however they have to be edited and spliced.

Regional Conferences

Mr. Goshgarian reported on the New England Conference held in Worcester on October 19, 1958.

Mr. Papazian reported on the Illinois-Wisconsin Regional Conference held in Racine on October 25, 1958.

Miss Garabedian reported on the North-Central Regional Conference held in Syracuse on November 15, 1958.

Mr. Kalenkerian reported on the Mid-Atlantic Conference held in North Philadelphia on November 1-2, 1958.

Anniversary Balls

Suggestion made that the changing of dates for the Anniversary Balls be brought up at the next CC meeting in order that some satisfactory action may be taken at the next Assembly.

New Chapters

Mr. Kalenkerian reported that the Bergen County Chapter held its formation meeting with approximately 18 people in attendance. This Chapter will be chartered in September, 1959.

Miss Garabedian reported that a Chapter has been formed in Montreal with 13 members. It is expected that this Chapter will also be chartered in September, 1959. At the request of the new Montreal Chapter, Mr. Papazian will ask The Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian to translate the ACYOA Constitution into Armenian. Mr. Barkev Khojajian of the Toronto Chapter will be contacted by Miss Garabedian to represent CC at the initiation ceremonies to be held in Montreal in January.

Mr. Papazian will contact individuals in the Miami area from a list to be sent him by Miss Norian, and will send material supplied by Miss Dadaian to these individuals to stimulate interest in forming an ACOYA Chapter in that city.

Assembly - 1958

Miss Garabedian turned over check in the amount of \$1,870.52 which represents one-half of the net proceeds of the 1958 Assembly. Miss Garabedian further informed the CC that several complete copies of the minutes of the Niagara Falls Assembly Committee meetings are now in CC files with additional copies sent to the E. St. Louis Chapter for their use and guidance. The final financial report will be sent to CC as soon as it is completed.

Assembly - 1959

Miss Garabedian reported that she has been in contact with the E. St. Louis Assembly Chairman. The following suggestions were made with regard to questions posed by the 1959 Assembly Chairmen:

1. There would be no objection to having the Divine Liturgy during the Assembly weekend in the Mary Opera Amphitheatre in St. Louis. However, it is suggested that the Committee arrange for the use of the Episcopal Cathedral in that city as an alternate plan in case of inclement weather.
2. With regard to having a political type speaker, i.e. Harry Truman or Stuart Symington, the CC felt that the Assembly Committee could attempt to get one to speak at the Assembly Banquet. The CC will inform the Host Chapter as to the name of the main religious Banquet speaker in the future.

Miss Garabedian read the tentative schedule of events for the Assembly weekend and further stated that she is receiving copies of the minutes of their meetings and is answering any questions as they arise.

The meeting was recessed at 10:15 p.m.

Third Session - December 14, 1958

The third session was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Dennis Papazian at 1:00 p.m. at the Holy Cross Armenian Church, Union City, New Jersey, the session being opened with a prayer. CC members present were the Misses Ann Dadaian, Varsen Garabedian and Rose Norian and Messrs. Nishan Eskigian and Robert Goshgarian. Absent were Messrs. Joseph Kalemkerian, Harry Terzian and Ralph Yagjian.

ACOYA Hymn

The Chairman reported that Charles Ballian, Chairman of the Choir Association, had composed something which may be used as an ACOYA Hymn and will forward it to Mr. Papazian.

Revision of Mailing Lists

In effect, this is being taken care of in conjunction with the membership drive.

June Festivals

The West Philadelphia Chapter is working on the Mid-Atlantic June Festival.

Permanent Records

Mr. Goshgarian is to call Mr. Yagjian and ask him to prepare a progress report on the binding of permanent records.

ACYOC Convention

Mr. Kalemkerian reported that he was unable to attend the ACYOC Convention because of the airlines strike, however good relations have been formed with the ACYOC. Miss Garabedian reported that the Niagara Falls Chapter had sent the ACYOC a complimentary copy of the 12th Assembly Souvenir Book.

It was suggested that each Assembly Host Chapter keep a supply of old Assembly souvenir books on hand and send the excess supply to ACYOA Publications for further distribution.

ACYOA Statistics

Miss Dadsian reported that she has written the Long Island Chapter asking them to compile ACYOA Statistics as a Chapter project but as yet has received no answer.

Boy Scouts

Mr. Papazian is in the process of compiling a manual.

Charities

The Chairman introduced discussion on direct contributions with regard to St. Andrews Orthodox Parish and University Center for Orthodox Students. After some discussion on this and other charitable organizations, the matter was tabled to the next CC meeting.

Christmas greeting cards will be purchased and sent on behalf of the CC to all ACYOA Chapters, clergymen, Parish councils, Diocesan organizations and officers and Armenian and Armenian-American newspapers. The cards are to be in the Eastern tradition, of a religious nature, simple and dignified.

Welcoming of New Members

A card of welcome will be sent to each new member of the ACYOA. This card is to be prepared and handled by the office staff.

Mr. Papazian reported the receipt of letter dated December 5 from Mr. Nubar Doxian, CRE Conference Chairman, with regard to the Religious Education Conferences. Mr. Papazian will call Messrs. Terzian and Yagjian and write to the CRE as to what action will be taken.

Mr. Goshgarian was instructed to keep a news clipping file covering all articles on the ACYOA contained in the Mirror-Spectator and Halrenik.

The next meeting of the CC will take place on February 28 and March 1 at the Holy Cross Armenian Church, Union City, New Jersey.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Varsen Garabedian
Recording Secretary

ACYOA YOUTH CAMP

- A. **PURPOSE:** To provide young Armenian boys and girls the opportunity to live in small peer groups for a short period of time and to partake of the privilege of fellowship, group living and an insight into the Armenian tradition, heritage and Church.
- B. **MECHANICS**) Camp Hazen, Hazen, Conn.
) Camp Becket-in-the-Berkshires, Becket, Mass.
1. **Locations:**
 - a. World-renowned YMCA boys summer camp established 1903 (Camp Becket)
 - b. Centrally located and convenient for many Armenian Church parishes in New England and Middle Atlantic Area.
 - c. Reached easily by auto; train transportation from Boston and New York can be arranged
 2. **Calendar openings:**
 - a. Camp Becket regular season 1959: 6/27/59-8/22/59
Opening begins on August 23rd week (to August 30th)
 - b. Camp Hazen opening " " "
 - c. Opening on Becket calendar for equivalent dates in 1960 also available, if desired.
 3. **Costs:**
 - a. Becket - to be discussed
 - b. Hazen - sliding schedule depending on size of group and length of stay.
 4. **Coverage provided by camp:**
 - a. Food - cooking done by camp kitchen staff; nutritious, family type service
 - b. Leadership
 - 1) waterfront - both swimming and boating instructors present to provide supervision at all times, when available to our group
 - 2) no athletic leadership, per se, although facilities and equivalent available
 - c. Freedom of campus; use of telephones; infirmary with 6-bed ward and availability of town physician at short notice; assistance of camp business office.
 - d. availability and use of camp store - purchase of small items (stationery, toilet articles, flashlight batteries, etc., candy & ice cream)
- C. **CAMP SETTING AND APPLICABILITY (CAMP BECKET)**
1. **Total accommodations and organization (picture plan)**
 - a. camp divided into four main units with each unit having average of seven cabins
 - 1) each cabin ample capacity for seven campers and one leader
 - b. residual camp staff occupies one unit leaving three units of capacity:

Iroquois Village	49 campers
Pioneer Village	56 campers
Frontier Village	63 campers

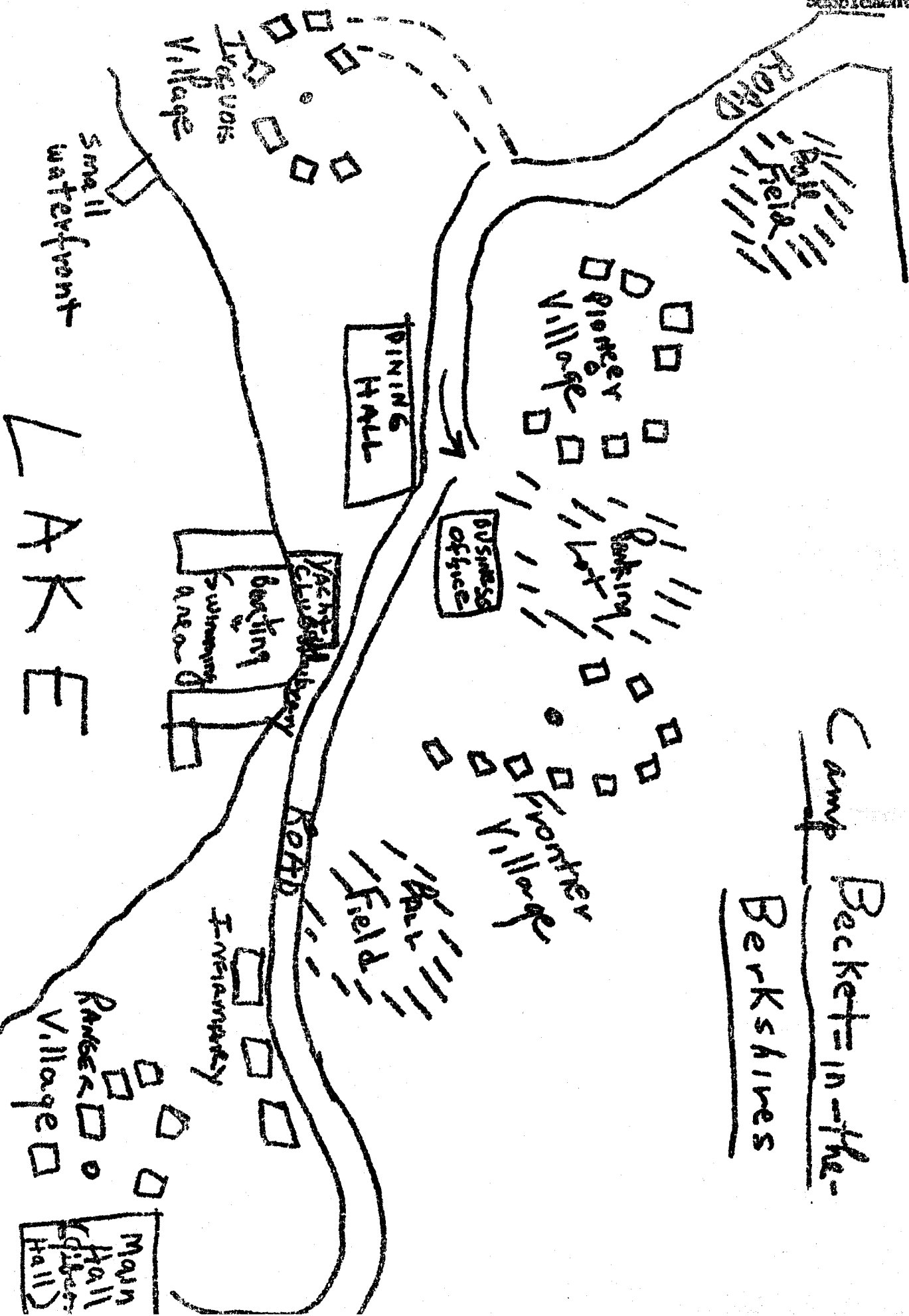
 - 1) most probable idea would be one (or two) units of boys and one (or two) units of girls depending on demand and interest
 - c. cabins are:
 - 1) 12' x 12' wooden; shutter enclosed; leakproof and 95% waterproof structures; wooden floors
 - 2) bunked-mattresses may be provided - double tiered - four on each side with middle of cabin free
 - d. dining hall - centrally located with capacity for entire camp group; seated by cabin groups with individual cabin leader at head-of-table

- e. auditorium (Gibson Hall) - seating capacity - 300 with stage applicable for:
 - 1) group meetings and program
 - 2) shows - variety, etc. (curtain, lighting)
 - 3) church services (portable organ, two pianos)
- f. lake front
- 2. Advantages to us of this Organizational set-up:
 - a. boy and girl campers may be housed individually in units yet have opportunity to meet and mix when necessary and desirable
 - b. one leader to group of seven or eight boys or girls, all of same age group provides:
 - 1) family-unit feeling of belonging to a group with privileges and responsibility akin to this
 - 2) opportunity to meet and live with other boys or girls of Armenian parentage, but possibly from different city or town; each having something unique to contribute to the overall group experience
 - 3) opportunity of the leader to experience the responsibility of a small group to whom he or she becomes the equivalent of mother and father for the seven day period; to lend of his knowledge and experience to the group
 - 4) close supervision possible where each leader has assigned group responsibility (parents are happy to know who their child's leader will be for the week)
 - c. large, all-camp, group meeting possible at large auditorium hall or dining hall
 - d. use of camp swimming area and use of camp rowboats and canoes (to those qualified)
 - e. freedom from responsibility of food preparation; maintenance and health management
 - f. private quarters available for ecclesiastics and other people, when necessary

D. CAMP PROGRAM & OBJECTIVES:

- 1. Objectives:
 - a. Firstly - "some fun in the country" - this must be a delightful experience for the children and not a classroom; this of course must be within the framework of safety and supervision
 - b. while having a good time he will be learning and appreciating many of the intangibles of group living; the spirit and flavor of the Armenian Church
 - c. an appreciation of the Armenian culture and way of life as a means of enriching our lives in America; our impression upon the child by action will be a far more lasting one than by "1000 words"
 - d. although time is short, yet possible to learn swimming, boating skills, arts and crafts
- 2. Programs:
 - a. regularly scheduled periods
 - 1) cabin clean-up and bed-making in morning
 - 2) all meals together at scheduled time
 - 3) swimming and boating periods so as to be properly supervised
 - 4) rest periods and bed-time
 - b. activity as a cabin group
 - 1) hiking, nature exploring, arts and crafts, fishing
 - 2) competition (soft-ball, volley-ball, games)
 - c. devotional periods
 - 1) morning devotional - while still in dining hall
 - (a) short inspirational talk
 - (b) learn an Armenian Hymn - sing as a group
 - (c) prayer

- 2) educational period (e.g. one hour every morning)
 - (a) Church History
 - (b) Catechism
 - (c) Divine Liturgy
 - (d) Bible
 - (e) cultural aspects of Armenian life (derivations of art, sculpture, painting, culinary, etc.) Note: child may go to one he desires that particular morning or rotate them each; or be assigned to one for the period
- 3) slides or films on worthy and inspirational topics; this may be a worthwhile evening program
- d. free periods (child may go to area of interest of his desire where his efforts will be directed by leader) thus organized plan; P.M. activity
 - 1) athletics; hiking; nature study
 - 2) dancing class (Armenian folk or American square dancing, etc.)
 - 3) camp choir; newspaper
- e. other activities;
 - 1) variety show
 - 2) films
 - 3) "socials"
 - 4) Church



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 Berkshires

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAMinutes of Central Council MeetingFebruary 28 - March 1, 1959First Session - February 28, 1959

The third meeting of the 1958-59 Central Council was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Dennis Papazian, on February 28, 1959, at 2:15 p.m. at the Diocesan Office at St. Gregory's Armenian Church in New York City. The meeting was opened with a prayer and was presided over by the Primate, His Grace, Archbishop Sion Manoogian. The Vicar-General, the Rt. Rev. Miron Gourdjikian, was also present. Central Council members present were the Misses Ann Dadaian, Varsen Garabedian and Rose Norian, and Messrs. Nishan Eskigian, Robert Goshgarian and Joseph Kalemkerian. Absent were Messrs. Harry Terzian and Ralph Yagjian.

The Chairman introduced Mr. Donald Newby, Executive Secretary of the National Council of Churches, Youth Division, who had been invited to speak to the CC by the Primate on the United Christian Youth Movement.

His Grace spoke briefly to the CC on the role of the ACYOA in the Armenian Church and its future.

Mr. Newby then spoke to the CC, outlined the highlights of the UCYM, and expressed the desire of the National Council of Churches that the ACYOA affiliate with that Organization. He also touched on the Young Adults Group in this connection. Mr. Newby invited the Chairman to attend a joint meeting of the Chairmen of the various Church Youth Organizations in America to be held in Washington, D.C., March 10-14, with President Eisenhower and other governmental leaders.

Mr. Bedros Norehad, Publicity Director of the Diocese, entered the meeting at 2:30 p.m. at the invitation of the Primate.

Mr. Newby asked that the UCYM be put on the mailing list of the Armenian Guardian. He passed out booklets and brochures on the UCYM, also leaving a copy of the minutes of the last General Meeting of the UCYM, and left the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Mr. Norehad suggested that news items and pictures published in The Armenian Church be submitted by that publication to the Armenian Guardian for our use, with reciprocal items and pictures to be submitted by the Guardian Editorial Staff to him for his use.

It was noted that there was a lack of exchange of information between The Armenian Church monthly and the Armenian Guardian. This problem is to be solved in the future by the ACYOA sending a monthly column, prepared by the Guardian Staff, to the Diocesan newspaper(s) telling of important ACYOA activities; and by the Diocesan authorities notifying the CC Chairman, Mr. Papazian, and the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Kalemkerian, of any impending events in the Diocese that might be of news value to the Guardian. Thus, Mr. Kalemkerian becomes the New York correspondent for the Guardian regarding Diocesan news, and also the ACYOA contact with the Diocese when any news comes up.

It was noted that Editorials in all Church publications must reflect the policy of the Armenian Church and its Organizations as expressed in official meetings. It was further noted that in the future if there is a question as to the publication of an editorial or article on controversial issues in the Armenian Guardian, said item should be submitted to the Chairman of the CC for approval.

The Chairman is to write a letter to the Editorial Staff of the Armenian Guardian stating that they are doing a good job and that the editorial misunderstanding has been straightened out.

Motion passed that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as submitted.

Correspondence

Letter dated December 30, 1958 from Donald F. Landwer, General Director of Finance, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., thanking the ACYOA for its \$50.00 donation for Church World Service.

Letter dated December 8, 1958 from John Kasparian, Publicity Director of the ACYOC, enclosing an article giving the highlights of that Organization's recent General Assembly.

Treasurer's Report

Miss Norian submitted the following report:

Balance in Bank as of February 28, 1959	\$ 4,131.82
Seminary in America Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,218.96
Youth Camp Fund	\$ 3,410.17
Reserve Fund	\$ 6,789.70

Checks for the following Anniversary Ball Receipts have been received:

Richmond-Washington Anniversary Ball	\$ 225.58
Mid-West Anniversary Ball	\$ 36.20
Troy-Syracuse Anniversary Ball	\$ 77.60

Miss Norian further announced that the total received to date from ACYOA Day Proceeds was \$1,967.51.

Miss Norian stated that a meeting had been held with Armen Kalbian, accountant, the result of which was the setting up of a simplified method of bookkeeping of the CC books, and went on to say that all bills of the CC have been paid as of February 28, 1959. Miss Norian reminded the CC that she will not be available to keep the CC books for two months during the summer.

Motion passed that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

The Chairman is to write a thank you note to Mr. Armen Kalbian for his assistance in setting up the books and to further ask him to draw up a simplified account sheet to be used by all Chapters for keeping financial records.

Miss Norian is to send a follow-up letter to the Chapters which have not responded to date with regard to ACYOA Day.

Reports of Standing Committees

Junior Groups

Mr. Eskigian announced that he is continuing to write articles to the Guardian. There is a Junior Groups Conference being organized to take place in March in Union City, New Jersey.

The Chairman is to write a letter to The Very Rev. Vatche^o Hovsepien asking him to write an article for the Armenian Guardian on what he has done to enlarge the Junior Group in Union City.

Publicity

Mr. Goshgarian reported that he is sending publicity releases on the ACYOA to the various newspapers and will continue to do so on a larger scale.

Suggestion was made that post cards be mimeographed by the Guardian Staff and sent to Chapters which do not submit articles for the Chapter Activities Section on the first of the month asking them to submit articles by the 10th of the month. Further suggested that post cards be sent to those Chapters whose articles arrive after the 10th of the month deadline and will not be published, asking them to incorporate important items contained in these articles into new articles for the following month's issue. Mr. Goshgarian is to notify the Staff in this regard.

Mr. Eskigian is to write an article for the Guardian on Mr. Newby^o's presence at this meeting and his enlightening talk to the CC.

Mr. Suren Manuelian, Secretary of the Diocese, entered the meeting at 4:15 p.m. at the request of the Primate.

Mr. Ralph Yagjian entered the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Mr. Norehad left the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Mr. Manuelian will see that the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, CC representatives from the New York area and the Armenian Guardian receive news of all Diocesan activities in the future.

Mr. Yagjian announced that the "Faith of the Armenian Church" by Hagop Nersoyan can be broken down into three books, the cost of which is as follows:

Teachers Book	64 pages	45¢ per copy
Students Book	80 pages	55¢ per copy
Work Book	82 pages	40¢ per copy

Mr. Yagjian will make a report to the Diocesan Council with regard to their possibly appropriating or obtaining money to pay for tape recordings by Deacon Hovhannes Kasparian which teach the Armenian language.

His Grace and Mr. Manuelian left the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Anniversary Balls

Mr. Kalemkerian noted that the estimated receipts of the Anniversary Balls for 1959 were approximately \$1,000 higher than the monies received from the 1958 Balls.

The Bridgeport Chapter will be included in the New York Area with regard to Anniversary Balls and Regional Conferences. Miss Dadaian will contact that Chapter informing them that we received their request regarding this arrangement and giving them CC's consent to it.

Religious Education Conferences

Mr. Papazian reported that a Conference will be held in the Mid-West Region at Kellogg Center, East Lansing, Michigan, March 13-15.

The Chairman announced receipt of letter dated December 5 from the CRE in which they offered their services to help run the Religious Education Conferences, and one to the same purpose dated February 15, 1959.

The Chairman is to write a memorandum to the Primate asking for definitions and suggesting a viewpoint regarding the Educational Conferences. And further asking him to notify the CRE, the Association of Church Choirs and ourselves of his decision.

Educational Director

Suggestion made that Mr. Yagjian set up short educational lessons for both seniors and juniors for presentation once a month to the Chapters.

Publications Coordinator

Mr. Yagjian announced that His Grace has given his permission for the ACYOA to publish "Faith of the Armenian Church" written by Mr. Hagop Nersoyan, possibly with money donated by the AGBU.

Motion passed that we continue our efforts to publish this book, if possible with money donated by the AGBU or, if this money cannot be obtained, to assume the cost of publication ourselves from the General Revolving Fund.

Mr. Yagjian reported that a Marriage Manual at 10¢ per copy, in Armenian and English, should be ready by Assembly time. It will be presented to His Grace for approval.

ACYOA Day

Mr. Kalemkerian has written to all the Chapters asking them to reserve the date for ACYOA Day this year. He will approach the White House, the Governors and Mayors to have that date proclaimed as official ACYOA Day. He will also write to former CC members asking them if they are willing to answer speaking engagements on ACYOA Day.

It was suggested that permission be obtained from the Parish Councils in all the Churches that a plate be passed during Church Services on ACYOA Day, after an announcement is made as to the proposed use of the proceeds.

The Religious Theme to be used during the Assembly and throughout the coming year was discussed. It was suggested that the Assembly Committee be notified as to the proposed theme and that they be instructed to have a sign made by a professional, said sign to be prominently placed in the hotel lobby. The selection of the Theme was tabled to the following day.

Meeting was recessed for dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Second Session - February 28, 1959

The second session was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Papazian, at 7:45 p.m. at the Diocesan Office, New York City. Present were the Vicar-General, the Rt. Rev. Miron Gourdjikian, and CC members, the Misses Ann Dadaian, Varsen Garabedian and Rose Norian, and Messrs. Nishan Eskigian, Robert Goshgarian, Joseph Kalemkerian and Ralph Yagjian. Absent was Mr. Harry Terzian.

June Festivals

It was announced that the Philadelphia Chapters are arranging the Mid-Atlantic Festival to be held in the Poconos June 5-6-7.

The New England Area Festival will be held during the same weekend in the Berkshires. There will be no Festival held in the Mid-West Area.

Mr. Robert Goshgarian was named June Festival Coordinator by the Chairman, replacing Mr. Harry Terzian.

Suggestion made that the respective Area Festival Chairmen send information regarding their Festivals to Mr. Goshgarian in order that he may send out publicity releases.

Miss Dadaian will send out directives to the Mid-West Chapters instructing them that all Chapters which do not participate in June Festivals should arrange a Festival or Fiesta-type dance, possibly on a city basis, and that the proceeds be treated on the same basis as the Festival Weekend proceeds.

The Chairman notified the Council that he had received several phone calls from Mr. Harry Terzian expressing his desire to resign from the CC inasmuch as his personal affairs left him no time to do ACYOA work. The Chairman agreed to bring Mr. Terzian's request before the CC with the stipulation that he immediately send in the necessary written letter of resignation for proper action. The CC has tentatively accepted with regret Mr. Terzian's resignation pending its receipt in writing.

The matter of co-opting a CC member to replace Mr. Terzian was tabled.

Assembly

Miss Garabedian reported that the final details of the 1958 Assembly had been completed and that the Financial Report has been placed in the CC files.

In answer to questions by the East St. Louis Chapter, the following points were resolved:

1. Mr. Eddie Korkoian from Detroit will act as Master of Ceremonies at the Assembly Banquet.
2. The Divine Liturgy may take place in the Amphitheatre, however the Host Chapter should make alternate arrangements at the Greek Church near the hotel in case of inclement weather.
3. The Chairman will submit his message to the ACYOA in time to have it included in the Assembly Souvenir Book.
4. Mr. Goshgarian will send a schedule of advertising rates for the various Armenian papers to the Assembly Chairman.
5. Miss Dadaian has sent the Guardian mailing list to the Host Chapter.
6. The Vicar-General will send a letter to His Holiness, Catholicos Vasken I, requesting a photograph and his official message to the Assembly and, if possible, asking him to send us a tape recorded message along with the written one. The Vicar-General will also request the Primate to prepare his message for inclusion in the Souvenir Book. Host Chapter will send the Vicar-General a letter requesting that the above action be taken in their behalf.
7. Suggestion was made that since expenses for Armenian music are so great because of the distance, Host Chapter may be able to increase their dance prices by 50¢.
8. Host Chapter may attempt to obtain a nationally-known political figure as one of the Banquet speakers.

It was announced that the New England area has compiled a Regional Mailing list which may be used by the Assembly Committee. This list, together with the Metropolitan New York and Niagara Falls lists will be forwarded to St. Louis by Miss Norian and Miss Dadaian. The Boston and Detroit lists have been sent.

The Chairman is to send a thank you note to the Worcester Chapter for compiling a Regional Mailing List.

A copy of the hotel registration card will be incorporated in the July or August issues of the Armenian Guardian.

Request will be made to the Diocesan Office than an official letter be sent to all Parish Councils asking them to encourage attendance at the ACYOA Assembly by their Parish priests and, if possible, to pay their priests' expenses since it is their duty to attend the Assembly.

The Chairman is to write a letter to the East St. Louis Chapter informing them of the functions which the priests and their wives will be allowed to attend free of charge.

The following suggestions were made with regard to the proposed T.V. and radio programs:

1. Jashou Service - 1/2 hour - real life and narrated.
2. Panel Discussion - 1/2 hour
3. Divine Liturgy Slides - 1/2 hour (Miss Dadaian will send a set of these to the Host Chapter and bill them for same.)
4. Vessels and Vestments of the Armenian Church - 1/2 hour (Mr. Kalemkerian has these and will send a set to the Host Chapter.)
5. Consecration Films - 1 1/2 hours (suitable for breaking up into three 1/2 hour programs.)
6. Tape of the Divine Liturgy made by National Council of Churches of the Worcester Services - 1 hour, suitable for radio.
(Worcester Chapter has available.)

Membership

Discussion took place on possible ways and means of increasing our membership.

Finance

The possibility of issuing certificates for various types of non-voting members in the ACYOA in order to obtain more money for the Organization was discussed.

Motion passed that a Fellowship Program be recommended to the Assembly to be instituted by the ACYOA.

Suggestion made that the categories listing the names of the participating members be included in the Assembly Souvenir Book, that the members receive copies of the Souvenir Books, together with certificates for the particular category of their membership, and free subscriptions to the Armenian Guardian.

The following Categories were suggested:

\$500.00	Founding
\$100.00	Patron
\$ 50.00	Fraternal
\$ 25.00	Sustaining
\$ 10.00	Contributing

Motion passed that the Fellowship Program be presented to the Annual Assembly for approval.

Armenian Guardian

Miss Norian reported that the CRE will prepare the monthly Church School Column.

Miss Dadaian will send a directive to the effect that those families receiving more than one copy of the Armenian Guardian may have the extra names taken off the mailing list if they so desire by notifying CC.

Motion passed that we appoint Staff Photographers from the New York and New England areas on a trial basis, these photographers to be reimbursed for their expenses for pictures used in the Guardian at the rate of \$4.00 for a cover picture and \$2.00 for an inside picture, if the picture is published. Pictures not used will be returned to the photographer only if a stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed.

The meeting was recessed at 10:15 p.m.

Third Session - March 1, 1959

The third session was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Dennis Papazian at 10:10 a.m. at the Diocesan Office in New York City. The Vicar-General, the Rt. Rev. Muron Gourdjikian, opened the meeting with a prayer. CC members present were the Misses Ann Dadaian, Varsen Garabedian, Rose Norian, and Messrs. Nishan Eskigian, Robert Goshgarian, Joseph Kalemkerian, and Ralph Yagjian. Absent was Mr. Harry Terzian.

The Chairman will contact the Primate with regard to the extent of space to be given to the ACYOA in the new Diocesan Office.

Armenian Guardian - Subscription Drive

It was noted that a subscription drive at this time is imperative. The following suggestions were made:

1. That we extend the time for each \$2.00 subscription to run for 15 months rather than 12 months.
2. That the month of May be set aside for the Guardian Promotion Drive.
3. Mr. Kalemkerian announced that ads for the promotion of the Guardian and other ACYOA publications will be placed in the Mirror-Spectator, Baikar, Nor Ashkar, Groong and Hoosharar.
4. Letters and circulars will be sent out.
5. Newspaper advertising will contain the motto "Get One Or Give One."

The Chairman will write a thank you note to Mr. James Kiernan, Arlington, Mass., Publisher of the Armenian Guardian, for his Christian cooperation.

Chapter Visitations

Miss Garabedian reported that the St. Catharines Chapter is reactivating.

Mr. Yagjian will contact Deacon Hovhannes Kasparian and ask him to visit the Montreal Chapter as CC representative. The Chairman will write Deacon Kasparian confirming our request that he visit Montreal as soon as possible. Miss Dadaian will send the Montreal Chapter 50 extra copies of the Constitution.

Mr. Kalemkerian reported that the Long Island Chapter has problems in its Junior Group and also has transportation problems. He also reported that he will visit the North and West Philadelphia Chapters next week.

Miss Norian has written the Chairman of the Holy Cross Chapter offering her services, however that Chapter seems to be lacking in interest.

The Misses Norian and Dadaian visited the Newark Chapter and reported on conditions there.

The Chairman will write an editorial for the Armenian Guardian on the relationship between the ACYOA and the Parish Councils.

Miss Norian reported that Union City Chapter will be holding a membership meeting. She has also contacted the Richmond and Washington Chapters, informing them that she is available for Chapter Visitations during Easter Week.

Suggestion was made that an Executive Secretary be commissioned on a part-time basis in the Connecticut area to rejuvenate the Connecticut Chapters.

Mr. Eskigian made a request of the CC that in view of his personal problems, and in view of the conditions in the Connecticut area (New Britain, Hartford, and Bridgeport), that Deacon Hovhannes Kasparian be requested to act as personal representative of the CC to visit these Chapters, the purpose of which is to determine their problems, discuss same with them, resolve these problems to the best of his capabilities and report this action to the CC Chairman. His request was passed.

It was brought to the attention of the CC that the Secretaries of the CC have not been requesting and receiving travel expenses for work in the Diocese. The CC asked them to submit these expenses to the CC, retroactive to the time they assumed these duties, and receive the monies due them.

Mr. Yagjian reported that he visited the Springfield Chapter and it is thriving.

Mr. Goshgarian reported on his visits to the Watertown and Providence Chapters.

The Chairman will write to former CC member, Casey Kazanjian, asking him to visit the Lowell, Lawrence and Haverhill Chapters.

Mr. Kalemkerian will attempt to organize a Junior Group in Paterson, New Jersey.

Regional Conference Reports

Mr. Papazian reported that approximately 20 members attended the Detroit-Cleveland Regional Conference, held in Detroit on the day of their Regional Anniversary Ball, and that the meeting was a successful one.

Mr. Goshgarian reported on the New England Conference held on January 11 in Providence.

Mr. Kalemkerian reported that the Mid-Atlantic Junior Regional Conference will be held in March in Union City, and that the Mid-Atlantic Senior Conference will be held in Richmond in April.

The possibility of a joint New England and Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference to be held in the near future was discussed.

Motion passed that we have the Treasurer's Books audited by a C.P.A. before the Assembly.

Miss Dadaian announced that she and Miss Norian should have the 1958 Assembly Minutes out before the end of March.

The Chairman will write a thank you letter to the Very Rev. Fr. Vatche^o Hovsepien for allowing us to use his office, machinery, materials and his time for ACYOA work.

Prayer and Sacrament Booklet

Mr. Yagjian reported that 2,000 copies of the Prayer & Sacraments will be printed and that reserve funds will be used in the printing.

Cathedral Bazaar

Suggestion was made that a bulletin board or large poster be put up at the Cathedral Bazaar for the purpose of advertising and selling ACYOA publications. It was further suggested that a sign reading "Join the ACYOA" be put around the outside of the fence at the Bazaar.

Motion passed that we permit the Bazaar Committee to use the ACYOA mailing list in order to send chance books to be sold by the individual members for the Cathedral Bazaar.

The Chairman is to write a letter to ACYOA members which will be sent with the chance books, asking the members to help the Bazaar Committee by selling these books.

ACYOA Hymn

Mr. Papazian announced that he has written to Charles Balian in Racine, but as yet has received no response.

Films

Mr. Yagjian reported that the Racine films are not fit to use, however the Boston and Niagara Falls Assembly films are finished and may be used.

Mr. Papazian will attempt to obtain the Ordination Films from Detroit.

Youth Camp & Seminary Scholarship

Miss Dadaian reported that she has written to the Watertown Chapter for suggestions on how we may replenish the Youth Camp & Seminary Scholarship Funds but as yet has received no answer.

Motion passed that the Boston Junior Group be designated with the responsibility of distributing to the Senior and Junior Groups and to Armenians in the Boston area, paper banks which may be filled for the Youth Camp & Seminary Scholarship Funds and the collection of these banks at the proper time. Mr. Goshgarian will administrate this job, instructing the Juniors how to go about this job, etc., as soon as he receives the banks from Mr. Yagjian.

Motion passed that we print 1,000 Youth Camp & Seminary Scholarship Fund banks to be used in the Boston area on an experimental basis between now and the second week of August, and a report be made to the Assembly on the outcome. The project will be inaugurated on April 1, 1959.

Youth Camp

Mr. Kalemkerian reported that the Serafian camp, covering 150 acres in the Saratoga area, is still for sale at an approximate selling price of \$20,000.

A directive will be sent to all the Chapters asking them to keep their eyes open for a possible camp site in their respective areas and to make suggestions to CC.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 1:15 p.m.

Fourth Session - March 2, 1959

The fourth session was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Papazian, at 2:15 p.m. at the Diocesan Office. Present were the Vicar-General, the Rt. Rev. Miron Gourdjikian, and CC members, the Misses Ann Dadaian, Varsen Garabedian and Rose Norian, and Messrs. Nishan Eskigian, Robert Goshgarian, Joseph Kalemkerian and Ralph Yagjian. Absent was Mr. Harry Terzian.

New Chapters

Miss Dadaian is to supply the Chairman with a packet of material which he in turn will send to Miami.

Revision of Mailing List

Miss Dadaian reported that Union City is in the process of compiling the mailing list.

ACYOA Bibliography

Miss Norian reported that the Bibliography should be ready shortly and will be mailed to the CC Chairman and can be brought up at the June meeting of the CC for final approval, after which mimeographed lists will be made up and passed out at the Assembly.

Miss Norian wrote to Deacon Hovhannes Kasparian regarding his Bibliography. Mr. Yagjian will contact Deacon Kasparian to see if he will permit the CC to mimeograph the list.

Jerusalem Book Drive

Motion passed that an official letter be sent to Jerusalem asking for a list of magazines or books which they would like to receive. The letter is to be prepared by Mr. Eskigian and sent by the Chairman.

Binding of Permanent Records

Mr. Yagjian reported that all ACYOA records will be bound at an approximate cost of \$4.00 each.

ACYOA Statistics

Miss Dadaian reported that the Long Island Chapter has not communicated with her as yet.

New Publications

Mr. Papazian reported that "The Armenians During the Crusades" has been published by the Detroit Armenian Cultural Association.

Motion passed that a copy of the book be presented to the Primate and if it is approved by him, the CC will purchase 50 copies and resell them. Mr. Papazian will see that the Primate and the Vice Chairman, Mr. Kalemkerian, each receive a copy of this book.

Motion passed that the pamphlet on marriage by Hagop Nersoyan be purchased by the CC for \$100., after he has revised same and it has been submitted to the Primate for approval that the information contained therein is valid according to our doctrine, and he has given his permission for the ACYOA to publish it. Mr. Yagjian will get a final price on the cost of publishing this manual.

Mr. Kalemkerian reported that duplicating forty sets of the Vessels & Vestments of the Armenian Church slides will cost \$550.

Motion passed that we support Mr. Kalemkerian in having these slides duplicated and that Mr. Kalemkerian be given permission to continue in this endeavor.

Motion passed that we adopt idea presented by Miss Norian that we print calendars showing feast days in the Armenian Church. Mr. Yagjian will check on the cost of printing these calendars.

Motion passed that we publish "The Armenian Church and Her Teachings", written by His Grace, Archbishop Sion Manoogian, after it has been revised.

The Vice Chairman will write a letter to the Detroit Chapter commending them on their efforts in instituting a Chapter Paper.

Receipt of letter dated January 19 from Roderick French, Correspondent, North American Ecumenical Youth Assembly, inviting the ACYOA to send a representative to help organize and convene a Planning Committee near Buffalo, N.Y., May 11 through 13, was noted.

Motion passed that Dr. Max Boudakian of the Niagara Falls Chapter be asked to represent the ACYOA and to serve on the Committee for our Organization.

The Chairman will write to Mr. Donald Newby thanking him for his fine presentation of the UCYM to the CC.

The Chairman noted receipt of letter from Mr. Gary Babigian dated February 7 regarding the Guardian Editorial Staff.

Complimentary Guardians will be sent to public libraries in each city where there is an ACYOA Chapter and/or an Armenian Church.

Suggestion made that the Editorial Staff of the Guardian attempt to sell the Armenian Guardian on newsstands on a trial basis.

Revision of Manual

Mr. Eskigian will undertake this job and present it to the CC and the Primate for approval. The manual will be broken down in sections and mailed out to the Chapter Executive Committees each year.

ACYOC

Mr. Kalemkerian reported he is still communicating with the ACYOC. He will write the ACYOC asking for a complete set of pamphlets published by them for our files.

Chairman will write the Primate with regard to starting off with a clean slate as far as the Guardian Editorial Staff is concerned, and requesting that an official attempt be made to have the Very Rev. Mesrob Semerjian reconsider his resignation from the Guardian Editorial Staff.

Religious Theme

Motion passed that the religious theme to be used at the coming Assembly and throughout the following year be "To Follow Christ's Example."

New Business

Motion passed that special pins be made up, to be blessed by His Holiness, Catholicos Vasken I, which will be presented to CC members as they terminate their terms of office. Mr. Yagjian will contact His Grace with this request.

Suggestion made that the ACYOA purchase and resell to ACYOA members a block of 50 balcony seats for the Cultural Concert sponsored by the Diocese in October, which is Cultural Month. This was tabled to the September meeting.

Suggestion made that the Chapters cooperate with the local parishes in presenting cultural programs during October, which is the Armenian Cultural Month. A bulletin to this effect will be sent out to all the Chapters.

Motion passed that the Chairman write a letter to the Chairman of the Parish Council of every new parish which has built a Church and does not have an ACYOA Chapter, to help instigate enough interest to form a Chapter. The secretary is to send him the names and addresses of such parishes.

Suggestion made that the tax bills be more explicit and show the total tax due, less Anniversary Ball participation and less Guardian subscriptions, and the net tax due.

The next CC meeting will be held June 13-14 at the Diocesan Office at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Varsen Garabedian
Recording Secretary

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
CENTRAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

FIRST CENTRAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

New York City, New York

July 12, 1970

List of Central Advisory Council Members Present

His Grace, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, President
Mr. Richard Norsigian, Chairman

Linda Boyajian
Carol DerBoghossian
Dianne Greene
Joyce Karageozian
Maryann Khachadoorian
Byron Melkonian
Hayg Misakyan
Joseph Sarkisian
Louise Yeghissian, Executive Secretary

Gary Zamanigian called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. The following officers were elected for the 1970-71 term:

Chairman	-	Richard Norsigian
Vice Chairman	-	Joseph Sarkisian
Recording Secretary	-	Linda Boyajian
Corresponding Secretary	-	Joyce Karageozian
Treasurer	-	Dianne Greene

The meeting was recessed at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by our new Chairman, Richard Norsigian at 2:00 p.m. The Chairman appointed the following program coordinators:

Anniversary Ball	-	Joseph Sarkisian
Armenian Studies Program	-	Richard Norsigian
ACYQA Day and Seminary Scholarship Fund	-	Carol DerBoghossian
25th General Assembly	-	Dianne Greene
Finance Director	-	Linda Boyajian
Lenten Offering	-	Maryann Khachadoorian
Membership	-	Joyce Karageozian
Public Relations	-	Byron Melkonian (English) Hayg Misakyan (Armenian)
Publications	-	Louise Yeghissian
Endowment Fund	-	Richard Norsigian
Stewardship	-	Louise Yeghissian
Sports Weekend	-	(To be appointed at a future date)
Mission Program	-	Byron Melkonian
Patrons	-	Carol DerBoghossian

Richard Norsigian stated that a monthly calendar of events will be sent to all group chairmen informing them of upcoming activities. This will allow sufficient time to coordinate these programs.

A suggestion was made that we print a four-page publication. Louise Yeghissian will check into the feasibility of this type of publication. A letter will be mailed to all subscribers of the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN notifying them of the proposal passed at the General Assembly and in turn, the subscribers must choose between continuing their subscription or requesting that their money be refunded.

It was decided that Central Advisory Council will follow the procedure of sending their Quarterly Report to each member two weeks prior to the C.A.C. meeting.

A notice will be sent by Joyce Karageozian to all group chairmen informing them that the deadline for membership names is November 30, 1970. As soon as all the information has been collated, Joyce will also prepare a National Directory for 1970-71.

Our next Central Advisory Council meeting will be held November 13-15, 1970 in New York City. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Boyajian

Linda Boyajian
Recording Secretary

A.C.Y.O.A.
Central Council Meeting
Diocesan Headquarters
New York, New York
October 17-18, 1975

Present: His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Reverend Father Nersess Jebejian
Syraun Palvetzian
Anna Garabedian
Edward Kaiserian
Lisa Mooradian
David Onanian
Richard Takvorian

FIRST SESSION

The first session of the Central Council meeting was opened at 3:10 p.m., Friday, October 17, with a prayer led by Archbishop Manoogian.

The Archbishop welcomed the Central Council and addressed them as to the seriousness of their tasks.

Chairman Kaiserian then read a letter addressed to him from the Primate. Mr. Kaiserian reported the Diocesan Council approval of the Central Council, and also of the fact that the Diocesan Council voted a budget of \$25,000 for 1976 to subsidize the stipends of the Executive Secretary and various other office and administrative expenses.

I. SECRETARY'S REPORT

See notes
Ms. Mooradian read the General Assembly minutes of Miami Beach. Approval of the minutes was tabled until the next session.

She then read the Central Council's consultative meeting minutes. Mr. Onanian moved to accept the minutes, Mr. Takvorian seconded the motion. It was passed.

II.. TREASURER'S REPORT

Rev. Fr. Jebejian gave the financial standing of the ACYOA as of July 31, 1975. The total balance is \$21,999.76. Of this amount, \$17,800.00 is in stocks and bonds; \$47.35 is interest accrued; and \$4,152.41 is cash on hand. Outstanding accounts include \$1125.00 from the ACYOC for their participants in the Armenian Studies Program; \$360.00 for three unused vouchers; \$35-40 from Aerofloat; and a donation from the travel agent. Also outstanding is the Central Council's share of profits from the Detroit Sports Weekend (1971), Toronto Sports Weekend (1974), and Miami Sports Weekend (1975). It was noted that numerous inquiries have been made to Toronto with no response.

III. INTERPRETATION OF CONSTITUTION

Mr. Kaiserian said that the major point in this discussion was the Central Council's mode of operations for the year. After discussion, it was decided that Mr. Kaiserian will review the subject and report his findings at the next meeting.

The first session of the ACYOA Central Council meeting recessed at 5 p.m. for dinner.

SECOND SESSION

The second session of the ACYOA Central Council meeting resumed at 8:50 p.m.

IV. ESTABLISH MODES OF OPERATION

Mr. Kaiserian proposed that the fiscal year of the ACYOA be changed to September 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976. Dues would be prorated for 3/4 of the year. Dues would be \$3.75, and Central Council would receive 2/5 of the amount. Dues should be collected by March 31, 1976; each following year the deadline would be January 31. Chapter reports would be due no later than the second week of July. Concerning other years, the 1977 fiscal year would be July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977. However, Central Council's term of office would begin on September 1 and end August 31. Chapters should base their annual donation to their parish on the transactions from September 1 to August 31. The other three months would carry into the next year.

Mr. Kaiserian then proposed that the allocated money from the Diocesan Council would be divided -- half will go into this fiscal year, half into next year's. Each year, half of the Diocesan allocation will be budgeted into Central Council's fiscal year budget. No action on this discussion was taken.

V. TENTATIVE OUTLINE OF OBJECTIVES

Present programs include three national events -- the Armenian Studies Program, Sports Weekend, and one Mission Program. Locally there are ACYOA Days and Anniversary Balls, but Central Council has not received any revenue since 1972.

Rev. Fr. Jebejian related the tasks involved in each of the national events. He said that the Sports Weekend will not require much from Central Council -- just the overseeing of preparations.

The Armenian Studies Program, however, requires: 1) literature prepared and distributed; 2) application judged; 3) travel arrangements; 4) program and scheduling in Yerevan; and 5) solicitation of donations.

Rev. Fr. Jebejian stated that the three major requirements for a person are: 1) average knowledge of Armenian; 2) highschool graduate; and 3) ACYOA membership.

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The background of the Mission Program, according to Rev. Fr. Jebjeian, is that it started in 1966 to give spiritual impetus to Parishes in need. Groups of one Priest and five or six youths would go to each Parish for a week to conduct Bible Studies, lectures, visitations, etc. The last Program was in 1972.

After discussion, the Central Council agreed that their main goal this year is to revitalize chapters. Other goals discussed were the Juniors, and Executive Committee Training Session, and a major public relations program.

The second session closed with a prayer at 11 p.m., Friday, October 17, 1975.

THIRD SESSION

The third session of the ACYOA Central Council meeting opened at 2:50 p.m., Saturday, October 18, 1975, with a prayer led by His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian.

I. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Ms. Mooradian reported the topics that were tabled at the previous sessions. Those topics were: 1) approval of General Assembly minutes; 2) treasurer's report; 3) fiscal year discussions; 4) Armenian Studies Program; 5) Juniors; 6) Vehapar's visit; and 7) public relations.

At this point, Fr. Jebjeian noted that the ACYOA had slides, "The Vessel and Vestments of the Armenian Church."

II. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Council then requested Rev. Fr. Jebejian for a more complete report of our financial standing. He reported that, presently, we have approximately \$4000 in our cash on hand account. \$3000 of this goes to the Vehapar's account. Of the \$1000 left, we should subtract Rev. Fr. Jebejian's stipend, administrative expenses.

Mr. Kaiserian then assigned one person to collect the accounts receivable. He will take care of ACYOC, Anna Garabedian will inquire about the three voucher and the travel agent's donation. Rev. Fr. Jebejian will pursue the Aerofloat matter. Also, dealing with Sport Weekend accounts, Ms. Mooradina will find out the facts concerning the Detroit account. Mr. Kaiserian will inform Miami we are waiting, and no action will be taken with Toronto until the Council sees the correspondence file.

Ms. Garabedian will open a checking account in Springfield as soon as the Diocese gives the balance of funds. It was decided that Ms. Garabedian, Mr. Kaiserian, and Mr. Onanian will sign the checks.

It was also mentioned that Mr. Kaiserian should direct a letter to the Primate concerning the transfer of our balance from the Diocesan account to an ACYOA account. He will also see if the \$3000 transfer to Echmiadzin has occurred.

The Council also decided to continue the bulk mail permit. Rev. Fr. Jebejian mentioned the fact that the tax exemption number is EX 101006.

The Primate then suggested that the Council read the manual concerning the proper way in addressing clergy. In writing letters to the Primate, the Council should indicate date and situation of subject. All letters should be signed by Mr. Kaiserian, but if another Council member writes it, they should sign for Mr. Kaiserian and initial it.

Discussing the Armenian Church Endowment Fund, Mr. Kaiserian said that he talked with Fr. Artin, director of ACEF. Although nothing is final, if the ACYOA placed the \$17,800 in the ACEF, a special Youth Division would be set up, where others could donate money. ACYOA would receive all interest off of those donations. Also, the ACYOA could withdraw the \$17,800 if necessary. No decision was made. Mr. Kaiserian will write a letter to the ACEF and report back at the next meeting. Ms. Garabedian will notify Merrill-Lynch to send interest checks to her address.

III. PUBLIC RELATIONS DECISIONS

a) The Council requested that the Primate write a letter to the Pastors and Prish Councils informing them of Central Council's confirmation and asking for cooperation.

b) Mr. Kaiserian will write a letter introducing the Council and asking for mailing lists of juniors and seniors. Mr. Takvorian will mail the General Assembly minutes and constitution to the delegates.

c) The E. St. Louis chapter will be asked (by letter from Mr. Kaiserian) to do a newsletter. Two or three pages, it will go to every member.

The discussion of frequency was tabled until next meeting.

d) Mr. Takvorian will send a news release about Central Council to the Armenian Reporter, the Mirror-Spectator, The Armenian Church, church bulletins, and media on the Diocesan Council lists. He will also examine and initiate a clipping system for the Reporter and the Mirror.

e) Concerning our stationery supplies, Rev. Fr. Jebejian reported that we have 500 small envelopes and 150 - 200 sheets of small stationery. Mr. Onanian will speak to an artist for a new letterhead. In the meantime, Ms. Palvetzian will have 8½ x 11 sheets and envelopes offset printed.

IV. APPROVAL OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES

Mr. Onanian moved to accept the General Assembly minutes; Ms. Garabedian seconded the motion. It passed.

V. JUNIORS

The Council discussed the situation of the juniors in the organization. The idea of a moral right to the Juniors was expressed, and the Council will investigate the possibility of having a junior convocation, under Central Council auspices. The Council will review ACYOA Organization Ideas for a Junior Group.

VI. THE CATHOLICOS' VISIT

The Primate reported that it is almost definite that the visit will be postponed.

VII. REGIONS

Mr. Takvorian reported that he divided the chapters into 5 regions -- this way, each Council member will have one region as his/her responsibility.

Ms. Garabedian will have the following chapters: Springfield, Watervliet, Hartford, New Britain, Bridgeport, and Worcester. Mr. Kaiserian will have: Philadelphia (2), Washington, D.C., Cleveland, Richmond, Miami, Binghamton, Fairlawn, and Syracuse. Ms. Mooradian will have: East St. Louis, Chicago, Evanston, Waukegan, Palos Heights, Detroit, Houston, Racine, S. Milwaukee, Greenfield, and Memphis. Mr. Onanian will have: Lowell, Lawrence, Haverhill, Toronto, Montreal, St. Catherines, and Niagra Falls. Mr. Takvorian will see to: Watertown, Cambridge, Providence, Holy Cross, St. Gregory, Bayside, Yorktown Heights, and Westchester.

It was decided that each member would send a personal letter to the Priest and/or Parish Council and then follow it up with a phone call. Reports will then be made in January.

VIII. CENTRAL COUNCIL FUNCTIONING

Mr. Kaiserian, after reviewing the Constitution, proposed the following changes:

Article 5, Sec. 1: anyone who is a member by March 31, 1976, will not pay \$1.00 initiation, only \$3.75 pro-rated dues to cover October 1975 through June 1976.

Article 8, Sec. 1: add "The three candidates receiving the greatest number of votes short of election shall be considered alternate members of the Chapter Executive Committee."

Article 8, Sec. 2: Add "The election of the members and the alternates . . . "

Article 8, Sec. 3: change January to July.

Article 8, Sec. 16: Many suggestions were made concerning the modification of this section, but discussion was tabled until January.

Article 4, Sec. 4: Mr. Takvorian will have membership application forms and cards standardized.

IX. CENTRAL COUNCIL MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

Each member was reminded of his duties that were assigned so far at the meeting by Mr. Kaiserian.

X. CENTRAL COUNCIL FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

a) Meetings' reimbursement

It was decided that members would be reimbursed for reasonable transportation, comfortable living quarters, food, parking fees, telephone calls, and postage.

Ms. Garabedian will take the bus to meetings; Ms. Mooradian the plane; Mr. Kaiserian will come by car; and Mr. Onanian and Mr. Takvorian will travel by train.

b) Future dates and sites

The next meeting will be January 9 and 10, 1976, in New York.

XI. PROGRAMS

1) Armenian Studies Program: Rev. Fr. Jebejian, as of November 1, 1975, will not continue in his duties as Youth Director. Therefore, he will turn over the Armenian Studies records to the Council. After the Council reviews the records, they will make a decision as to who will be the director. Rev. Fr. Jebejian explained that the following things should be done before January: publicity, travel arrangements, application forms, guidelines, cover and reference letters, and the contacting of Echmiadzin.

Mr. Takvorian will write a news release concerning the Armenian Studies Program.

2) Mission Program: The Council agreed it would not be feasible to sponsor a Mission Program this year.

3) Anniversary Balls: The 30th Anniversary of the ACYOA will be in 1976. Division for the Anniversary Balls were made:

- a) Racine, S. Milwaukee, Greenfield, and Waukegan
- b) E. St. Louis, Chicago, W. Pullman, and Evanston
- c) Detroit and Cleveland

- d) Toronto, St. Catherines, and Niagra Falls
- e) Syracuse, Watervliet, and Binghamton
- f) Philadelphia (2), Washington, D.C., and Richmond
- g) 6 New York chapters and Bridgeport
- h) 5 New Jersey chapters
- i) New Britain, Hartford, and Springfield
- j) Boston, Providence, Watertown, Merrimack Valley, and Worcester.

4) ACYOA Day: This day is usually held during Lent, with a dinner and a program. The Council will suggest to each chapter to carry it on.

XII. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/YOUTH DIRECTOR

The Council decided to send their ideas of a job description to Ms. Palvetzian, who will compile the ideas and send it back to the members.

The third session of the ACYOA Central Council meeting closed with a prayer led by His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Mooradian

Lisa Mooradian
Recording Secretary



ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

FORMATION OF A CHAPTER

Qualifications:

Five or more persons, qualified to become members of the ACYOA, (See "Formation of Chapter") may organize a chapter with the approval of the Parish Priest and the Parish Council of the local church. One such chapter only may be authorized in each Parish.

When is a Chapter a good one?

1. Obtain the aid of a volunteer competent organizer, who is a faithful and informed son or daughter of the Armenian Church, who is interested in the Armenian youth, who is willing to work with the youth and in harmony with other church organizations to bring about the fulfillment of the ideals of the organization.
2. Choose intelligent and spiritual officers who will guide themselves by the ACYOA Constitution and will be responsible to the Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of North America, to the Central Council and to the other members of his chapter.
3. Organize committees to conduct the diverse programs of the chapter, an active program including religious, educational, cultural, and social features should be planned.

How to form a Chapter?

1. After consultation with the Parish Council, call a meeting of at least five persons interested in forming a chapter and notify the Central Council of the details of time, place, etc.
2. The Central Council will forward copies of the Constitution and other pertinent material for use at this meeting. If possible, members of the Central Council will attend this meeting.
3. The following steps should be taken at this meeting:
 - A. The Constitution must be carefully and thoroughly read to all present. At least one person who can answer questions about different articles and sections of the Constitution must be present at the meeting.

B. A provisional Executive Committee must be chosen. This committee will remain in office until the Annual Membership Meeting takes place. (Article 7/Sec. 1)

4. The provisional Executive Committee will then inform the Parish Council of the formation of a chapter and inform them of the chapter's willingness to work in harmony and cooperate with them for the benefit of the Armenian Church in general and of their local church in particular. A written application for Chapter formation in the A. C. Y. O. A. shall be made by the Pastor and Parish Council and submitted to the Primate and the Central Council for approval. If there is no local Parish or Parish Council, then written application shall be submitted by the potential Chapter to the Primate and the Central Council for approval. At the same time, the provisional Executive Committee will submit to the Central Council the names, addresses and offices held of the Committee.
5. Upon acknowledgement of the receipt of the Charter Application Form by the Central Council, the provisional Executive Committee will proceed to convene its chapter monthly meetings.
6. At the next monthly meeting, the Chairman will advise the prospective members that approval has been received for the formation of a chapter and that application has been made for a Charter. He must read and explain the guidance material and forms sent by the Central Council and each officer must perform the duty assigned to him.
7. The newly-formed chapter is strongly advised to work closely with the Central Council at the outset, to build upon a sturdy foundation of the A. C. Y. O. A. in that parish.



A.C.Y.O.A. SENIORS

Church -

Chairman or Interested Leader (Name, Address, Phone) -

Obtain a List of Members or of Sr. Age -

Armenian Studies Program -

Sports Weekend -

30th Anniversary -

Formation of Chapters -

Central Council (Questions & Expectations) -

Materials Needed (Constitution?) -

If wouldn't work, why not? -

Youth Director -



A.C.Y.O.A. JUNIORS

Church -

Chairman (Name, Address, Phone) -

Number of Members (Dues Paid and Potential) -

Number of Members 18 or over -

Activities + Functions -

Social -

Cultural -

Recreational -

Money-Making -

Closeness to Other Junior Chapters in Geographical Area

If so, what Chapters -

Activities Planned -

Financial Contribution to Church (Annual) -

Convocation + Regional Conferences -

Youth Director - Parish Advisor (Liason) -

A. C. Y. O. A.

PARISH VISITATION SCHEDULE

February 6, 7, 8, 1976

2/06/76 (Friday)

7:30 P. M. - Rev. Haik Donikian (944-3388)
St. Sahag + St. Mesrob Armenian Church (272-7712) #207
70 Jefferson St.
Providence, R.I.

2/07/76 (Saturday)

Call in morning -

Rev. Carnig Hallajian (229-4019) dia
Armenian Church of the Holy Martyrs (225-0235)
209-15 Horace Harding Expressway
Bayside (Queens), N. Y.

4:00 p.m. - Rev. Karekin Kasparian (793-5718) #244
DCN. Arthur Sabounjian (337-9656)
St. Vladimirs Seminary (Westchester)
575 Scarsdale Rd.
Crestwood (Tuckahoe), N. Y.

2/08/76 (Sunday)

11:00 a.m. - Leo Manuelian (283-7837) #12
Holy Cross Church of Armenia (927-4020)
580 West 187th Street
New York (Manhattan), N. Y.

1:00 p.m. - Rev. Mampre Kouzouian (201-Re6-0739)
St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church (679-1728) #12
630 Second Ave.
New York (Manhattan), N. Y.

Very Rev. Arshen Aivazian
Pastor

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HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
101 ASHMEAD ROAD, CHELTENHAM, PENNSYLVANIA 19012

February 9, 1976

Mr. Edward Kaiserian
Chairman, ACYOA Central Council
900 Mickley Road, Apt. XI-3
Whitehall, Pa. 18052

Dear Eddy,

First, on behalf of the parish council, I would like to congratulate you on your election as the chairman of the newly reorganized ACYOA Central Council. We are very proud of the fact that one of our youth was elected to such a responsible position, and we are confident of your abilities to provide the needed leadership to our youth.

We have been following closely the recent developments within the ACYOA, and we are very pleased and happy about the progress made in a very short period of time.

Concerning your last communication in regard to recommendations for an Executive-Secretary, our parish council would like to recommend Miss Marta Mirakian. She has many credentials in her favor, not the least of which is the fact that she is a former chairperson of our ACYOA Chapter and in every level of community life she has proven to be an able leader, a conscientious worker and a very communicative organizer. Marta has a pleasant and mature personality and we feel confident that if chosen for the required position, she will justify all the expectations.

Marta graduates from Temple University next summer, with a degree in Special Education.

Wishing you all the best in your endeavors, I remain,

Yours truly,

Jack Vishab

Jack Vishab,
Chairman, Parish Council

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A.C.Y.O.A.
Central Council Meeting
February 20, 21, 22, 1976
Diocesan Headquarters
New York, New York

Members present:

Anna Garabedian
Edward Kaiserian
Lisa Mooradian
David Onanian
Syrain Palvetzian
Richard Takvorian

FIRST SESSION

I. Opening

The first session of the second Central Council meeting was opened with a prayer led by Chairman Kaiserian at 5:10 p.m.

a) Ms. Mooradian then read the minutes from the October, 1975, meeting. They were approved as read by general consensus.

b) Miss Valerie Goekjian, director of the Council on Religious Education, was introduced to the Council by Ms. Palvetzian.

Ms. Goekjian invited the Council to attend a workshop during the first week of June. The workshop, to be held at St. Vladimir's Theological Orthodox Seminary, will be concerned with how to work with youth.

It was then pointed out by Ms. Palvetzian that the Diocese has depleted its supply of the booklet, Sacraments and Prayers of the Armenian Church, a publication of the A.C.Y.O.A.

After discussion, it was decided that Mr. Kaiserian and Ms. Goekjian will be ex-officio members of a revision committee. Mr. Kaiserian and Ms. Goekjian will solicit members to serve on the committee and report at the next meeting.

II. Treasurer's Report

Ms. Garabedian reported that she has established a checking account, #35041440, and a savings account, #823349, at the Third National Bank in Palmer, Massachusetts.

The income received since the last meeting was \$2648.66 from the Miami chapter for Sports Weekend. \$2000 was put into the savings account; \$648.66 into the checking.

She also reported that she has not received a status report from the Diocese concerning our account. Ms. Palvetzian will see that such a report is made by the next meeting.

Concerning outstanding debts, Ms. Garabedian will give a status report to Mr. Kaiserian on the travel agent donation, Aero-float, voucher, etc. Ms. Kaiserian will send the two letters to the Detroit and Toronto chapters concerning their obligations from Sports Weekend. He will also send a letter to the Bishop of the California diocese concernin~~g~~ their debt from the 1975 Armenian Studies Program.

Mr. Onanian raised a question concerning the Miami Sports Weekend balance sheet. He questioned on what the \$822 under the title of "Miscellaneous" was spent. He will write a letter to George Kalfayan, chairman, asking for a breakdown.

III. Old Business

a) Sports Weekend 1976

Central Council liaison and Sports Weekend ^{MERRIMACK} Chairman Mr. Onanian explained the misunderstanding concerning the ~~Merrimack~~ Valley bid. Lowell was actually bidding to be the host chapter; Lawrence and Haverhill could help if they wanted.

It was decided that any chapter wishing to bid on a Sports Weekend should present a letter from their Parish Council indicating their approval.

Mr. Onanian then gave a status report (attached). John Argonyan will be chairman of public relations. Harry Bohigian will chair the adbook committee. ^{Marrone}

The Sports Weekend will be held at the ~~Hyatt~~ Hotel in Newton, Massachusetts.

The Archbishop suggested that the Ways & Means Committee name be changed to read "Steering Committee."

The next meeting of the Sports Weekend committee was discussed. It was decided that Ms. Garabedian would attend that meeting on February 27 at the Cultural Center.

It was decided by general consensus that to participate in sports, one must be a registered hotel guest. Regarding the remaining rules, Ken Magarian of the Lowell chapter will write "Sports Guidelines" for our approval.

Mr. Takvorian raised the question of the Babayan Cup which the Detroit and Watertown chapters tied for the past year. It was decided that the Diocese will send a letter to Very Rev. Paren Avedikian requesting that he bring the trophy to the next Diocesan Council meeting (March 8). Rev. Fr. Dajad Davidian and Ver Rev. Paren will exchange at that time.

To conclude the discussion, Mr. Onanian said he would have the Sports Weekend Secretary send Central Council a list of committee members by next meeting.

b) Youth Director

Dispensing with the order of topics in the agenda, the Central Council discussed the Youth Director job description.

By general consensus, the job description is as follows:

- 1) to supervise, coordinate, and develop A.C.Y.O.A. chapters in the Diocese; and
- 2) in consultation with the Central Council, to create, organize, and execute programs on a national level.

The First Session adjourned with a prayer led by His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian at 1:05 a.m.

SECOND SESSION

The Second Session opened with a prayer led by Mr. Kaiserian at 11:20 a.m., February 21, 1976.

c) Letterhead

Mr. Onanian showed two artist mock-ups of proposed letterheads. Both designs were turned down, but the type style was kept. It was decided to order the following: 500 sheets on bond with 500 corresponding envelopes and 1000 second sheets. He will also order 3000 duplicating sheets (white with 20% screen and 100% print), 3000 second sheets, and 3000 envelopes.

Formal stationery stock will be yellow with purple print. The A.C.Y.O.A. symbol will be a 20% screen in the middle of the sheet.

d) Endowment Fund

Mr. Kaiserian opened the discussion by reading the letter he wrote to Fr. Artoon and his response.

Since Central Council's questions were not completely answered, Mr. Kaiserian will write a letter: 1) drafting our proposal; and 2) to the Archbishop regarding our investment in the ACEF.

e) Summer Studies Program

Mr. Kaiserian read the letter he sent to the Archbishop regarding our choice of Fr. Nersess Jebejian and Fr. Houssig Bagdasian as directors.

The Council then divided the job into two areas: Managing Director and Educational Director.

Fr. Nersess will be Managing Director and will be responsible for; arrangements with the travel agent, visas, accommodations, price negotiations, publicity, correspondence with parishes, applicants, Echmiadzin, and the Cultural Committee, development of guideline, solicitation of funds, and currency exchange.

The Educational Director, Fr. Houssig, is responsible for: development of curriculum, correspondence with the Cultural Committee re the curriculum, preparation of materials on places the group will visit, supervision of participants at classes, hotels, and field trips, rules for visits with relatives, and discipline.

The Archbishop will write a letter to Fr. Nersess and Fr. Houssig confirming their appointment. The Archbishop also recommended that we send our own language and song teachers -- the dance instructor will be from Yerevan.

Ms. Garabedian reported that Fr. Nersess has made preliminary arrangements departing from New York on June 16 on Swiss Air via Zerook. They will come back on July 16.

Reconvening after lunch, Fr. Houssig joined the Council to discuss his role as Educational Director. It was decided that the two directors will meet before our next meeting to plan their trip.

Ms. Garabedian then said Fr. Nersess recommends that no A.C.Y.O.C. members be allowed to participate in the Program until their past debt is paid. Mr. Kaiserian will send a letter stating the above fact if no answer is received on his two previous letters.

Ms. Garabedian recommended that a "Guidelines Book be prepared for use by the Managing Director when he assumes the post. Fr. Nersess, Fr. Houssig, and Ms. Garabedian will be responsible for the compilation of it by the General Assembly.

Mr. Kaiserian related his discussion with Garbis Bogosian and his bid for the travel arrangements. His was: \$825. which includes: round trip ticket, New York-Moscow-Erevan-New York; overnight Moscow, 3 days intourist, airport cover, ticket good for one year, 1st class, full board.

Fr. Nersess will make the decision between Hye Travel Service and Garbis Bogosian. We will not contract Hye Travel Service until they give Central Council the promised donation.

The Central Council then adjourned to interview George K. Omartian II. The Council reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

f) 1976 Operations

1) Dues: Mr. Kaiserian will write a letter reminding chapters that they should \$5.00 dues for 1976. Two-fifths of this amount should be sent to Central Council. Mr. Kaiserian will write the letter, send a copy to each of the Council members, and they will send it out to their respective chapters.

The following decisions were also made: 1) no initiation fee will be levied in 1976; 2) all obligations to Central Council must be paid by July 30 to participate in the General Assembly; 3) there will be no A Award this year; and 4) each chapter should send us a report of what they did in 1975.

The Central Council also discussed what constitutes a chapter. Five people mak a chapter -- if not: 1) they cannot pay dues to the Central Council; 2) they may not have delegates to the General Assembly; 3) they may not sponsor a regional or national event; 4) seniors who are in a parish that does not qualify for a chpater may become members-at-large; 5) they may attend Sports Weekend; 6) members-at-large may participate in individual sports. They must make arrangements through the Sports Weekend Committee; and 7) they may have a local AC.Y.O.A. Day.

2) Enforcement of Constitution: Mr. Takvorian raised the point of membership cards and application forms. The Central Council revised both. Attached are specifications for them.

Mr. Kaiserian will send a letter to all parishes stating the Article 6, Section 2 of the Constitution is the procedure.

The Second Session adjourned at '9:30 ap.m. with a prayer led by His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian.

THIRD SESSION

The third session opened with a prayer led by Mr. Kaiserian at 11:05 a.m. and February 22, 1976.

g) Diocesan Assembly

The Central Council decided to host a chairmen's round-table during the Assembly in Philadelphia on May 1, 1976.

Mr. Kaiserian will write the letter of invitation and send it to the Diocese for reproduction. Siran will send the copies to each Council member to send to their respective chapters.

Concernign speakers for the round-table, Mr. Onanian will contact Gregory Adamian first. Upon receiving a negative reply from his, the Diocese will contact Charles Avedisian, Judge Arabian and Mrs. Kazanjian.

Tentatively, the agenda for the day will be: 1) Central Council report; 2) Constitutional Amendments; 3) Sports Weekend guidleine; 4) Senior discussion of Junior groups; 5) possible meeting with the Youth Director; and 6) seminar/workshops.

h) Publicity

Mr. Takvorian will write the following releases: A.C.Y.O.A. endorsement of the Lebanon Relief Fund; visitations; this meeting; 30th Anniversary; and Diocesan Assembly Round-Table.

It was decided that the next meeting of the Central Council would be on March 19 and 20 in New York.

The Third Session of the A.C.Y.O.A. Central Council meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m. with a prayer led by His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Mooradian
Lisa Mooradian,
Recording Secretary

General Suggestions: Sacraments & Prayers

1. Leave out section on sacraments
2. Arrange prayers in easier-to-follow and more cohesive way
3. Update list of priests and parishes
4. Put in section on what prayer is (resource materials enclosed)
5. Put in section on confession (resource materials enclosed)
6. Put in Archbishop Tiran's "Who?" (copy enclosed)
7. Put in some of priest's private prayers from Liturgy
8. Change title of book.

I will be willing to help on final editing work.

Valerie Goekjian

A Brief Note on Prayer

Daily Prayers

1. Morning
2. Midday
3. Evening
4. Before Retiring

Occasional Prayers

Prayers for various occasions
A general intercession
Prayers of St. Nersess of Cla
Prayers of St. Gregory of Narek
Prayers of St. John Chrysostom

A note on the Mysteries, esp. the Liturgy Scripture readings before confession

The Form of Confession

Scripture readings before Communion

Prayers before Communion

Prayers after Communion

The Liturgy

The Church Year

Relations with other churches

Fasting

Creed

Confession of faith of St. Gregory of Narek

Church Manners

Prayer:

1. Involves body, soul, and mind since the whole person rises to enter the Kingdom.
2. Should refer to all things, problems, wants, needs; large and small, material and spiritual.
3. Is something you can get progressively better at with practice and training.
 - a. practice means regular prayer
 - b. training means praying with others in church, or at home and especially using the prayers written by great saints in addition to extempore.
4. The Orthodox Church teaches that it is a very good thing to pray for others and to ask others to pray for you. It is especially good to ask the saints for their prayers for you, most of all the prayers of the Holy Virgin Mary, the God-Bearer, your patron saint, and your guardian angel.
5. Since it is best to pray together with others (wherever 2 or 3...), all prayers are printed in the plural (we pray the...) except obviously individual prayers such as confession prayers, etc.
6. Bows, prostrations, sign of the Cross, kneeling, kissing.
7. List of the Hours of the Armenian Church's liturgical prayer.

Saints Vartanantz Armenian Church

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REPORT

2/14/76

TO: THE CENTRAL COUNCIL ACYOA - Regarding Sports Weekend 1976

This past Labor Day weekend the Greater Lowell ACYOA was awarded the bid to host the 7th Annual Sports Weekend and Constitutional Assembly in the Bi-centennial year 1976. Immediately following the weekend the delegates from Lowell announced the recent developments to the chapter and the community in general. In the early part of November the organization held its meeting to formally plan the sports weekend. At which time a General Chairman was selected. David Onanian was appointed and immediately afterwards began to select his committee heads. There were, Mr. Joe Sarkisian, Ways and Means Committee; Jim and Ken Magarian, Athletic Competition Committee; Mr. and Mrs. Brian Alward Art Advisors and Public Relations Committee. General Vahan Vartanian, Commander of the National Guard volunteered and was appointed advisor to the bi-centennial committee. With this partial organization established the General Chairman made the following arrangements:

- 1.) Securing a contract with the Marriott Hotel in Newton, Mass.

The following rates apply \$30-single occup. \$32-double occup.,
\$36 -triple - \$40 quad.

- 2.) Securing Gymnasium facilities at Bentley College, Waltham.
- 3.) Securing entertainment with a variety of different musicians.
- 4.) Art work for logo and mailings near completed.
- 5.) Secured lists of Armenian Businessmen in the Boston area for ad booklet donations.

It is my opinion as Central Council overseer to sports weekend that based on the progress of past sports weekends, the Greater Lowell ACYOA has kept ahead of itself with the necessary preparations. They also have ample help for the work that will inevitably be approaching them. I am also happy to report that the enthusiasm of the chapter is overwhelming, and all facets of operations are going smoothly.

Respectfully submitted,

David Onanian

David Onanian

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

CENTRAL COUNCIL

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
President

Edward P. Kaiserian
Chairman

David Onanian
Vice Chairman

Lisa Mooradian
Recording Secretary

Richard Takvorian
Corresponding Secretary

Anna Garabedian
Treasurer

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REVISED MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Top Side of Card -- Side A



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM
ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Name of Chapter _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Are you a communicant member of the Armenian Church? _____

With which parish of our Diocese are you affiliated? _____

Are you a voting member of that parish? _____

Have you applied for membership in this organization before? _____

to be made in duplicate -- one copy to be retained in Chapter file;
one copy to be forwarded to Central Council with initiation fee.

Bottom Side of Card -- Side B

Date of Birth (month/day/year) _____

Education

Name of School	Dates Attended	Degree Rec'd	Yr	Discipline

Do you have any special interest or qualifications? _____

Occupation _____

To what other organizations do you belong? _____

Date _____ Signature _____

Action of the Chapter Executive Committee _____

REVISED MEMBERSHIP CARD

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

19__

This is to certify that

is a

MEMBER

of the

A.C.Y.O.A.

Parish

of

City

State

President

Treasurer

YOUTH DIRECTOR REQUIREMENTS

1. Knowledge of the Armenian language
2. Knowledge of the Armenian Church
3. Mother tongue of English
4. Good Administrative abilities
5. Ability to travel
6. Ability to create new programs
7. College degree
8. Member of the Armenian Church
9. Experience with youth work

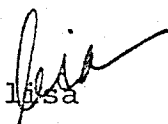
To: Central Council Members

From: Lisa Mooradian

Date: April 8, 1976

In order to get the minutes out to you as soon as possible, I am sending you (enclosed) handwritten copies of them. You will receive a typewritten copy in Philadelphia.

If there are any major changes, please let me know in the next week.


Lisa

A.C.Y.O.A.
Central Council
Fourth Meeting
March 19 and 20, 1976
Diocesan Headquarters
New York, New York

Members Present:

I. Opening

The First Session of the A.C.Y.O.A. Central Council Meeting was opened with a prayer led by His Eminence, Archbishop Torhom Manougian at 10:35 p.m., on March 19, 1976.

a) Secretary's Report

Ms. Mooradian then read the February 20, 21, and 22, 1976, meeting minutes. They were approved with these changes: 1) Under Sports Weekend, the name of the hotel should be "Marriott;" and 2) Under Summer Student Program, add: "Ms. Garabedian volunteered to do all ^{the} typing and mailing necessary, but if it becomes too much of a burden, she may hire someone."

II. Treasurer's Report

a) Present Status

Ms. Garabedian reported the present status of the CC treasury. As of March 19, 1976, there was \$476.07 in the checking account, and \$1,500.00 in savings. A complete financial statement is attached.

b) Diocesan Report

Ms. Garabedian said that she has received a status report from the Diocese concerning our funds. According to their records, the A.C.Y.O.A. Central Council owes the Diocese _____.

However, Ms. Garabedian had a few questions concerning the report. She will give us a final and complete report at the next meeting, and she will also break it down from September 1, 1975 to Dec. 31, 1975.

© Miami Miscellaneous Expenses

Mr. Quanian ~~has~~ related that he sent a letter to George Kalfayan, Miami Sports Weekend Chairman regarding a breakdown of expenses. In between the the time that he sent the letter and Mr. Kalfayan received it, Mr. Quanian spoke with him. Mr. Kalfayan promised a speedy answer to our inquiry

© Accounts Receivable

Ms. Garabedian said, regarding the travel agent donation and the vouchers, that Rev. Fr. Gebejian will handle it. She said that Rev. Fr. Gebejian feels that it is his responsibility and he will take care of obtaining all outstanding debts with regard to the Armenian Studies Program. The Central Council expressed concern over not being ~~also~~ informed of things. It was decided that Mr. Kaiserian will call Rev. Fr. Gebejian and get a full report.

Concerning the A.C.Y.O.C.'s outstanding debt, Mr. Kaiserian has not received a response from his two letters. He will write another letter to the Central Council chairman by certified mail stating that this is our third request.

Before adjournment, Ms. Garabedian related her feelings about the manner in which the Central Council operated. She felt that the Council should stop and evaluate themselves.

The first session of the ACYOA Central Council meeting was closed by a prayer led by His Grace Archbishop Toros Manougian at midnight, March 19, 1976.

Second Session

I. Opening

The second session of the ACYOA Central Council meeting was opened with a prayer led by His Grace Archbishop Toros Manougian at 10:20 a.m., March 20, 1976.

II. Old Business

① Sports Weekend

To open the discussion on Sports Weekend, Mr. Quanian ~~gave~~ submitted a list of committee members. He also reported that the first news release was sent out and the first mailing to ACYOA members nationally will be in two weeks. Mr. Quanian also submitted the Sports Guidelines proposal. Each CC member will read the Guidelines and make their suggestions.

Mr. Kaiserian asked if Mr. Quanian has resolved the state tax situation. Mr. Quanian replied that it has been resolved - that the Sports Weekend Committee will have to pay it, but then the Committee will file for a rebate. Concerning liability

insurance, a rider ~~has~~ will be attached to the Lowell Church's policy.

The question was raised concerning the standardization of the Sports Weekend logo. A decision was tabled until the next meeting.

Mr. Kasserian then suggested that Mr. Onanian write a letter of invitation to clergy and that they be given less expense rates for the weekend.

Mr. Takorian ~~at~~ again raised the question of sports participants staying at the hotel. Central Council reconfirmed their decision that "one must purchase a package plan / be registered with ^{the} Sports Weekend Committee to participate in sports" by a vote of 4 to 1.

Mr. Takorian then raised the point of exchanging the Babayan Cup. Mr. Palvetyan will call Very Rev. Fr. Arzidikian to request that he bring the trophy to next Diocesan Council meeting on Monday, March 22, 1976. He and Rev. Fr. Davidian will make the exchange then.

(c) Letterhead

Mr. Onanian gave a status report on the stationery.

The copy is camera-ready for the stationery, membership cards, and membership applications. Mr. Onanian will proceed with the printing. As soon as the membership cards and applications are ready, he will send them to Mr. Takorian ~~at~~ Mr. Takorian will send them to the Central Council who will send them to their respective chapters.

③ Embodiment Fund

Mr. Kainan opened the discussion by saying

that he had not drafted a proposal yet because he didn't feel it satisfactory as of yet. It was decided that Mr. Kainan

will draft a proposal including the points the Council feels necessary. He will then send it to Mr. Hoshikawa, who will ask Mr. George Kainan, of the E. H. Shin chapter, for his suggestions.

Two necessary points in the proposal, the Council feels, are: 1) that the R.C.Y.O.F. may ~~be~~ withdraw the money with no penalty; and 2) the General Assembly must do the due to ~~the~~ authority with a withdrawal.

④ Summer Study Program

Ms. Hoshikawa reported that the first meeting

(which included applications, guidelines, and requirements) and the first news release were put out. She said that the guidelines would be started the following week.

Ms. Fairbridge gave a report on the meeting between Rev. Fr. Gleason and Rev. Fr. Fr. Engleman. Rev. Fr. Fr. Engleman will not be able to go as Managing Director in 1977. He suggested that we start thinking about someone to take his place by next month.

The Council then discussed the possibility of who to

approach for next year. It was decided that Mr. Hoshikawa

would act, in the following order: 1) Fr. Kainan (Kainan); 2) Fr. Paul Hoshikawa; and 3) Fr. Nestor Kainan.

After reviewing the news release that was sent out,

~~the Council then discussed the possibility of who to~~

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Jebejian's title is Managing Director - not Program Director --
and Very Rev. Fr. Bagdasarian is Educational Director -- not
Associate Director.

The Council then recessed for lunch. During the
break, Ms. Garabedian telephoned Rev. Fr. Karekin to
see if he would accept the 1977 Managing Directorship.
Very Rev. Fr. Karekin will accept pending His Grace
Archbishop Toros Manougian's approval. The Archbishop
said he would send a letter approving the nomination
as soon as he receives one from Mr. Kaiserian and Ms.
Garabedian nominating him.

Ms. Garabedian related that during their telephone
conversation, Rev. Fr. Karekin mentioned some
possible names for the 1977 Educational Directorship. They
are: Very Rev. Fr. Arshen, Very Rev. Fr. Ispishe, Fr. Arz,
Deacon Arthur, Deacon Manoug, Deacon Tasken and
Deacon Michael. This decision will be made at a later date.

It was decided that the Archbishop, Rev. Fr. Jebejian,
Rev. Fr. Nerses, Ms. Palvetyan and Ms. Garabedian will meet
to review applicants for the program.

The Council also decided to accept A.C.Y.O.C. members
if they qualify.

2 Youth Director

The Council then reviewed all the applications that had been received thus far. From the resumes, the Council decided not to interview the following: Anita

Gayda, Mrs Joseph (Mrs) Topalian, Jm, Marta Kinkorian, and George Emattar II. Mr. Palmetyan will conduct preliminary interviews with: ^{and} George Kevork Kalyanlian, Mr. Barakelian, Mr. Oranian, and Mr. Takerean

will interview George Kashyan and Mr. Barakelian and Mr. Takerean will interview George Emattar I. The entire Council will interview Nancy V. Baamayan during ~~the~~ trip to Philadelphia in April

3 Discharge Assembly - Chairman - Barakelian

Mr. Oranian reported that he contacted Mr. Gregory Adamian and that Mr. Adamian might be able to speak to the AYOP if he has no other commitments.

Mr. Kavianian raised the name of Robert Demigian, vice-president of a Philadelphia house for the speaker. The choice of a speaker will be left up to Mr. Kavianian. Mr. Kavianian will also be responsible for the agenda of the day. Tentatively, the agenda is: Morning 1) Central

Council Report, 2) Rules for Sports Weekend, 3) Constitutional Amendments, 4) Discussion of Quarter groups, and 5) Historical projects each chapter can sponsor; Afternoon: Seminar.

Mr. Palmetyan then explained the Assembly's method of deliberation this year. He said that each subject will have a panel assigned to it. The panel will read a brief paper about the

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subject, review it, and present their recommendations to the Assembly.

A.C.Y.O.A. is required to prepare such a paper including background, present situation, future plans and ways the Diocese can help us.

It was decided that Mr. Kaiserian, Mr. Takvarian and Mr. Onanian will formulate this paper. Ms. Garabedian and Ms. Hovradian will send their ideas to Mr. Kaiserian by the end of the week.

Mr. Kaiserian then raised the point of the Archbishop Torkom Manougian trophy. These guidelines were set up regarding it: as of the Assembly, the team that wins the cup is the cupholder -- but any A.C.Y.O.A. chapter may challenge the cupholder at any time during the year with Central Council approval. Mr. Takvarian will solicit the help of the Watertown chapter in arranging the tournament.

As to arrangements regarding food, accommodations, and entertainment, Mr. Kaiserian will handle these with Mr. John Haplazian of Philadelphia. He will also write the letter of invitation to the chapters.

Concluding the discussion, it was decided that the round-table would be limited to seniors but the seminar is open to the public.

① Chapter Contacts

Each member gave a report on their respective chapters. It was decided that each member will submit their written report to Ms. Hovradian who will then attach it to the

minutes.

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manougian suggested that the Council find one or two members from the New York area who, as volunteers, can take care of office work. ~~He~~ Mr. Kaiserian will mention this at the Junior meeting on March 21.

The Archbishop then suggested that ~~we~~ ^{the Council} send a directive to the chapters telling them to join their local March of Dimes foundation. A.C.Y.O.A. members should participate in the Walk-a-thons, ~~celebrating~~ commemorating "the 1 million Armenians who marched to their death in 1915 during the massacres and genocides."

Regarding the reprinting of Sacraments & Prayers, Mr. Kaiserian will meet ~~to~~ with Ms. Val Goeckjan this week.

The Second Session of the A.C.Y.O.A. Central Council meeting was closed with a prayer led by His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manougian at 6:15 p.m., Saturday, March 20, 1976.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Moradian
Recording Secretary.

A. C. Y. O. A.
Central Council
Sixth Meeting
July 23, 24, 25, 1976
Diocesan Headquarters
New York, New York

Present: His Eminence Archbishop Terkom Manougian
Ms. Siraun Palovtzian
Ms. Anna Garabedian
Mr. Edward Kaiserian
Ms. Lisa Mooradian
Mr. David Onanian
Mr. Richard Takosian

I. Opening

The first session of the sixth Central Council meeting was opened with a prayer ^{led} by His Eminence, Archbishop Terkom Manougian at 10:30 p.m., July 23, 1976

II. Secretary's Report

Ms. Mooradian then read the Secretary's Report of the March 19 and 20 meeting. Changes made: omit Ms. Palovtzian from the group who will review Armenian Studies Program applicants; under letterhead add that Mr. Onanian will obtain a price quote and then inform Ms. Palovtzian so she may get a comparison. Also, Fr. Ari's name is spelled Ari, not Are.

III Treasurer's Report.

Ⓐ Present Status

Ms. Garabedian presented the Financial Statement as of July 23, 1976. Attached is the complete report. She asked that each Council member make an effort to record their expenses and what they were for.

Ⓑ Diocesan Report

Concerning the Diocesan funds and ours, it was decided that the Diocesan report will be included in the report to the General Assembly. Before the GA, Ms. Garabedian will meet with Diocesan accountants.

c) Miami Miscellaneous Expense

Mr. Onanian reported that he has received no response from his initial inquiry to George Kalfayan. It was decided that Mr. Kasisrian will write Miami chapter chairperson Carolyn Nerezian for an itemization of the \$800 miscellaneous expense.

d) Accounts Receivable

Mr. Kasisrian will write another letter to Very Rev. Fr. Garen Avetikian, cc to Gary Zamanigian and Harry Mamassian, concerning the uncollected funds from Sports Weekend 1971.

Mr. Kasisrian will also send another letter to Archdeacon Shushmanian concerning the uncollected funds from Sports Weekend 1974.

e) Armenian Studies Program

Ms. Garabedian did not give a full report - she has to wait until Rev. Fr. Nerses Jhejian returns to the country. She will give a complete report at the next meeting.

The first session ^{was} adjourned with a prayer led by His Eminence, Archbishop Torbom Manougian at midnight, July 24, 1976.

Second Session

The second session was opened with a prayer led by His Eminence, Archbishop Torbom Manougian at 8:20 a.m., July 24, 1976.

IV. Old Business

A) Sports Weekend

Mr. Onanian reported that since the last meeting, things were not going so well with the Sports Weekend Committee. But Mr. Kaiserian met with the Committee, and since then, things have been going well. They are now mailing 2-3 pieces a week and will continue to do so until Sports Weekend. He also mentioned the fact that the Post Office has been making material late and that the SW Committee has outdated mailing lists.

According to Mr. Onanian, a rider has been attached to the Lowell Church's insurance policy to cover that weekend.

The SW Committee is offering clergy a free package plan, with the wives paying only \$50. The Council discussed the cost for the General Assembly and decided that Mr. Kaiserian should write a letter to the chapters reminding them that

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clergy should attend; and that the ^{cost} ~~price~~ for those nights be assumed by the chapter or the Parish Council.

Mr. Moradian then read two letters from the Watertown Parish Council and Michael Zytosian (Worcester Youth Director) protesting the Central Council decision that "one must purchase a package plan/be registered with the Sports Weekend Committee to participate in sports." The Council considered their points, but decided, in order to be fair to those travelling long distances, the decision would stand. Mr. Kaiserian will answer ~~two~~ ^{the} two letters, and will also write another to the chapters restating the decision.

At this time, Mr. Takorian read the minutes of a meeting in Lowell for the chapters: Haverhill, Lawrence, Lowell, Watertown, Providence, Worcester, and Boston. Attached is a copy of these.

Concerning further publicity, Mr. Kaiserian suggested that a registration form be sent with each subsequent mailing.

Mr. Oranian then raised the possibility of combining the Sports Weekend Ad Book with a ~~photography~~ ^{photo} memoirs of the weekend. It was decided to try it this year.

After reviewing the Sports Guidelines, the Council said the following revisions be made:

- 1) Part II, #15 - number of participants changed to 2
- 2) Part III, #11-2 - add Special Rule
- 3) Part III, #3-2 - delete "etc."
- 4) General Rules, #2 - should read: "Chapters may sport an extra team. Points will be given in that classification, and a trophy will be awarded. The Athletic Committee requests that those Chapters wishing to bring additional teams should inform the Athletic Director."

The Council also decided that the number and kind of awards which must be given be added to the Guidelines. Concerning the Babayan Cup and Kulpangyan trophies, it was decided that they will be the only ones which will be continental -- from now on, anyone wishing to have a trophy bear their name will have to underwrite it -- part or all of the interest which will be given to Chapter who wins for their Sports Program.

A revised copy of the guidelines and any proposals received by Lowell will be submitted to the General Assembly for approval. The Sports Weekend Committee will also release a revised copy immediately.

It was decided that these guidelines will govern SW 176 -- the decision of the General Assembly will govern succeeding Sports Weekends.

A procedure for a chapter to bid on a Sports Weekend was prepared. It is:

Any chapter wishing to bid on a Sports Weekend/Gen. Ass.

must:

- 1) have met all Central Council and organizational obligations
- 2) ~~Must~~ come with a letter of authorization from Clergy, Parish Council, and Chapter Chairman.
- 3) be able to present proposed plans for the event, including location, accommodations, dates
- 4) present a tentative committee structure
- 5) plan to meet with a Central Council member immediately following the General Assembly

These guidelines will be sent to each chapter before the 1976 General Assembly.

In concluding the discussion on Sports Weekend, Mr. Onanian will send copies of all mailings to Ms. Galvetyan. He will also make sure ads are placed in the Mirror-Spectator and the Armenian Reporter. Also, if Mr. Onanian will send Ms. Galvetyan flyers, she will include it in the One World Festival mailing.

The second session recessed at 2:30 pm.,

Saturday, July 24, 1976.

The Third Session of the Sixth Central Council meeting, ^{was} opened ~~at 9 p.m.~~ at 9 p.m., Saturday, July 24, 1976.

③ Endowment Fund

Mr. Kaiserian reported that the status of the ACYOA proposal to the Endowment Fund is unchanged; however, he will prepare a proposal for presentation at the General Assembly.

④ Armenian Studies Program

Mr. Kaiserian will write a letter to Rev. Jr. Karekin Kasparian confirming his nomination and asking him to write Interviewist reserving space, tentative dates, and number of people for 1977.

Regarding the uncollected funds from the ACYOC for their share of 1975 ASP expenses, Mr. Kaiserian talked with the Primate of the California diocese. The Council decided that it will not pay the entire amount owed to the Vehapaw; the Council will ask St. Etchmiadzin to collect the remainder from California.

Ms. Paruledian will write a letter to California asking them to participate in travel arrangements next year. It will be stressed that Rev. Jr. Karekin will have last say on applicants and guidelines. If California does not agree with this, they may sponsor their own program.

Mr. Onanian suggested a letter be written to each participant ~~to~~ welcoming them back, and stating that service to the Church is essential. Ms. Garabedian will draft a letter for Mr. Kaiserian's signature. They will also be invited to Sports Weekend with their materials.

Ms. Garabedian will also draft a letter of gratitude to Rev. Fr. Nerses under Mr. Kaiserian's signature.

The Council then discussed names for the 1977 Educational Director. In order of preference they are: 1) Very Rev. Fr. Ghervent; 2) Rev. Fr. Michael; and 3) Rev. Fr. Zaven. Mr. Kaiserian will ask the Primate for his choice. Then Mr. Kaiserian will let Ms. Garabedian know so she can tell Rev. Fr. Karekin, who will write the choice.

Ms. Garabedian will ask Fr. Nerses to send press releases with pictures to the papers.

① Youth Director

It was decided that Mr. Kaiserian will write letters of rejection to the following applicants: Deacon Michael Ohanesian, A. G. Aharonian, Stephanie Kabanian, John Vartan Valentine, and Nishan Parklakian. The application of Marsha Kanjan will be held. Mr. Kaiserian, Mr. Paksorian, and Mr. Onanian will interview George W. Tashjian the weekend of July 30 and George Amarian I. Ms. Galvetzian will see Gannik Messirian and Kevork Kalayjian.

V. New Business

Ⓐ Membership

All membership applications were then gathered. As of July 24, 1976, the Council had received these forms and money:

Weynewood - 8 forms, no money

Chicago - 19 forms, \$38.00

Providence - 15 forms, \$30.00

E. St. Louis - 5 forms, \$10.00

Bayside - 23 forms, \$46.00

Detroit - 128 forms, \$256.00

Marty Kargonian - 1 form, \$5.00

Hona Karoghlanian - 1 form, \$5.00

Charles Slagen - 1 form, no money

Total # of forms: 201

After reviewing the applications from the Detroit chapter, the Council found 76 of them unacceptable because of partial information. Ms. Usovradian will inform them and ask them to re-submit new forms.

Since such a low number of forms were gathered, it was decided to extend the deadline date to August 20, 1976. Each CL member will solicit from their area.

Regarding Detroit and Toronto's visit obligations from Sports Weekend, Mr. Kauerian will write them the week of August 1. If the Council is not satisfied with their answer, visits will be made by Mr. Onanian (Toronto) and Mr. Kauerian (Detroit), the cost of which will

to be borne by the chapters.

It was also decided that "any chapter fulfilling their obligations at any time during the General Assembly will be seated and recognized. Sports Weekend participation is solely dependent upon satisfying all obligations to the organization and the Sports Weekend Committee."

③ Funds from Diocesan Council

It was decided to postpone discussion of General Assembly until the three other points under New Business ~~are~~ were discussed.

Mr. Kaiserian suggested that since the Council has been doing the work of a Youth Director, some of the money allotted to ~~the~~ ^{the ACYPA} by the Diocese, should be transferred to the ACYPA now so work can be continued.

The Primate said he foresaw no problem. We asked, that from this date, we submit a monthly itemized financial statement to Mr. Palvetzian.

④ Sacraments and Prayers

Mr. Kaiserian reported that he and Ms. Gackjian met concerning the reprinting of the book, Sacraments & Prayers. They decided that each would go through and suggest changes.

We also reminded the Council that the point of an ACYPA prayer and pledge be raised at the General Assembly.

⑤ General Assembly

Proposals for the General Assembly are:
from Detroit:

- 1) to discuss possible participation on the family level of Sports Weekend
- 2) a delegate should state, in writing, 60 days prior to the General Assembly, his/her choice of committee assignment
- 3) only one person per chapter per year may be elected to Central Council

from Watertown:

- 1) a glossary and index should be added to the ~~Coast~~ Constitution which should then be published from Central Council :-

- 1) discussion should be made to resolve the issue of a standardized Sports Weekend logo
- 2) in 1976, the next two General Assembly/Sports Weekend sites be selected, and effective 1977, the General Assembly/SW site for 1979 be chosen
- 3) that ACVOA chapters take an active involvement in the Mattie's Day Commemoration^(cp) and that a nationally-organized youth activity be held at Biscason Headquarters in New York

It was decided that since the Council does not know the delegate's names, the letter of invitations and addenda will be sent to the chairman with enough material for each delegate. To go in this mailing will be: 1) letter of invitation; 2) agenda; 3) proposals; 4) schedule; 5) rules of procedure; and 6) accommodations.

Schedule for the General Assembly is:
Wednesday, September 1, 1976:

5-7 p.m.	Registration Hotel Lobby
7-10 p.m.	First Business Session
10-7 p.m.	Coffee, Registration & First Committee Sessions

Thursday, September 2, 1976

8-9 a.m.	Breakfast
9 - noon	Second Business Session
noon to 1 p.m.	Lunch
1 p.m. to 3	Second Committee Session
3 p.m. to 6	Third Business Session
6 p.m. to 8	Dinner
8 p.m. to 9	Third Committee Session (if necessary)
8 p.m. to ?	Fourth Business Session

Friday, September 3, 1976

8-9 a.m.	Breakfast
9 - noon	Final Business Session
noon to 1 p.m.	Lunch

Mr. Cranian then reported the package plan prices for the General Assembly: \$65 single; \$43 double; \$33 triple; and \$29 quad.

The Third Session recessed at 2:14 a.m., July 25, 1976.

Fourth Session

The Fourth Session was opened at 1 p.m., July 25, 1976.

The Council interviewed a youth director applicant Armen Enkababian from Flushing, New York. After the interview, the Council decided to offer him the job if the Primate approves. Ms. Palvetyan will arrange an appointment with the Primate and Mr. Enkababian. She will also solicit a letter of recommendation from Rev. Parnig. If the Primate approves, Mr. Kaiserian will write Mr. Enkababian with the terms of agreement, asking him to contact Ms. Palvetyan with his answer.

The Council then met with two representatives of the Holy Martyr's AyoA.

Resuming business, the Council formulated the agenda for the General Assembly:

- I. Invocation
- II. Roll Call
- III. Election of Assembly Officers - App't of Parliamentarian
- IV. Chairman's Address
- V. Adoption of Rules of Parliamentary Procedure
- VI. Adoption of Rules of Procedure
- VII. Appointment of Committees
 - A. Budget
 - B. Nominating
 - C. Auditing
 - D. Proposals
 - E. Resolutions
 - F. Amendments & By-Laws
 - G. National Events
 - H. Reading of Minutes
- VIII. Orinate's Address
- IX. Report of Minutes Reading Committee
- X. Old Business
 - A. Report of the Central Council - Review
 - B. Financial Report
 - C. Chapter Reports

XI New Business

A. Amendments & By-Laws

B. Proposals

XII. Report of the Budget Committee

XIII. Election of Central Council

XIV. Resolutions

XV. Selection of General Assembly / SW Site & Date

XVI. Presentation of Host Banner

XVII. Adjournment & Benediction

Concluding discussion of the General Assembly, Ms. Ivoradian will compile a membership list for Ms. Palovtzian. Mr. Quanian will send CC stationery to Ms. Palovtzian immediately.

Before adjournment, it was decided that Mr. Takvorian will issue a press release concerning the meeting and Ms. Ivoradian will send an update to the chapters.

The Sixth Central Council meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m., July 25, 1976.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Ivoradian
Recording Secretary

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT 7/23/76

INCOME

Sports Weekend '75	\$ 2,648.66
Armenian Studies Program	36,340.75
Interest from Stocks & Bonds	231.25
Dues	76.00
Savings interest	34.93
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	\$39,331.59

EXPENSES

Armenian Studies Program	\$26,740.11
Philadelphia meeting	701.71 (673.90)
Supplies	99.83
Sports Weekend	3.92 (-----)
Telephone	122.35 (186.30)
Chapter contacts	321.40 (249.18)
Meeting expenses	<hr/> 1,336.19
	\$29,325.51

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE 7/23/76- \$ 370.51

SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE 7/23/76- 9,635.57

ARMENIAN STUDIES PROGRAM NET PROCEEDS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL FATHER NERSESS RETURNS FROM ARMENIA AS THERE ARE STILL BILLS OUTSTANDING.

THE TOTAL IN THE SAVINGS ACCOUNT EXCLUDING THE INTEREST IS THE TOTAL SUM OF MONY OF THE ARMENIAN STUDIES PROGRAM. AT THE PRESENT DATE. UPON HIS RETURN WE WILL CLOSE OUT THE ACCOUNT AND I WILL PRESENT THE COMPLETE FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO EACH OF YOU.

THE REASON WHY I HAVE TWO AMOUNTS UNDER EXPENSES IS DUE TO THE TELEPHONE BILLS ~~NOT~~ NOT ITEMIZED AS TO WHAT ACCOUNTS TO CHARGE THEM TO 1/2 OF YOU DO IT AND THE OTHER HALF DOESN'T, THEREFORE WE HAVE TO DECIDE IF THE TELEPHONE CALLS WILL GO UNDER TELEPHONE OR EVERYONE WILL HAVE TO ITEMIZE THEIR BILLS THIS WEEKEND PLUS ITEMIZE THE NEW ONES TO BE SENT BEFORE THE WEEKEND.

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

CENTRAL COUNCIL REPORT
ACYOA SPORT'S WEEKEND
July 10, 1976

PUBLICITY

-- as of 7/10/76, four mailings have gone out:

- 1). general information(sent out May, 1976)
- 2). specific weekend schedule(sent out 6/21/76) *
- 3). letter with applications(sent out 7/09/76) *
- 4). rules and regulations(sent out 7/1/76) *

*many chapters not received as of 7/10/76

-- for 7/12/76, Monday mailing

- 1). first class mailing to all
- 2). include everything
- 3). copies sent to Primate and Central Council
- 4). to chapter chairmen letter of mailing explanation also

-- general

all publicity must include copies to the Primate and Central Council(first class mailing)

**7/09/76; discovered mail problem
posters all ready made

July 11, 1976

--*meeting

Edward Kaiserian, David Onanian, Richard Takvorian
ACYOA Chapters: Watertown, Boston, Providence
Clergy: Very Rev. Ghevont Samoorian
*see minutes of meeting

July 12, 1976

--*meeting

Edward Kaiserian
Sports Weekend Committee
*report of E. Kaiserian

Central Council

A.C.Y.O.A.
Sports Weekend Discussion
meeting
Lowell Community Center
Chelmsford, Mass.
July 11, 1976

Present: Very Rev. Ghevont Samoorian, St. Vartanantz Armenian Church
Edward Kaiserian, ACYOA Central Council
David Onanian, ACYOA Central Council, Sports Weekend Chairman
Richard Takvorian, ACYOA Central Council
ACYOA Chapter Representatives: Boston, Providence, Watertown

The Sport's Weekend discussion meeting was opened at 12:45 pm. , Saturday, July 11, 1976, with a prayer led by Very Rev. Ghevont Samoorian, Pastor, St. Vartanantz Armenian Church, Chelmsford, Mass.

Mr. Kaiserian welcomed the representatives and gave an introduction as to the procedure for the meeting. Each chapter will be given ten minutes to voice any problems they see in Sports Weekend '76. Two people from each chapter may speak. After all chapters have spoken, all others may have voice.

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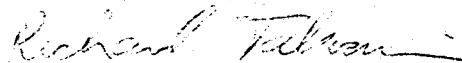
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A.C.Y.O.A.
Central Council
Sixth Meeting
July 23, 24, 25, 1976
Diocesan Headquarters
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Ms. Syraun Palvetzian
Ms. Anna Garabedian
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I. Opening

The First Session of the Sixth Central Council meeting was opened with a prayer led by His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian at 10:30 p.m., July 23, 1976.

II. Secretary's Report

Ms. Mooradian then read the Secretary's Report of the March 19 and 20 meeting. Changes made were: omit Ms. Palvetzian's name from the group who will review Armenian Studies applicants; under Letterhead, add that Mr. Onanian will obtain a price quote and then inform Ms. Palvetzian so she may get a comparison. Also, Fr. Ari's name is spelled ARI -- not ARE.

III. Treasurer's Report

a) Present Status

Ms. Garabedian presented the Financial Statement as of July 23, 1976. Attached is the complete report. She asked that each Council member make an effort to record their expenses and what they were for.

b) Diocesan Report

Concerning the Diocesan funds and the Council's, it was decided that the Diocesan report will be included in the report to the General Assembly. Before the Assembly, Ms. Garabedian will meet with Diocesan accountants.

c) Miami Miscellaneous Expense

Mr. Onanian reported that he has received no response from his initial inquiry to George Kalfayan. It was decided that Mr. Kaiserian will write Miami chapter chairperson Carolyn Nenezian for an itemization of the \$800 miscellaneous expense.

d) Accounts Receivable

Mr. Kaiserian will write another letter to Very Rev. Paren Avedikian, cc to Gary Zamanigian and Harry Mamassian, concerning the uncollected funds from Sports Weekend 1971.

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e) Armenian Studies Program

Ms. Garabedian did not give a full report-- she has to wait until Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian returns to the country. She will give a complete report at the next meeting.

The First Session was adjourned with a prayer led by His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian at midnight, July 24, 1976.

Second Session

The Second Session was opened with a prayer led by His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian at 8:20 a.m., July 24, 1976.

IV. Old Business

a) Sports Weekend

Mr. Onanian reported that since the last meeting, things were not going so well with the Sports Weekend Committee. But, Mr. Kaiserian met with the Committee, and since then, things have been going well. They are now mailing 2-3 pieces a week and will continue to do so until Sports Weekend. He also mentioned the fact that the Post Office has been mailing material late and that the Committee has outdated mailing lists.

According to Mr. Onanian, a rider has been attached to the Lowell church's insurance policy to cover that weekend.

The Sports Weekend Committee is offering clergy a free package plan, with the wives paying only \$50. The Council discussed the cost for the General Assembly and decided that Mr. Kaiserian should write a letter to the chapters reminding them that clergy should attend and that the cost for those nights of the Assembly be assumed by the chapter or the Parish Council.

Ms. Mooradian then read two letters from the Watertown Parish Council and Michael Zeytoonian (Worcester Youth Director) protesting the Central Council decision that "one must purchase a package plan/be registered with the Sports Weekend Committee to participate in sports." The Council considered their points, but decided, in order to be fair to those travelling long distances, the decision would stand. Mr. Kaiserian will answer the two letters and will also write another to the chapters restating the decision.

At this time Mr. Takvorian read the minutes of a meeting in Lowell for the chapters of Haverhill, Lawrence, Lowell, Watertown, Providence, Worcester, and Boston. Attached is a copy of those.

Mr. Onanian then raised the possibility of combining the Sports Weekend Ad Book with memoirs of the weekend, to be published after the Weekend. It was decided to try it this year.

After reviewing the Sports Guidelines, the Council made the following revisions:

- 1) Part II, #15 - number of participants changed to 2
- 2) Part III, #11-2 - add Special Rule
- 3) Part III, #3-e - delete "etc."
- 4) General Rules, #2 - should read: "Chapters may sport an extra team. Points will be given in that classification, and a trophy will be awarded. The Athletic Committee requests that those Chapters wishing to bring additional teams should inform the Athletic Director."

The Council also decided that the number and kind of awards which must be given be added to the Guidelines. Concerning the Babayan Cup and Kulhanjian trophy, it was decided that they will be the only ones which will be continual -- from now on, anyone wishing to have a trophy bear their name will have to endow it -- part or all of the interest will be given to the chapter who wins the trophy for the Sports Program.

A revised copy of the Guidelines and any proposals received by Lowell will be submitted to the General Assembly for approval. The Sports Weekend Committee will also release a revised copy immediately.

It was decided that these guidelines will govern Sports Weekend 1976 -- the decision of the General Assembly will govern succeeding Sports Weekends.

A procedure for a chapter to bid on a Sports Weekend was prepared. It is:

ANY CHAPTER WISHING TO BID ON A SPORTS WEEKEND/GENERAL ASSEMBLY MUST:

- 1) Have met all Central Council and organization obligations
- 2) Come with a letter of Authorization from Clergy, Parish Council, and Chapter Chairman
- 3) Be able to present proposed plans for th event, including location, accommodations, and dates
- 4) Present a tentative committee structure
- 5) Plan to meet with a Central Council member immediately following the General Assembly

These guidelines will be sent to each chapter before the 1976 General Assembly.

In concluding the discussion of Sports Weekend, Mr. Onanian will send copies of all mailings to Ms. Palvetzian. He will also make sure ads are placed in the Mirror-Spectator and the Armenian Reporter. Also, if Mr. Onanian will send Ms. Palvetzian flyers, she will include it in the One World Festival Mailing.

The Second Session recessed at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, July 24, 1976.

THIRD SESSION

The Third Session of the Sixth Central Council meeting was opened at 9 p.m., Saturday, July 24, 1976.

b) Endowment Fund

Mr. Kaiserian reported that the status of the ACYOA proposal to the Endowment Fund is unchanged; however, he will prepare a proposal for presentation at the General Assembly.

c) Armenian Studies Program

Mr. Kaiserian will write a letter to Rev. Fr. Karekin Kasparian confirming his nomination and asking him to write Intourist reserving space, tentative dates, and number of people for 1977.

Regarding the uncollected funds from the ACYOA for their share of 1975 ASP expenses, Mr. Kaiserian talked with the Primate of the Californai diocese. The Council decided that it will not pay the entire amount owed to the Vehapar; the Council will ask Etchmiadzin to collect the remainder from California.

Ms. Garabedian will write a letter to California asking them to participate in travel arrangements next year. It will be stressed that Rev. Fr. Karekin will have last say on applicants and guidelines. If Californian does not agree with this, they may sponsor their own program.

Mr. Onanian suggested a letter be written to each participant welcoming them back, and stating that service to the Church is essential. Ms. Garabedian will draft a letter for Mr. Kaiserian's signature. They will also be invited to Sports Weekend with their materials.

Ms. Garabedian will also draft a letter of gratitude to Rev. Fr. Nersess under Mr. Kaiserian's signature.

The Council then discussed names for the 1977 Educational Director. In order of preference, they are: 1) Very Rev. Fr. Ghevont; 2) Rev. Fr. Michael; and 3) Rev. Fr. Zaven. Mr. Kaiserian will ask the Primate for his choice. Then Mr. Kaiserian will let Ms. Garabedian know so she can tell Rev. Fr. Karekin, who will write the choice.

Ms. Garabedian will ask Fr. Nersess to send press releases with pictures to the papers.

d) Youth Director

It was decided that Mr. Kaiserian will write letters of rejection to the following applicants: Deacon Michael Ohanessian, A.G. Aharonian, Stephanie Madanian, John Vartan Valentine, and Nishan Parlakian. The application of Marsha Kanjian will be held. Mr. Kaiserian, Mr. Takvorian, and Mr. Onanian will interview George W. Tashjian the weekend of July 30 and George Omartian I. Ms. Palvetzian will see Jannik Missirian and Kevork Kalayjian.

V. New Business

a) Membership

All membership applications were then gathered. As of July 24, 1976, the Council had received these forms and money:

Wynnewood - 8 forms, no money

Chicago - 19 forms. \$38

Providence- 15 forms, \$30

E. St. Louis - 5 forms, no money
 Bayside - 23 forms, \$46
 Detroit - 128 forms, \$256
 Marty Kargenian - 1 form, \$5
 Mona Karoghlanian - 1 form, \$5
 Charles Slagen - 1 form, no money

TOTAL # OF FORMS: 201

After reviewing the applications from the Detroit chapter, the Council found 76 of them unacceptable because of partial information. Ms. Mooradian will inform them and ask them to re-submit new forms.

Since such a low number of forms were gathered, it was decided to extend the deadline date to August 20, 1976. Each Council member will solicit from their area.

Regarding Detroit and Toronto's unmet obligations from Sports Weekend, Mr. Kaiserian will write them the week of August 1. If the Council is not satisfied with their answer, visits will be made by Mr. Onanian (Toronto) and Mr. Kaiserian (Detroit), the cost of which will be borne by the chapters.

It was also decided that "any chapter fulfilling their obligations at any time during the General Assembly will be seated and recognized. Sports Weekend participation is solely dependent upon satisfying all obligations to the organization and the Sports Weekend Committee."

c) Funds from Diocesan Council

It was decided to postpone discussion of the General Assembly until the three other points under New Business were discussed.

Mr. Kaiserian suggested that since the Council has been doing the work of a Youth Director, some of the money allotted to the ACYOA by the Diocese should be transferred to the ACYOA now so work can be continued.

The Primate said he foresaw no problem. He asked, that from this date, we submit a monthly itemized statement to Ms. Palvetzian.

d) Sacraments and Prayers

Mr. Kaiserian reported that he had Ms. Goekjian met concerning the reprinting of the book, Sacraments and Prayers. They decided that each would go through and suggest changes.

He also reminded the Council that the point of an ACYOA prayer and pledge be raised at the General Assembly.

b) General Assembly

Proposals received by the Council for the General Assembly are:

from Detroit:

1) to discuss possible participation on the family level of Sports Weekend

- 2) a delegate should state, in writing, 60 days prior to the Assembly, his/her choice of committee assignment
- 3) only one person per chapter per year may be elected to Central Council

from Watertown:

- 1) a glossary and index should be added to the Constitution which should then be published

from Central Council:

- 1) discussion should be made to resolve the issue of a standardized Sports Weekend logo
- 2) in 1976, the next two General Assembly/Sports Weekend Sites be selected, and effective 1977, the GA/SW site for 1979 be chosen
- 3) that ACYOA chapters take an active involvement in the Martyr's Day Commemoration and that a nationally organized Youth Activity be held at Diocesan Headquarters.

It was decided that since the Council does not know the delegate's names, the letter of invitation and addenda will be sent to the chairmen with enough material for each delegate. To go in this mailing will be: 1) letter of invitation; 2) agenda; 3) proposals; 4) schedule; 5) rules of procedure; and 6) accommodations. Schedule for the General Assembly will be:

Wednesday, September 1, 1976

5 - 7 p.m.	Registration
7 - 10 p.m.	First Business Session
10 - ? p.m.	Coffee, Registration, and First Committee Sessions

Thursday, September 2, 1976

8 - 9 a.m.	Breakfast
9 - noon	Second Business Session
noon - 1 p.m.	Lunch
1 - 3 p.m.	Second Committee Session
3 - 6 p.m.	Third Business Session
6 - 8 p.m.	Dinner
8 - 9 p.m.	Third Committee Session (if necessary)
8 - ?	Fourth Business Session

Friday, September 3, 1976

8 - 9 a.m.	Breakfast
9 - noon	Final Business Session
noon - 1 p.m.	Lunch

Mr. Onanian reported the package plan prices for the General Assembly: \$65 single, \$43 double, \$33 triple, and \$29 quad.

The Third Session recessed at 2:14 a.m., July 25, 1976.

FOURTH SESSION

The Fourth Session was opened at 1 p.m., July 25, 1976.

The Council interviewed Youth Director applicant Armen Enkababian from Flushing, New York, After the interview, the Council decided to offer him the job if the Primate approves. Ms. Palvetzian will arrange an appointment with the Primate and Mr. Enkababian. She will also solicit a letter of recommendation from Der Karnig. If the Primate approves, Mr. Kaiserian will write Mr. Enkababian with the terms of agreement, asking him to contact Ms. Palvetzian with his answer.

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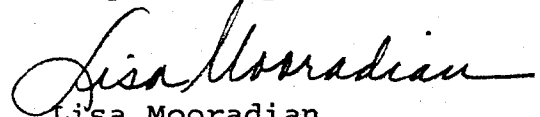
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Before adjournment, it was decided that mr. Takvorian will issue a press release concerning the meeting and Ms. Mooradian will send an update to the chapters.

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Sports Weekend '75	\$ 2,648.66
Armenian Studies Program	36,340.75
Interest from Stocks & Bonds	231.25
Dues	76.00
Savings interest	<u>34.93</u>
	\$39,331.59

EXPENSES

Armenian Studies Program	\$26,740.11
Philadelphia meeting	701.71 (673.90)
Supplies	99.83
Sports Weekend	3.92 (-----)
Telephone	122.35 (186.30)
Chapter contacts	321.40 (279.18)
Meeting expenses	<u>1,336.19</u>
	\$29,325.51

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE 7/23/76- \$ 370.51

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ACYOA SPORT'S WEEKEND
July 10, 1976

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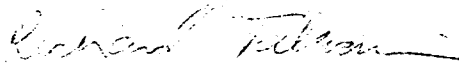
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A.C.Y.O.A.
Central Council
Seventh Meeting of 1976
September 5, 1976
Hotel Marriott
Newton, Massachusetts

Present: His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Ms. Syraun Palvetzian
Ms. Anna Garabedian
Mr. Edward P. Kaiserian
Mr. Kerry Kaysserian, Central Council member-elect
Ms. Lisa Mooradian
Mr. David Onanian
Ms. Janet Takvorian, Central Council member-elect
Mr. Richard Takvorian

I. Opening

The Seventh meeting of the A.C.Y.O.A. Central Council was opened with a prayer led by His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Mannogian at 1 p.m. on September 5, 1976.

II. Election of Officers

Since the General Assembly of 1976 failed to define a Central Council member's term of office, it was decided that the term of office for this year would be January to December. Therefore, Ms. Garabedian and Mr. Takvorian will remain on the Council until December 31, 1976. Ms. Takvorian and Mr. Kaysserian will take office on January 1, 1977. Officers of the Council will be elected at its October 29, 30, and 31 meeting in New York.

III. General Assembly

The dates of December 3, 4, and 5 and December 10, 11, and 12 were discussed as the only available times that the Primate could attend the Assembly. Ms. Palvetzian will check the Primate's calendar and inform Mr. Kaiserian of the confirmed date by September 10, 1976.

Since the New York area chapters will host the Special Assembly, Mr. Kaiserian and Ms. Takvorian will call a meeting with the chapters on September 12 to inform them of their responsibilities.

Concerning the Assembly recently adjourned, Deacon Arthur Sabounjian, chairman of the Assembly, will write a letter to the Diocesan Council stating all the major decision of the Assembly before September 16, the Diocesan Council's meeting.

Mr. Kaysserian volunteered to formulate a proposal regarding the General Assembly. He will send it to the Central Council in care of Mr. Kaiserian by the end of September.

IV. Regional Retreats

Since the proposal concerning regional retreats was passed by the General Assembly, each Council member will develop, with consultation, a theme, program, speakers, etc., by October 15. These should be sent to Mr. Kaiserian.

V. Armenian Studies Program

Mr. Kaiserian reported on his meeting with Rev. Fr. Karekin Kasparian, managing director of the 1977 Program. Rev. Fr. Karekin told Mr. Kaiserian that because of other responsibilities, he would have to reduce his participation in the preparation of the Program. He requested an assistant.

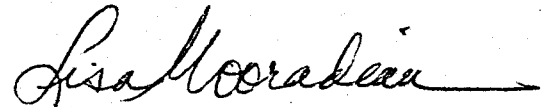
The Council decided to look for another Managing Director for these reasons: 1) Rev. Fr. Karekin can not go in 1978; 2) the workload is too much for Rev. Fr. Karekin; and 3) the added expense of an assistant to the managing director would be too great.

It was decided that Rev. Fr. Patee Metjian would be asked to assume the position of managing director for 1977. The names of Very Rev. Fr. Carang, Very Rev. Fr. Paren, Rev. Fr. Garabed, Rev. Fr. Michael, Very Rev. Fr. Ghevont, and Rev. Fr. Zaven will be considered for the 1977 Educational Director.

Ms. Garabedian will have all files (present and previous) of the Armenian Studies Program at the next central Council meeting. She will also ask Rev. Fr. Nersess to issue a news release with pictures. She will also ask him to write a release acknowledging the donors for the Armenian Studies Program without revealing the amount given.

The Seventh meeting of the A.C.Y.O.A. Central Council was adjourned with a prayer led by His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian at 3 p.m., September 5, 1976.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa A. Mooradian
Recording Secretary

A.C.Y.O.A.
1977 Central Council

First Meeting

January 15, 16, 1977
Diocesan Headquarters
New York, N.Y.

Present: His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Ms. Syraun Palvetzian
Brian Bogosian
Edward Kaiserian
Kerry Kaysserian
Lisa Mooradian

Absent: Janet Takvorian

First Session

I. Opening

The First Session of the A.C.Y.O.A. Central Council meeting was opened with a prayer led by His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian at 10:25 a.m., Saturday, January 15, 1977.

II. Secretary's Report

A. October Meeting Minutes

Ms. Mooradian read the minutes of the October 29, 30, and 31, 1976, meeting. They were approved as read.

B. Chapter Status

Ms. Mooradian said she was almost completed with the national membership list. It was decided that these will be sent to each chapter executive body, delegates of the 1976 General Assembly, and parish clergy. A decision will be made later on whether to distribute the list to each member. Since Ms. Takvorian is Corresponding Secretary, she will be responsible for compiling this list and mailing it.

Mr. Kaiserian then brought up the point of chapter reports. It was decided that these will be sent, from New York, with a return deadline date of March 1, 1977. The executive board of the past year will be added to the form, and the dates changed.

III. Treasurer's Report

A. Year 1976

Mr. Bogosian reported that Ms. Garabedian, former treasurer, was not finished closing out the books yet. There was no formal report.

B. Outstanding Obligations

1. Detroit

Ms. Palvetzian reported that she had talked with The Very Reverend Father Paren Avedikian, President of the Detroit A.C.Y.O.A. He rejected the report that the Council had submitted; he would like more detail. It was decided to invite Father Paren to inspect the books on his next trip to New York on January 29, 1977,

2. Toronto

During the meeting, Chairman Kaiserian telephoned Mr. Minas Selyan, Chairman of the 1974 Sports Weekend. Mr. Selyan said that he would call Mr. Kaiserian back with their decision.

C. 1976 Special General Assembly

It was reported that the New York area chapters took a loss of approximately \$200 due to the cancellation. The Council tabled the decision on reimbursement pending an audit of the Council's books. If payment is made, it will be paid out of general A.C.Y.O.A. revenue, not Diocesan money.

IV. Old Business

A. 1977 Elections

Officers for the 1977 Central Council were decided by general consensus, as follows:

Chairman:	Edward P. Kaiserian
Vice-Chairman:	Kerry Kaysserian
Recording Secretary:	Lisa A. Mooradian
Corres. Secretary:	Janet Takvorian
Treasurer:	Brian A. Bogosian

Mr. Kaiserian will write Mr. Onanian accepting his resignation. He will then write to His Eminence concerning Mr. Bogosian.

B. Sports Weekend 1976

Mr. Bogosian reported that he met with Mr. Onanian concerning transfer of books, money, records, etc. Mr. Onanian was not able to produce anything. During this discussion, it was pointed out that Mr. Onanian had promised this material by December 1, 1976, and the Council still had not received it. The Council decided to actively pursue this matter. Mr. Kaiserian appointed Ms. Mooradian to handle it.

C. Armenian Studies Program - 1977

1. Leadership

The Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian has consented to assume the position of Educational Director. His Eminence

- C. 1. will write a letter to Father Garabed confirming his appointment and to the Council approving it.

2. Travel Plans

The Council reviewed bids received from HJN Travel Service and Anniversary Tours, Inc. After reviewing, the Council recommended Anniversary Tours, Inc. Father Karekin will investigate thoroughly, talk with Mr. Kaiserian, and a decision will be made.

3. Fund Raising

It was decided that Ms. Takvorian will be the CC liaison to the ASP. Father Karekin will solicit donations under our name. Ms. Palvetzian will supply Father Karekin with potential donor lists.

D. Endowment Fund

A proposal was to be presented to the Special Assembly. Since the Assembly was cancelled, there was nothing to report.

E. Youth Director

1. Applicants

Mr. Takvorian and Mr. Kaiserian interviewed George Tashjian. Their reactions were favorable. Mr. Kaiserian will invite Mr. Tashjian to the March meeting of the Central Council.

The First Session of the A.C.Y.O.A. Central Council meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m., Saturday, January 15, 1977.

Second Session

The Second Session was opened with a prayer at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, January 16, 1977.

F. 1976 Special General Assembly

Chairman Kaiserian read a letter from the Watertown A.C.Y.O.A. - they would like to hold the Special Assembly. The Council decided to hold the Chairman's Roundtable at the next Diocesan Assembly instead.

It was also decided that Ms. Takvorian will be responsible for Sports Weekend regulations to be finished. She should present them at the March Central Council meeting.

Then, at the Roundtable, the regulations will be revised and issued for Sports Weekend. These will stand until the General Assembly approves, changes, deletes, etc. The Regulations Committee will be invited to attend the Roundtable.

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V. New Business

A. National Contacts - Regional Meetings

Mr. Kaiserian brought up the idea of the Council holding regional meetings so the Council could hear local A.C.Y.O.A. problems.

B. Regional Retreats

Ms. Mooradian was put in charge of this project. She will contact Deacon Manoog of the E. St. Louis parish for assistance.

Regions were defined as: Wisconsin/Illinois; Detroit/Cleveland; New England; New York/New Jersey; Philadelphia.

C. A.C.Y.O.A. Day

Mr. Kaiserian will write a memo to all chapters urging them to hold an A.C.Y.O.A. Day in 1977.

D. Membership

Mr. Bogosian, as treasurer, should bill all members-at-large. Mr. Kaiserian will write a memo to all chapters reminding them of their dues obligation.

E. Martyrs Day 1977

The Council decided to sponsor the play, "Forty Days at Moosa Dagh," on Martyrs Weekend. Ms. Takvorian and Mr. Kaiserian will handle this with Ms. Palvetzian.

The Second Session was adjourned at 4:45 p.m., Sunday, January 16, 1977.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Mooradian
Recording Secretary

ACYOA

Central Council Meeting

Saturday, May 7, 1977

Marriott Hotel

Providence, Rhode Island

Present: Mr. Brian Bogosian
Mr. Edward Kaiserian
Mr. Kerry Kayserian
Ms. Lisa Mooradian

Absent: Ms. Janet Takvorian

This meeting was opened by Chairman Kaiserian and was held in conjunction with the ACYOA Chairman's Roundtable held during the Diocesan Assembly.

TREASURER'S REPORT

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

Mr. Bogosian reported that the New York Chapters realized a loss of \$125.25. He reviewed the report and said that some expenses had no receipt. The Council decided, by general consensus, to assume the loss for all those expenses with receipts. This loss will be assumed by all chapters at the 1977 General Assembly.

COMMISSIONED VOLUNTEERS

The Council then considered the expenses of the Sports Weekend Study Committee volunteers. It was decided to reimburse these and all other commissioned volunteers in the future for their expenses. This reimbursement will be charged to the year in which the Council reimburses. This expense will also be divided equally among the chapters.

MEALS

The question of reimbursing Council members was discussed. It was decided to reimburse them for \$2, breakfast; \$3, lunch; and \$7, dinner.

SPORTS WEEKEND 1971 AND 1974

Regarding the past overdue financial obligations due to the Central Council by the Detroit and Toronto Chapters, it was decided that Mr. Kaiserian will write a letter to His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian asking for his intervention in these matters.

FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS

It was decided that the next two Central Council meetings will be held in Detroit on June 3, 4, and 5, 1977, and July 17 and 18, 1977.

Before adjourning the meeting, Mr. Kaiserian agreed to write a letter of appreciation to the Providence Chapter for their wonderful cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Mooradian
Recording Secretary

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING

Held on June 4 and 5, 1977 at Michigan Inn, Southfield, Michigan

Present: Mr. Edward P. Kaiserian
Mr. Kerry Kayserian
Ms. Lisa Mooradian

Absent: Mr. Brian Bogosian
Ms. Janet Takvorian

Due to the absence of a plenipotentiary representative from the Diocese and two Council members, an informal meeting was held.

General Assembly 1977

It was decided that the Council would mail to each chapter before July 30, 1977, the following:

Agenda
Proposals from 1976 General Assembly
Amendments from 1976 General Assembly
Sports Weekend Study Committee Report
Invitation
Council Report
New Proposals and amendments
Schedule

One copy per chapter will be mailed due to the expense of postage.

The Council also decided to give each delegate a convention packet with the following:

Agenda
1977 National membership list
1976 General Assembly minutes
Sports Weekend Study Committee Report
Council Report
New Proposals and amendments
Chapter Report book
Financial Report
Schedule
Rules of parliamentary procedure
Rules of procedure

The remainder of the meeting was spent formulating the General Assembly agenda, schedule, rules of procedure, and amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Mooradian
Recording Secretary

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING

Held on July 9 and 10, 1977 at Diocesan Headquarters, New York City

Present: Mr. Brian Bogosian
Mr. Edward P. Kaiserian
Ms. Lisa Mooradian
Ms. Syraun Palvetzian
Ms. Janet Takvorian

I. Opening

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Chairman Kaiserian at 10:35 a.m. Saturday, July 9, 1977.

II. Secretary's Report

Ms. Mooradian read the May 7, 1977 minutes and the June 3 meeting minutes. Both were approved as read.

She reported that as of July 8, 1977, only nine chapters had fulfilled their national obligations. Those chapters are: Bayside, Cambridge, Chicago, East St. Louis, Lawrence, New Britain, Providence, Watertown and Westchester. Nationally, there are 184 members.

III. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Bogosian gave the financial report covering the period May 1, 1977 to July 8, 1977. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Concerning the Detroit Chapter's outstanding Sports Weekend obligation, Mr. Kaiserian will write a letter to His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manougian. Mr. Kaiserian will ask for his intervention in the matter. If the problem is not resolved by the time of the General Assembly, then the question will be put to the Assembly Delegates.

IV. Old Business

a) Chapter Reports

Each Council member briefly reviewed the status of the chapters they represent.

It was the feeling of the Council that better communication must exist between chapters and Council.

b) 1976 Sports Weekend

Mr. David Onanian, chairman of the 1976 Sports Weekend, submitted his final report to the Council. It was decided to submit the report to the General Assembly for acceptance.

It was the Council's understanding that the 1976 Sports Weekend booklet would be mailed to each participant. As of yet, that has not been done. Council will write a letter to the Sports Weekend Committee concerning this matter.

c) Armenian Studies Program - 1977

The participants will return July 16, 1977. Bills will follow; a financial report will be given at the October Council meeting.

Ms. Takvorian will write a letter to each participant welcoming them back and reminding them of their responsibilities.

d) Youth Director

Mr. Kaiserian reported that he wrote His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian of the Council's wishes to employ Mr. George Tashjian of Providence, Rhode Island, as Youth Director. The Diocese will handle the negotiations.

V. New Business

a) 1977 Sports Weekend and General Assembly

Mr. Kaiserian reported that he will make another trip to Detroit to check on arrangements for the weekend. He has scheduled a meeting for Sunday, July 17, 1977, at 8:00 p.m. in Detroit.

He also reported that a package plan just for the room will be offered to Assembly delegates - meals will be their own responsibility.

b) Publicity and Public Relations

It was decided that all items will be given to Sandra Shahinian, Public Relations Coordinator for the Diocese, for distribution.

The remainder of the meeting was spent in preparing the General Assembly material for mailing.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Mooradian
Recording Secretary

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING
March 30-31, 1979
St. James Armenian Church
Watertown, Mass.

I OPENING

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 P.M. by Paul Pogharian with the recitation of the Hayr Mer. The following were present:

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian (*who arrived at 10 pm*)
Mr. Paul C. Pogharian
Mr. Michael Zeytoonian
Mr. Robert Dogramajian
Mr. Karnig Durgarian
Ms. Sona Yazijian
Mr. George Tashjian

II ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Since there were no objections, the minutes of the last meeting were accepted as written.

III SEARCH FOR YOUTH DIRECTOR

George Tashjian's letter of resignation was read and discussed. Archbishop Torkom Manoogian indicated that there might be a separate Youth Director for the Juniors next year. Furthermore, the possibility of having two Regional ACYOA Seniors' Youth Directors was discussed. However, the point was raised that such an organizational set-up might bring about an unwanted polarization of ACYOA in the Diocese. Also, the possibility of having a part-time Youth Director was mentioned, but George stated that this would not be feasible at all.

Rob moved that Central Council make an official announcement that we are looking for a full time Youth Director for the ACYOA Seniors. Mike seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

It is understood that George will continue in his present capacity during a transition period. It is further noted that we are still studying other options for the position of Youth Director.

Paul and George will get together and write an official announcement that the ACYOA is looking for a new Youth Director.

IV MISCELLANEOUS PROBLEMS

A) Central Council Problems

Mike's letter of February 28, 1979 re: Frequency of Central Council Meetings, etc. was discussed. It was agreed that we should have met more frequently during these past five months. Meetings not only provide us with a forum in which to do our work but also provide us with an opportunity to give each other some moral support.



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We further find that the Primate's participation is necessary in our meetings, and we will continue to try to meet with the Primate. However, if we must hold a meeting without His Eminence, we will do so under the presence of someone he appoints.

B) Parish and Diocesan Problems

The Council then discussed some ways in which the ACYOA could help the clergy, and in particular the Primate, out of the administrative bind. This led to a discussion on the work of the Directors of various departments within the Diocese. The Archbishop stated that there was a breakdown in communications within the parishes themselves and between the Diocese and the Parishes on occasion. Problems arise when the Parishes do not implement the higher plans of the Diocese.

It was suggested that since the various Directors see things at a grass-roots level in their organizations, it might be good if the Directors met with the Diocesan Council regularly to bring to light the particular problems which face their particular organizations.

At 12:10 A.M. the meeting was recessed.
The Meeting was readjourned with a short prayer by the Primate at 9:30 A.M. on March 31, 1979.

V FINANCIAL REPORT

A) The Report

Karnig submitted his financial report for November, 1978-March, 1979 (see attached financial report). He stated that we were running approximately 35% below budgetary expectations, most probably because we have not had too many Central Council Meetings thus far.

Corrections to the financial report are as follows:

- 1) The \$50 Donation to Watertown (11/78) should be included in the cost of reproduction--Central Council Administrative.
- 2) The \$50 Donation to Minassian (1/79) should be entered as in lieu of flowers.

George presented the following checks to Karnig:

- 1) \$2500--Donation from Alex Manoogian for the ASP *in full*
- 2) \$5000-- Profits from Sports Weekend '78
- 3) \$200-- Deposit for an ASP '79 participant.

B) Diocesan Subsidy

Syraun Palvetzian's letter of March 30, 1979 addressed to George was read. She stated that ACYOA has received a total of \$6,256.12 in Diocesan subsidy in 1978 (\$7218.38-total monies-minus \$962.26 -securities credited to Central Council account). Syraun further stated that the Diocese has not yet received any financial reports from the ACYOA.

George said that by January 1, 1978 all the securities were being sent to the Central Council Treasurer. Karnig has only received \$436.46 to date in securities. The origin of the \$962.26 is unclear. Thus, George will try to obtain an itemization of the expenses incurred by ACYOA at the Diocese, eg., for mailing and paper. Karnig wants the Diocese to submit bills to the Central Council Treasury before they charge our expenses against our Diocesan subsidy.

Karnig will send a financial report on a monthly basis to

the Diocese, George and the entire Central Council.

George suggested that Central Council might start to build up a reserve fund from which the Treasurer could borrow should he run into a cash flow problem as we did earlier in this fiscal year.

C) Audits

The Detroit Sports Weekend '77 books will be audited after April 15, 1979. Chris Mooradian will go up to Detroit, expenses to be paid by the Central Council, to audit the books.

The auditing of the Providence Sports Weekend '78 books is being arranged.

The Central Council books will be audited soon, in accordance with the wishes of the 1979 General Assembly.

Der Dajad entered at 10:10 A.M. He walked in and out of the room several times henceforth.

D) Dues

A person is not considered a member of ACYOA past June 30, 1979 until he/she pays his/her 1979-1980 membership dues. Eligibility for participation in Sports Weekend activities is dependent upon current membership.

Deadlines must be adhered to regarding submission of dues in order that lists of people eligible for Sports Weekend '79 can be made. Also, membership determines the number of delegates to the General Assembly so dues must be in to Karnig for this reason too.

The question was raised regarding the relationship between dues and participation in Sports Weekend. In a Constitution Committee Meeting it was brought up that even if a person had not paid his dues as of July 1st he could still participate. The reasoning behind this argument was that eligibility for participation in Sports Weekend was based on membership of the past fiscal year. The ACYOA Constitution is not clear in regard to the meaning of "delinquency of dues". The questions which remained unanswered were:

If someone's dues are delinquent according to the Constitution, does it mean that they are no longer members immediately?

Is a person's participation in Sports Weekend dependent upon payment of his dues for the past fiscal year, as with the Diocese, or on the payment of dues for the current fiscal year?

Father Ghizirian entered at 10:20 A.M.

VI OLD BUSINESS

A) Archbishop's Trophy Tournament

1) 1979

The Tournament will be held in Philadelphia April 27, 28, 29, 1979. It is not being held in NYC because Kavoukjian Auditorium was booked and other sites were not feasible. But it was decided to keep it in the same Region. No applications to participate in the Tournament will be accepted after April 10, 1979. The Philadelphia Chapter-Cheltenham will be handling the Dance and Accommodations. The Primate will not be able to make the presentation of the Trophy. Therefore, George will be in touch with the Archbishop re: who will make the pres-

entation in his stead.

2) 1980

Arrangements have already been made for next year's Tournament which will be held on April 11-13, 1980. Kavoukjian Auditorium has been booked for April 11 and 12. Fifty rooms have been reserved at the NY-Sheraton Hotel at \$42/room/night. We must still rent a gym.

B) Mission Program

Michael reported that at this time the two parishes which are to receive the Mission Groups have been chosen. They are the parishes of Palos Heights-SS. Joaquin & Anne and Rochester. Palos has decided that the most opportune time for the group to visit their parish is July 16-22, 1979. Father Shnork Kasparian of Greenfield will most likely be the Mission Priest. Between Hayr Shnork, Deacon Michael Chevian, Michael and Sona the program should be put together in about a month's time. Rochester has not yet responded. The first week in August appears to be the best time for the group to visit that parish since the New England Clergy will be involved with the St. Nerses Conferences during the month of July.

The Mission Programs usually consist of the following, but much of the actual schedule depends on the talents of the group and needs of the community:

Morn.: Community Bible Classes, Talks about different aspects of the Church.

Aftn.: Making home/hospital visitations

Even.: Meeting with different organizations of the Church and Programs.

The meals are taken at the homes of the Parishioners in order to talk with them further.

It is expected that the reports from the past Mission Programs will be reviewed prior to the undertakings this year. Moreover, reports will be submitted by the Mission Teams this year also.

It should be noted that the Parish should decide the manner in which the expenses of the Mission Team will be covered, eg. by collection plate, individual donations, \$100 subsidy from the Parish Council. Consideration should be given to the thought that the people chosen would preferably not be well known to the host parish.

Father Samourian and David Onanian entered at 10:50 A.M.

C) Chairmen's Roundtable

Paul or George will attempt to obtain an Agenda for the Diocesan Assembly. George will be at the Assembly all day Friday.

Review of the Agenda of the Roundtable:

1) The Roundtable will sit in on the Assembly early on Saturday in order to observe the proceedings.

2) The Workshop on Accounting and Bookkeeping will be incorporated into the Chapter Organization Workshop to be given by Paul. The Workshop should last no longer than 45 minutes.

3) Problems which might face a Chapter Chairman will comprise the remaining Workshops. Each of the Central Council members should send Paul three topics which

might be discussed.
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian will appoint the priest who will sit in on the Roundtable.

At this point David Onanian departed.

D) Armenian Studies Program '79 / Meeting With the Directors

George and Father Samourian arrived at the total figure of \$1190 in the following manner:

- 1) This year's APEX fare will be \$774.00 (including two days in Moscow). This is a guaranteed fare, irrespective of the number of participants.
- 2) \$200/person for the Etchmiadzin Fund
- 3) \$78/person for the cost of the clergy divided by an estimated 20 participants
- 4) \$10/person for administrative and mailing expenses.

Furthermore, Father Samourian drafted and mailed a letter to 175 prominent Armenians requesting donations specifically for the ASP. By establishing such an ASP Fund we might be able to defray the costs of the future ASP's by a certain amount and make it more accessible to the ACYOA members. Thus far \$3200 has been collected. A follow-up letter will be sent out shortly also. Michael suggested that in the future we can expect the Managing Director, with the help of the Alumni group, to do the fund-raising.

It is not clear where the ASP '79 group will be residing while in Armenia this year. Both Haygashen and the new 22-room residence at Etchmiadzin have been suggested. Bishop Arsen of Etchmiadzin will be communicating further with this year's Directors in this regard. The classes will most likely be held at the Seminary at Etchmiadzin.

The ACYOC has been allotted five of the twenty spaces in the ASP this year. The California participants are to be totally responsible to our two Directors once they depart for Armenia.

Nancy Basmadjian who will be participating in the ASP can be assigned as the liaison to the Directors for the women, i.e. Ladies' Aid.

Teaching materials are being taken for the Armenian Language classes. The Directors will be teaching these classes but special lecturers and a dance teacher will be provided in Hayastan.

Father Samourian is thinking of publishing a brochure of photographs or a motion picture as a result of the ASP. These were things which the ASP Reunion Weekend hopes to accomplish also. Fathers Samourian and Ghizirian were invited to attend the ASP Reunion Weekend on May 25-29, 1979 in Cambridge to get a better feel for the program.

George suggested that, in order to avoid any problems like we had this year in the selection of the Directors, Central Council draft a letter before September, 1979 to be sent out by the Primate to all the clergy requesting that those who are interested in being next year's Directors apply by a certain date. Then the Archbishop can screen the applications and make a decision.

E) Diocesan Youth Camp

George stated that ninety people are needed to break even. Paul pointed out that most, if not all, participants will be from the East Coast. The Camp will run from June 30-July 14 at Camp Nubar.

The Camp staff interviews were conducted last weekend at the AGBU in New York and it appears to be a responsible group. Father Dajad will be the religious leader for at least the first week. If he is unable to

continue for the second week, Father Yeprem will be there. In addition to the priests, Rose Aznavourian (Boston) and Ann Nahabedian may also be teaching religion. The Armenian Language teachers will be Irina Renozian (Providence) and tentatively Adrina Khatchadourian (Bayside²). *Trene Ararats*

The daily schedule is as follows:

7:45 AM Flag Raising and Prayer

9:00-11:00 AM..... Language and Religion classes
(one hour each)

11:00-12:00 AM..... Various Group Activities

Two evenings per week from 8-10PM there will be optional programs and skits. For the older people, counsellors, there may be informal discussions.

Bus transportation is available from New York and it is being arranged from New England. Publicity is the key...we must talk it up and the priests must help us. George suggested that we run a full page advertisement in the Mirror Spectator, with the application form on it. Surpazan suggested that there be more personal communication with the pastors and teachers and superintendants of Sunday and Armenian School. George stated that in this regard he has already obtained a commitment from both Silva Der Stepanian and Sirarpie Feredjian to communicate with the superintendants and teachers of their respective fields of responsibility. Furthermore, George stated that in about a month an article will appear in the Mirror Spectator with the specifics of the camp program. The Central Council members should in the meantime select key persons from each community to be responsible for the publicity of the camp in their Parish. We should stress that for the same price as AGBU charges for the Camp, the ACYQA Camp is offering much more in terms of religious and cultural education.

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Hayr Samourian and Hayr Ghizirian left at 12:25 P.M. The meeting was also adjourned from then until 12:45 P.M.

F) ASP Reunion Weekend

Michael explained that the exact details of the Weekend have not been worked out as yet. Hotel space has been reserved at the Howard Johnsons (ten rooms), however we expect that most of the out-of-towners will be placed in people's homes nearby. Sona and Michael have been spending much of their time working on updating the ASP Alumni Mailing List. Now they are at a stage to begin defining the activities of the Weekend further, securing the people to lecture and send out some publicity. There will be at least two mailings. Most Central Council members will probably attend the Weekend.

The ASP Reunion Weekend will be geared towards furthering the Armenian Studies of the ASP Alumni, somewhat like an ASP Phase II. In this way we can educate our members and step away from the mediocrity of ACYQA. Also the group will be providing the public with a program and a glimpse of what Armenia is all about.

This ASP Alumni group will hopefully be developed into a vibrant working force. Working with this group and with the ACYQA Alumni List, which Der Nersess compiled following Sports Weekend in Providence, ACYQA will have committed itself to bridging a tremendous gap that presently

exists culturally, educationally and religiously in this Church.

Michael and Sona will draw up more concrete plans for the Weekend within the next two weeks.

G) Martyrs' Day Commemoration and Media Presentations

The mailing has been sent out; the program is the same as it was last year.

In regard to the videotape presentation which the Central Council is planning for 1980, Karnig and Michael stated that we could use the AGBU video equipment and engineers in New York. However, we would be responsible for scripting the program. Furthermore, we would use still pictures and piece them together. We could also video a motion picture which is being shown. In this way we could go outside of NYC by filming segments in other areas and videotaping the screening of the film. Moreover, Karnig stated that a film could be made from the videotape. Other ideas presented were that we could make the half-hour video presentation for public television as planned and make an expanded version for a program directed specifically towards Armenians.

Michael stated that he knows a person in Watertown who has been working on a Library Grant Project for Armenian Studies. He has been doing a documentary slide-film based on the Watertown Armenians called "Armenians-Americans, Americans-Armenians". The narration is totally pieced together from the hundreds of personal interviews he has taped. Right now his presentation is at the slide stage; what his next step will be is to find a sponsor in order to put the slide program into a film form. Michael thinks that Central Council should look into producing this film. It could cost about \$10,000.00. In every interview there is a subtle awareness of the Armenian massacres, which is what we were looking for in something which we produced- the subtle approach. The general concensus was that we should see the presentation prior to making any sort of commitment, for example at the Roundtable.

Sona suggested that ACYOA develop resources from which the individual chapters could draw, such as films, video and slides. In this way the Chapters would know that they could turn to the Central Council for assistance when trying to develop a cultural program. George questioned how these projects would be funded. Some suggestions were Diocesan subsidy, appeals to the Armenian community, sole benefactors, etc.

H) Diocesan Assembly

The question arose whether the Central Council should be prepared to make an appeal to the delegates for continued Diocesan subsidy. Moreover, it was not clear whether any money has been allocated for a full-time Youth Director for the Senior ACYOA. The delegates may want to know what is being done to secure the new Youth Director on the part of the Diocese and the ACYOA Central Council. If nothing has been budgeted for ACYOA or for a Youth Director in the Diocesan Budget we can go to the Budget Committee at the ASsembly and request funding. Furthermore, the Diocesan Council will know by their next meeting with the Primate (prior to the Diocesan Assembly) that we made a motion at this meeting to search for a new Youth Director.

Michael and Paul will draft a letter of the Diocesan Council in regard to our decision for the search of the new National Senior ACYOA Youth Director and will also work on drafting a communiqué to present to the delegates of the Diocesan Assembly.

I) Keghard

The Primate has the Spring '79 issue and is proof-reading it. Otherwise, it is ready to be sent out. The Summer '79 issue is two-thirds completed. There will be a special section in it for the California ACYO, the Armenian Assembly and an interview with Archbishop Tiran.

We do not know how the Keghard subscription contest is going. About a thousand subscriptions are needed for the Keghard to pay for itself.

J) General Assembly '78

Sona suggested that next year the appendices of the Minutes be incorporated into the text in order that they might be easier to read.

Paul stated that the court reporter idea did not work well at all last year at the Assembly. Her notes were of little use to Debbie Stepanian who was the Secretary of the Assembly.

K) General Assembly and Sports Weekend '79

Paul will be working with University Travel Co., which has branches in Boston and New York, to obtain a discount air fare from Boston to Wisconsin. Sona stated that Wisconsin is also working on doing the same for the entire East Coast.

Wisconsin ACYOA has written a letter requesting that Badarak be scheduled at 4 PM on Sunday afternoon during Sports Weekend. The Primate and Central Council felt that this was not proper. Therefore Paul will write back to inform them that we want Badarak at the usual hour.

The Sports Weekend '79 logo, in conjunction with Der Nersess' disapproval with it, was then discussed. Paul moved that we notify Der Nersess that we realize that the Sports Weekend '79 logo could have been in better taste but whereas the logo has already been developed and printed, we have chosen to let it stand as is. Sona seconded the motion. The motion carried. Paul will write to the Wisconsin Chapter in this regard.

In order that the Sports Weekend and General Assembly deadlines be adhered to Rob suggested that we compile a list of 'deadlines' to be sent out as a separate mailing to the Chapter Chairmen.

L) Regionalizations- Visitations

Paul explained the workings of the New England Region. The New England Region has a Budget; each chapter is assessed a \$25.00 fee for payment of administrative costs, retreats, etc.

It was noted that the other Regions should possibly compile a Regional Calendar of Events in the future, somewhat like Sona has done in the Midwest Region.

The Miami Chapter has suggested that they would like to host the Winter Weekend on a yearly basis sometime around the time that the youth go down to Ft. Lauderdale traditionally. This would also give them enough money to attend Sports Weekend every year and give them a chance to see their friends up North twice a year. George will write them a short note informing them that the Central Council thinks that it is a good idea and that they should run it as a 'local' function as opposed to running it as a national one.

Rob then reported on the activities of the New York-New Jersey Region.

M) Alumni Fund Raising

Paul suggested that every other year the ACYOA send out pledge cards to ACYOA Alumni for donation. He would like to see the month prior to the Regional Anniversary Ball every other year to be known as

the time period during which Alumni can send in funds to the organization to which they belonged.

Michael thinks that eventually we will have to have a national mailing to appeal for funds for ACYOA. For the time being we should concentrate our efforts on Alumni fund-raising in our Regions. We could also work on raising funds from the Alumni who might be present at the Diocesan Assembly.

N) National Calendar of Events

The Midwest Regional Calendar of Events which was compiled by Sona will be like a 'pilot project' which should be studied before we embark upon the project of the National Calendar. However, if and when the National Calendar is compiled, it should be comprised of major Regional and all National events. Sona showed a Univ. of Chgo. Quarterly Calendar of Events; she will attempt to price such a Calendar and the cost of mailing it. The ACYOA National Calendar need only be printed two to three times per year at most.

O) Constitution Committee Report

The Committee has met several times. They have some proposed amendments which they will discuss with the Central Council at one of the next two meetings. They have also made some suggestions as to language changes in the Constitution.

P) Special Award

At this point in time the Central Council did not deem it necessary to give anyone the award.

VII NEW CHAPTER APPLICATIONS

Rob moves that Evanston and Cleveland chapter applications be accepted. Karnig seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

To date, no chapter application letter has been received from St. Gregory's of New York City. Paul will send them a letter reminding them that since they have not submitted such a letter and because their dues become delinquent June 30, 1979, they cannot be considered a chapter after that date.

VIII NEW BUSINESS

A) Father Semejian's Works

(This issue was actually discussed March 30, 1979)

Central Council some time ago had committed itself to publishing Father Mesrob's book on the Translation of the Divine Liturgy. The Primate has already spoken to him and told him that ACYOA cannot do it since it would cost about \$20,000. It would be better to find someone to underwrite the entire cost of the publication, a benefactor.

B) Chapter Reports

The same form as last year will be used.

IX A-AWARD

It was decided that the Bayside Chapter be the recipient of the A-Award for the period January through June, 1978. Moreover, it was further decided that the Westchester and Chicago Chapters be joint runner-ups to Bayside for that time period.

X NEXT MEETING AND CLOSING

The next meeting will be held without the Primate on Friday, May

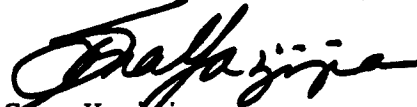
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4, 1979 at 9 PM. The main points to be discussed will be the Chairmen's Roundtable, Youth Director selection, ASP Reunion Weekend, Youth Camp and other new business. This meeting is the evening before the Roundtable therefore it will be held in the Sheraton-Boxborough Hotel.

The following meeting, which will be held in the presence of the Primate, has been scheduled for July 7-9, 1979 at Camp Nubar. At this meeting the main issue will be the General Assembly and Sports Weekend.

The meeting was closed at 6:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



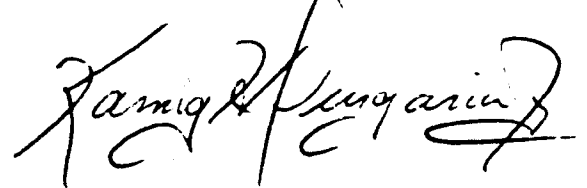
Eona Yazijian
Central Council
Recording Secretary

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

- - FINANCIAL REPORT - -
NOVEMBER '78 - MARCH '79

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:



Karnig H. Durgarian Jr.
Treasurer, Central Council



Central Council

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America 630 Second Avenue New York, N. Y. 10016 (212) 686-0710

DISBURSEMENTS: NOVEMBER THRU MARCH:

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

Travel.....\$1,482.77
Accomodations.....\$557.16
Meals.....00
Telephone.....\$423.19
Misc.(Typewriter Repair).....\$33.40 \$2,496.52

CENTRAL COUNCIL:

Travel.....\$459.10
Accomodations.....00
Meals.....00 \$459.10

CENTRAL COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE:

Telephone.....\$406.33
Postage.....\$611.51
Reproduction.....\$390.54
Stationary.....\$168.29

KEGHARD.....\$1,155.75
ADDING MACHINE.....\$63.88
COALATION OF CONSTITUTION.....\$32.00
ASP (1976) SUPPLIES.....\$33.25
DONATIONS.....\$100.00
GIFTS.....\$18.75
A AWARD PRINTING.....\$6.00
SERVICE.....\$19.18

TOTAL: \$5,961.10

REVENUES: NOVEMBER THRU MARCH:

DUES.....\$313.00
DIOCEAN SUBSIDY.....\$2,000.00
KEGHARD SUBSCRIPTIONS.....\$27.00
DIVIDENDS.....\$436.46
ANNIVERSARY BALL.....\$804.12
ARMENIAN STUDIES PROGRAM \$2,591.66

TOTAL: \$6,172.24

NOVEMBER

DISBURSEMENTS:

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

Travel.....	\$676.67	
Accomodations.....	\$176.02	
Meals.....	00	
Telephone.....	\$120.13	\$972.82

CENTRAL COUNCIL:

Travel.....	\$161.30	
Accomodations.....	00	
Meals.....	00	\$161.30

CENTRAL COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE:

Telephone.....	\$91.73	
Postage.....	\$68.05	
Reproduction.....	\$30.01	
Stationary.....	\$87.38	

KEGHARD.....	\$374.25	
ADDING MACHINE.....	\$63.88	
COALATION OF CONSTITUTION.....	\$32.00	
"A" AWARD PRINTING.....	\$6.00	
DONATION (WATERTOWN).....	\$50.00	
SERVICE.....	\$16.43	

TOTAL: \$1953.85

REVENUES:

DUES.....	\$46.00	
DIOCEAN SUBSIDY.....	\$2000.00	
KEGHARD SUBSCRIPTIONS.....	\$18.00	
DIVIDEND.....	\$123.23	
ANNIVERSARY BALL (WORCESTOR).....	\$804.12	

TOTAL: \$2991.35

DECEMBER

DISBURSEMENTS:

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

Travel.....	\$254.80	
Accomodations.....	\$228.14	
Meals.....	00	
Telephone.....	\$126.85	
Misc.(Typewriter Repair).....	\$33.40	\$609.79

CENTRAL COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE:

Telephone.....	\$75.73
Postage.....	\$146.22
Reproduction.....	\$27.46
Stationary.....	\$39.95

OUTSTANDING ASP SUPPLIES(1976).....	\$33.25
KEGHARD.....	\$375.00
SERVICE.....	59

TOTAL: \$1341.39

REVENUES:

DUES.....	\$121.00
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TOTAL: \$121.00

JANUARY:

DISBURSEMENTS:

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

Travel.....	\$167.05	
Accomodations.....	\$111.00	
Meals.....	.00	
Telephone.....	\$23.92	\$301.97

CENTRAL COUNCIL:

Travel.....	\$249.20	
Accomodations.....	.00	
Meals.....	.00	\$249.20

CENTRAL COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE:

Telephone.....	\$129.95	
Postage.....	\$149.49	
Reproduction.....	\$286.10	

KEGHARD.....	\$375.00	
DONATION(Minassian).....	\$50.00	
GIFTS(Anna & Kathy).....	\$18.75	
SERVICE.....	\$2.16	

TOTAL \$1562.62

REVENUES:

DUES.....	\$122.00
KEGHARD.....	\$9.00
DIVIDEND.....	\$41.60
ARMENIAN STUDIES PROGRAM.....	\$2591.66

TOTAL \$2764.26

FEBUARY:

DISBURSEMENTS:

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

Travel.....	\$191.30	
Accomodations.....	\$42.00	
Meals.....	.00	
Telephone.....	\$42.92	\$276.22

CENTRAL COUNCIL:

Travel.....	\$10.00	\$10.00
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CENTRAL COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE:

Telephone.....	\$26.42	
Postage.....	\$8.12	
Reproduction.....	\$34.46	
Stationary.....	\$40.00	

TOTAL \$395.22

REVENUES:

DUES.....	\$24.00
DIVIDENDS.....	\$271.63

TOTAL \$295.63

MARCH

DISBURSEMENTS:

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

Travel.....\$192.95
Accommodations.....00
Meal.....00
Telephone.....\$109.37 \$302.32

CENTRAL COUNCIL:

Travel.....\$38.60
Accommodations.....00
Meals.....00 \$38.60

CENTRAL COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE:

Telephone.....\$82.50
Postage.....\$239.63
Reproduction.....\$12.51
Stationary.....96
KEGHARD.....\$31.50

TOTAL: \$708.02

REVENUES:

TOTAL: .00

CASH ON HAND NOVEMBER 1, 1978.....\$44.12

TOTAL REVENUES THROUGH PERIOD.....\$6,172.24

\$6,216.36

LESS TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....\$5,961.10

CASH ON HAND APRIL 1, 1979.....\$255.26

ACYO

Central Council Meeting Minutes
June 1, 1980
Quality Inn--Capital Hill
Washington, D. C.

I OPENING

Paul C. Pogharian called the meeting to order. The following persons were present:

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Paul C. Pogharian
Nancy L. Malkasian
Michael Yapchaian
Sona Yazijian

The issue of Karnig Durgarian's absence from the last several meetings and today was raised. Paul moved that Karnig remain a member of the Central Council. However, due to the fact that he has been an inactive member of the Central Council, he should not be reimbursed for the Sports Weekend expenses which he incurs. Sona seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Paul raised the issue of who will be remaining on Central Council next year. He noted that the terms of office for he and Karnig will expire after the 1980 General Assembly and that some of the remaining three have indicated that they might resign at that time. He urged the remaining three to weigh the trade-offs which we will confront and determine what action we will take so that the Nominating Committee will have enough time to search for the proper number of candidates, for Central Council by the General Assembly. Sona will try to encourage Debbie Stepanian and Deacon Michael Chevian, both of whom are on the Nominating Committee, to begin consideration of nominees in order that some information might be available for the remaining three by the next Central Council meeting to be able to make an intelligent decision.

II ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The acceptance of the Minutes from the last Central Council meeting was postponed until the next meeting in order that everyone would have an opportunity to review them properly.

III TREASURER'S REPORT

Mike reported that our financial situation is weak. He reviewed the comparative financial report from July, 1979 to May, 1980 (see Appendix A). He indicated that we had an unusual receipt and disbursement problem this year which will not be repeated in the future. The prime reason for the irregularity is the Youth Camp '79 and ASP '79 programs, which produced unexpected expenses and unexpected profits, respectively. Mike further stated that we still have an outstanding balance with AGBU of \$2750 for the rental of Camp Nubar for Youth Camp '79. Paul noted that Louise Simone, Treasurer of the Diocesan Council, had stated that this balance will be paid to AGBU by the Diocese from Diocesan Funds and would not be charged against or in any way affect the Diocesan subsidy to ACYOA.

Mike stated that we will be needing additional funds from the Diocesan subsidy in order to cover Central Council expenses until the 1980 General Assembly. At present, Central Council has approxi-

mately \$1200 in accounts payable. The Archbishop suggested that we develop supporting documentation of our anticipated expenses, including amounts past due, from now until the General Assembly. This information should accompany our request for additional funds against our subsidy. Mike and Paul will handle this matter.

Since our funding has been of considerable concern during the past year, Louise Simone had suggested that we develop a fund-raising plan to support our activities and programs. Paul stated that all Central Council members should draw up guidelines for fund-raising to be discussed at our next Central Council meeting.

Mike then presented the financial statement from Merrill, Lynch, et.al. (see Appendix B). It was noted that our U.S. Treasury Bonds will be coming due on June 30, 1980 and that we would have to make a reinvestment decision at the next Central Council meeting. Furthermore, it was noted that the annual yield from our investments may not be optimal. Sona suggested that Merrill, Lynch be contacted for a written financial analysis of our portfolio with a recommendation for reinvestment of our \$5000 from the matured Treasury Bonds. Mike will contact the brokerage firm. Also, he will investigate what is happening to our dividends once they get to the Diocese. We have not been receiving them.

The books for the 1978 and 1979 Sports Weekends need to be audited. Sona will contact Chris Mooradian and the Wisconsin ACYOA chapter to deal with the SW'79 auditing while Paul will contact Anna Garabedian and the Providence ACYOA chapter to arrange for the auditing of the SW'78 books.

IV OLD BUSINESS

A. Youth Camp, 1980

Paul reported that twelve applications have already been received. Father Pree anticipates approximately 25 more applications will be received from his parishioners alone very shortly. Paul noted that we need at least 50 participants to have the camp. The Archbishop suggested that Central Council members be assigned to "go after" a specified number of potential participants rather than diluting our efforts. It was noted that few, if any at all, would be participating from the Midwest.

B. Youth Director

The Diocesan Council has found James Magarian, a recent applicant for the position of Senior ACYOA Youth Director, to be acceptable. The Archbishop stated that the Diocesan Council feels that he can do the job, but the final decision is subject to our approval also. It was noted that the Youth Director should follow the mandates of the Central Council and should also generate new ideas for the Central Council.

Jim Magarian's qualifications and background were then discussed. It was suggested that Jim be invited to our next Central Council meeting for an interview. A list of questions to be asked of him during such interview was then drawn up (see Appendix C). Should the Central Council meeting date be too far in the future for

Jim to wait for a final decision, then Paul and Mike will conduct the interview. Should he be acceptable based on such interview, he will be invited to the next Central Council meeting for discussions as to the future of the organization. Paul will eventually inform the Diocesan Council of our decision.

In order to prepare for the discussions at the next Central Council meeting Sona will conduct an Environmental Assessment Study and possibly also an Organizational Design Study to highlight the interaction of relevant trends and our planned courses of action.

C. General Assembly, 1980

The formulation of final plans for the General Assembly/ will be tabled until the next meeting. Paul noted that proposals and amendments should be sent to Nancy by June 30, 1980. Also, a formal letter of intent to bid for Sports Weekend 1981 should be submitted to Central Council by June 30, 1980.

V SELECTION OF SAM NERSESSIAN AWARD & SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Letters of recommendation for the award were read for Anita Souin and Marianne Hovsepian. It was determined that Marianne should be the recipient of the award this year.

Alice Kouyoumjian of Toronto, Harry Tavitian of Westchester and Peter Emerzian of St. Louis were the three recommendations for the St. Nersess Conference Scholarship(s). The Central Council decided that the maximum which would be awarded would be \$150 this year due to the strained financial situation of the A&YOA. Paul moved that three \$50 scholarships be awarded to each applicant, explaining in detail our reasons for awarding three scholarships. Michael seconded the motion. (Note: The intent behind the qualifying explanation was to explain why all three applicants were awarded scholarships). Considerable discussion followed. It was determined that the guidelines were not constructed properly, therefore the applications did not provide sufficient information with regard to the applicants and their backgrounds. Since the Conferences start before the next Central Council meeting we could not delay our decision until then to obtain more information. Sona stressed that we should clearly indicate that the awarding of scholarships for ALL applicants should NOT be considered a precedent. Obviously, considerable revision is needed in the application process and forms. The motion passed two to one with one abstention. Paul will notify the scholarship recipients and Deacon Michael Chevian of our decision.

VI ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS & NEXT MEETING

Paul will mail apologies to all participants of the Chairmen's Roundtable which was aborted this weekend due to ACTOA's involvement in the discussions at the Diocesan Assembly which the Roundtable attended as a group.

Nancy will type up the membership list as of June 30, 1980.

The next Central Council meeting will be July 11-13, 1980 in Watertown.

Respectfully submitted,

Sona Yazijian
Sona Yazijian--CC Rec. Sec

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COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL REPORT
RECEIPTS: JULY THROUGH MAY

1979 - 1980

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>DISC</u>
1 DUES	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 1,800.00	- 675.00
2 DIOCESAN SUBSIDY	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	- 3000.00
3 + SPORTS WEEKEND	\$ 6,167.16	\$ 4,000.00	+ 2167.16
4 DIVIDEND & STOCK GAINS	\$.00	\$ 800.00	- 800.00
5 KEGHARD	\$ 126.00	\$ 500.00	- 374.00
6 ANNIVERSARY BALLS	\$ 673.64	\$ 1,200.00	- 526.36
7 ++ ARMENIAN STUDIES PROGRAM	\$ 8,939.56	\$.00	+ 8939.56
8 ++ MISC REFUND - M ZEYTOONIAN	\$ 141.00	\$.00	+ 141.00
9 ++ MISC REFUND - S YAZIJIAN	\$ 173.00	\$.00	+ 173.00
10 ++ ACYOA CAMP TRANSFER	\$ 239.15	\$.00	+ 239.15
11 ++ MISC REFUND - KEGHARD	\$ 100.00	\$.00	+ 100.00
12 ARCHBISHOP TOURNAMENT	\$.00	\$ 1,000.00	- 1000.00
13 ASP REUNION	\$.00	\$ 300.00	- 300.00
TOTAL	\$19,684.51	\$14,600.00	

2592.71

+ Profitable activity
 ++ Unusual receipts

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

BALANCE AS OF JULY 1, 1979	\$ 878.62
TOTAL RECEIPTS: JULY - MAY	\$19,684.51
SUBTOTAL	\$20,563.13
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: JULY - May	\$20,385.97
SUBTOTAL BALANCE	\$ 177.16
ADJUSTMENT	\$ 4.48
BALANCE AS OF MAY 31, 1980	\$ 172.68

**COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL REPORT
DISBURSEMENTS: JULY THROUGH MAY**

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>Diff</u>
+ EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	\$ 1,082.94	\$ 5,000.00	- 3,917.06
- CENTRAL COUNCIL	\$ 2,353.13	\$ 2,000.00	+ 353.13
+ CENTRAL COUNCIL ADMIN.	\$ 1,920.91	\$ 2,500.00	- 579.09
- CHAPTER VISITATIONS	\$ 1,071.86	\$ 400.00	+ 671.86
- GEN. ASSEMBLY & SPORTS WKND.	\$ 2,419.13	\$ 1,700.00	+ 719.13
? CENTRAL COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE	\$ 101.00	\$ 900.00	
ASP REUNION	\$ 9.61	\$.00	
MISC - 1979 SUMMER CAMP	\$ 7,187.48	\$.00	
MISC - 1980 SUMMER CAMP	\$ 430.32	\$.00	
MEMORIAL FLOWERS	\$ 32.24	\$.00	
KEGHARD	\$ 3,055.00	\$ 4,000.00	
DONATION	\$ 120.00	\$.00	
GIFT	\$ 59.00	\$.00	
YOUTH DIRECTOR ADVERTISEMENTS	\$ 90.00	\$.00	
ARCHBISHOP TOURNAMENT	\$ 341.00	\$.00	
EMERGENCY MEETING	\$ 66.00	\$.00	
SERVICE	\$ 46.35	\$.00	
STANDING COMMITTEE	\$.00	\$ 500.00	
SAM NERSESSIAN SCHOLARSHIP	\$.00	\$ 300.00	
TOTAL	\$20,385.97	\$17,300.00	

*July budget
\$17,437*

+ Under budget
- Over budget

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OFFICE SERVING YOUR ACCOUNT 165 BROADWAY 20TH FL NEW YORK NY 10080			ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE CLARK, PAUL R	
PERIOD STARTING MAR 01 1980	PERIOD ENDING MAR 27 1980	TYPE CASH	BUYING POWER	
OPENING BALANCE \$88.88CR	CLOSING BALANCE \$88.88CR	MARKET VALUE \$13104		

- ACYOA
ACCT OF ARMENIZAN CHURCH
- YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
630 2 ND AVE
NY NY 10016

-----DIVIDEND, INTEREST AND/OR CHARGE INFORMATION-----			
	THIS PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	THIS YEAR TO DATE
REPORTABLE DIVIDENDS	\$51	\$120	

DATE	TRANSACTION	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	AMOUNT
02 29	OPENING BALANCE			\$88.88C
		*****DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST*****		
03 10	*DIVIDEND	64 STAND OIL OF CALIF		\$51.20C
03 27	CHECK	MONTHLY DIV/INT		\$51.20
		SUB-TOTAL		
03 27	CLOSING BALANCE			\$88.88C

SECURITY POSITIONS IN YOUR ACCOUNT				PRICE OF 03 27	MARKET VALUE	ANL % YIELD	EST. INCOME
1000	AMN TEL TEL	4 3/8 85RD		70.500	\$705	6.20	\$4
5000	US TSY JUN30	7 5/8 80NT		97.844	\$4892	7.79	\$38
20	**AMERICAN TEL & TEL			48.000	\$960	10.41	\$10
40	**EASTMAN KODAK			47.125	\$1885	6.15	\$11
50	**NIAG MOHAWK PWR CORP			11.000	\$550	13.09	\$7
64	**STAND OIL OF CALIF			64.250	\$4112	4.98	\$20
TOTAL MARKET VALUE OF PRICED SECURITIES					\$13104		\$91

MERRILL LYNCH RESEARCH ASSESSES ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM & MARKET OUTLOOK IN THIS MONTH'S STATEMENT ENCLOSURE. ASK YOUR ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE FOR RECOMMENDATIONS.

APPENDIX B

DUPLICATE 1

9999 BH 0 OPN 052980-1313

CHAR (AMER TEL AND TEL)
SYMBOL T

PX 53 5/8
DIV 5.00

INTR T APREC NEUTRAL /3/
L. T. APREC OK TO BUY /2/
INCOME QFLD HI-YIELD /7/
EARN 12 MOS FB12 8.02 VS 7.81
EARN ESTDC80 7.75-8.00 VS 8.04
EARN EST DC81 8.35-8.60
SUITABILITY - INV GRADE
INVEST CHAR - DEFENSIVE/
RSCH COMMENT 2315 8/7 OTL 9/10
OPT CB -
HYMAN

OWNS BELL TELEPHONE SYSTEM AND WESTERN ELECTRIC
LARGEST INFR. OF TELECOM. EQUIP. LACK OF DIV
INCR AT 2/80 MEETING MAY INDICATE MGMT EXPECTATIONS
OF SLOWER YEAR. EXPECT 1980 EPS DOWN MODERATELY
DUE TO SLOWING ECONOMY, AND LACK OF RATE RELIEF.
PICK UP IN ECONOMY AND ADDITIONAL RATE RELIEF
COULD PUSH 1981 EPS TO \$8.35-8.60 LEVEL. DIV.
LAST RAISED 2/79. EPS GROWTH POTENTIAL OF ABOUT
5 PC PER YEAR OVER LONG TERM.

APPENDIX B

POSS DUPE9999 BH 0 OPN 052980-1312

CHAR (EASTMAN KODAK)

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SYMBOL EK

DIV 2.90

INTR T APREC OK TO BUY /2/

L. T. APREC BUY /1/

INCOME QFLD LOW YIELD. /9/

EARN 3 MOS MR80 1.34 VS 1.22

EARN ESTDC80 6.60-7.00 VS 6.20

EARN EST DC81 7.00-7.70

SUITABILITY - INV GRADE

INVEST CHAR - GROWTH

RSCH COMMENT

OPT CB -

LANDRY

OVER NEXT FEW QTRS, EK'S SALES SHOULD FEEL IMPACT OF SLOWING ECONOMY ON VOLUME. EK SHOULD SHOW ABOVE TRENDLINE EPS GROWTH OF 12 PC PLUS FROM 1980-85, HELPED BY NEW PRODUCT INTROS. RECENT LEGAL RULINGS HAVE POSITIVE LONG-TERM IMPLICATIONS. STOCK SHOULD BE GOOD LONG-TERM PERFORMER. USE ANY PRICE WEAKNESS OVER NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS TO ACCUMULATE POSITIONS.

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CHAR (NIAGARA MOHAWK)

RESTRICTED

FYI RESTRICTED DUE TO DISTRIBUTION.

MERRILL LYNCH MAY BE A PARTICIPANT.

SOLICITATION OF COMMISSION ORDERS PROHIBITED.

GRQ

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CHAR (STANDARD OIL OF CALIF.)
SYMBOL SD

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INTR T APREC NEUTRAL /3/

L. T. APREC NEUTRAL /3/

INCOME QFLD HI-YIELD /7/

EARN 3 MOS MR80 3.67 VS 2.01

EARN ESTDC80 12.00 VS 10.44

EARN EST DC81 11.85 \$

SUITABILITY - INV GRADE

INVEST CHAR - DEFENSIVE

RSCH COMMENT 1020 4/11

OPT AM -

FLIAKOS

LARGE INTEGRATED INTERNATIONAL COMPANY WHICH
DERIVES A LARGE PORTION OF ITS INCOME FROM FOREIGN
PETROLEUM OPERATIONS. PRIMARY SOURCES OF
FOREIGN EARNINGS ARE INDONESIA AND SAUDI ARABIA.
U. S. POSITION ABOVE AVERAGE PRIMARILY BECAUSE
OF PRODUCTION POTENTIAL IN CALIFORNIA, LOUISIANA,
AND THE OVERTHRUST BELT OF WYOMING. RECENT DISCOVERIES
AT WEST PEMBINA ADD TO CANADIAN OUTLOOK, AND
NORTH SEA PRODUCTION FROM NINIAN FIELD BEGAN
RECENTLY. EUROPEAN REFINING AND MARKETING IS WEAK.

Questions to be Asked of James Magarian
in his Interview With Central Council

What are his thoughts regarding his article in the Mirror Spectator of October 21, 1978 at this point in time?

Does he intend to reorganize ACYOA into being a strictly religio/cultural organization?

How does he plan to motivate the clergy, ACYOA members and community at large?

What qualifies him for the position of Youth Director, in terms of his administrative capabilities and other skills developed through prior work experience?

Since the article of October 21, 1978 was published, how has he been involved with ACYOA?

Does he feel that he will be a puppet of the Diocese due to his past ties with them and past work experience?

How will he improve the problems of the local chapters, and more specifically, the problem of local leadership?

How does he intend to establish new chapters and/or revitalize the old chapters?

What are his strengths and weaknesses?

What are the three companies for which he would most like to work for, besides the Diocese of course, and why would he like to work for these companies?

Why work for ACYOA? What are his expectations from working for ACYOA and the Diocese?

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
 JULY 12, 1980
 St. James Armenian Church
 Watertown, Massachusetts

I OPENING

Paul C. Pogharian called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM. Archbishop Torkom Manoogian opened the meeting with a prayer. The following were present:

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian--Primate
 Ms. Syraun Palvetzian--Exec. Director of Diocese
 Mr. James Magarian--Executive Sec'y ACYOA Seniors
 Mr. Paul Pogharian--Central Council Chairman
 Mr. Michael Yapchaian--Central Council Treasurer
 Ms. Sona Yazijian--Central Council Recording Sec'y

Nancy Malkasian could not attend the meeting due to her health. Karnig Durgarian could not attend due to prior obligations.

It was noted that after the Diocesan Council's decision and consent, ACYOA Central Council concurred with the decision that James Magarian be confirmed as Executive Secretary of the ACYOA Seniors. Archbishop Torkom Manoogian hopes that he will serve faithfully and diligently for the Church and ACTOA. His responsibilities will be further defined today and it is hoped that he will pursue the decisions made by, and coordinate the activities of, the Central Council. (See Appendices A and B)

II DELINEATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES

A) Establishment of Exec. Sec'y's Responsibilities

The Executive Secretary of the ACTOA Seniors should execute the decisions of the Diocesan Council, the ACYOA Central Council and the Diocesan Office &/or pursue the execution of the decisions made in co-operation with the Central Council Chairman.

The Executive Secretary should maintain close ties and a working relationship with the Executive Director of the Diocese, as do the directors for the other programs of the Diocese.

The Executive Secretary should also submit to the Diocesan Council a written monthly progress report. The report, to be written together with the Central Council Chairman, should include information regarding visitations of the Exec. Sec'y and Central Council members, informal decisions and resolution of issues, the general condition/state of the organization, the problems, potential problems/issues, events, goals/objectives/plans, accomplishments and miscellaneous discussions. Such report will be submitted to Syraun Palvetzian and the Diocesan Council within 5 (five) days after the end of each month. For example, the report for July 1, 1980--July 31, 1980 is due August 1-5, 1980 for the

August 22, 1980 Diocesan Council Meeting.

The Executive Secretary should make suggestions to the Central Council. Central Council is the idea generator while the Exec. Sec'y manages the implementation of the ideas and suggests alternatives.

Considerable discussion centered upon the proper title for Jim Magarian. It was noted that until now we had been referring to his position as that of a Youth Director. Yet, it was further noted that his title, according to the ACYOA Consitution was Executive Secretary. Paul moved that Central Council propose an amendment to the Consitution to change the title of Executive Sec'y to a title which would be in conformance with the titles of the existing Diocesan organization, such as Director, ACYOA Seniors. Sona seconded the motion. With a vote of one nay and two abstentions the motion was defeated. Thus, for the time being, Jim will be referred to as the Executive Secretary in official correspondence and in any other official capacity.

B) Review of Administrative Procedures

All typewritten correspondence must have a signature affixed to it. This includes memoranda and Central Council Updates. The question of whose signature will be needed will be determined by the nature of the document and at the discretion of the Central Council Chairman and Executive Secretary. It was noted that the Executive Secretary is not a part of the Central Council and should always be listed separately along with his title in correspondence.

All correspondence from the Central Council Chairman and the Executive Secretary should be approved by both parties. All relevant parties should receive copies of correspondence at all times. Eg. A memo pertaining to the operation of the Central Council should be distributed to the Central Council members, including the Primate, and the Executive Secretary and other parties as seen fit.

III ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Minutes of February 2, 1980: Page 2 of Appendix B should also include Silva Der Stepanian and Armenian Director in the column of Directors.

Michael moved to accept the minutes of the February 2, 1980 Central Council meeting as amended. Sona seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Minutes of June 1, 1980: Section IV-B, Paragraph 1, 2nd sentence should read as follows--

"The Archbishop stated that the Diocesan Council feel that he can do the job, but a report need be submitted by the Central Council to the Diocesan Council with our recommendations.

Michael moved to accept the Minutes of the June 1, 1980 Central Council Meeting as amended. Sona seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

IV FINANCIAL REPORT

Mike submitted the report of the Central Council Treasury (see Appendix c). He added that \$767.98 is presently in transit and should be posted as a deposit to our checking account shortly.

He directed our attention once again to the fact that our actual expenditures were exceeding our budgetted allocations.

He noted that our stock and dividend gains have not been properly forwarded to the Central Council Treasury. According to Merrill Lynch et.al. we have received dividends of at least \$120 during this past year. They send it to the Diocesan offices. One such dividend check was returned to the brokerage firm by the Diocese. Syraun stated that the Diocese has not been receiving these checks. She questions whether these monies are being placed in a Diocesan account. Jim stated that the Diocesan bookkeeper has no record of such dividend receipts. Mike will re-examine the Central Council records to determine when the last receipt was entered due to dividends. Jim will contact Merrill Lynch et. al. for the copies of the cancelled checks to assist in the explanation of where the monies have been going.

The figures for Anniversary Ball receipts represent those from the 1979 Anniversary Balls. No additional monies have been received from the 1980 Anniv. Balls. The sponsors/hosts of this year's Balls have been contacted by Michael for written reports and their financial obligation to the Central Council.

The figures for the ASP are for the ASP'79. \$2000.00 of the total \$8936.56 was earmarked for the ASP'80. Even though the ASP was not planned for this year, this amount needs to be returned to an ASP Fund.

We are still waiting for Steve Turkian's report on the Archbishop's Tournament.

It was noted that in accordance with Article 10, Section 11 and Article 13, Section 6, since these outstanding reports and potential funds represent financial obligations by chapters to the Central Council, the host chapters of the Anniversary Balls and the Archbishop's Tournament must be notified that these obligations must be met by July 31, 1980. Mike will handle this matter.

It was noted that the Financial Report should include "to date" figures in all categories, besides the current receipts and expenditures. Furthermore, it should include information on our savings accounts and other special funds (asset and contr-asset accounts). Syraun suggested using the MICOM system at the Diocese to process these Financial Reports. Jim and Mike will check into the suggestion.

In regard to the matured Treasury Bonds, Jim will request the monies from the brokerage firm and place them in a savings account. He will investigate the possibilities of reinvestment of these funds, taking into consideration the suggestions of Central Council members, the brokerage firm and others familiar with the financial markets.

Jim should be receiving his working funds from the Central Council Treasury, not from the Diocese. Therefore, \$406 will be refunded to our subsidy (which was paid for Jim's expenses to date). This would leave \$3750 of our subsidy. Paul will write a formal

letter of request for an additional \$1000 against our Diocesan subsidy. Jim will assist.

Chris Mooradian is in the process of auditing the SW'79 books. She is currently awaiting receipt of the general ledger to complete her audit. SW'78 books still need to be audited. Mike will contact Anna Garabedian again. She must also audit the Central Council books. If she is unable to do so, Harry Tavitian must be contacted to handle these audits.

Since there is a Fundraising Committee at the Diocese, all of our efforts to raise funds through direct solicitations and raffles or other programs should be cleared through this committee. Jim will most probably be in charge of bringing our plans to the committee.

The budget for this past year was reviewed for additions, deletions and other alterations. Receipts and disbursements for the ASP Reunion should be eliminated. Categories for donations, ACYOA Camp, Martyrs' Day should be added. It was noted that the budget be prepared very carefully and as accurately as possible at this year's General Assembly. Therefore, Mike will try to have a preliminary budget prepared to give to the budget committee members at the General Assembly this year. Such a preliminary budget should also be forwarded to Syraun.

V NEW CHAPTERS

A letter requesting recognition as a chapter was read from the Palos Heights ACYOA. (see Appendix D). Mike moved to accept their application as a Senior ACYOA Chapter. Sona seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Sona then noted that Waukegan has also formed an ACYOA Senior Chapter and questioned whether they has submitted their request for chapter formation. As yet, no letter has been received by any Central Council member in this regard. Therefore, Sona moved that we recognize Waukegan as having fulfilled their financial obligations (as being dues paid) for participation in Sports Weekend'80, however, such participation is subject to receipt of a formal letter of application as an ACYOA chapter by July 31, 1980. Mike seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Sona noted that they had sent her money for dues but it had been computed incorrectly, therefore she had sent it back with a letter explaining how to properly compute the amount due Central Council and how to apply for chapterhood. ACYOA membership applications had also been completed. Sona will contact Brenda Mardoian, their chairman, as soon as possible.

VI OLD BUSINESS

A) Chairmen's Roundtable '80

Paul noted that the Roundtable was cut short this year due to Central Council's and the Roundtable's desire to attend the

Saturday afternoon session of the Diocesan Assembly during which ACYOA MATTERS were being discussed. Apology letters have been sent out to all participants of the Roundtable. Sona reminded us that we should still distribute the Minutes taken that day by Suzanne Minasian, of Cheltenham. Paul will contact her in this regard.

B) SPORTS Weekend'80

Vaughn Totovian then submitted the SW'80 report. He stressed that all deadlines will be adhered to this year. Also, the "CrisisLine" idea has been dropped because it would cause too much of a headache. He stressed that the pictures and ads should be sent to the booklet committee as soon as possible. Letters from the Central Council and the Youth Director (Executive Sec'y) and Primate should also be sent soon.

Vaughn will write a letter to all chapters explaining the reason for the increase in athletic fees (primarily due to the added costs of insurance and official refs) and for the provisions which will be made for the pick-up of large groups from the airport.

He stated that besides golf, there will not be any conflicting events. Track and field will be from 9-11 AM; Basketball and volleyball will be from 11-2, and 3-?; Swimming from 2-3PM. Individual events will be scheduled based on availability of the individuals.

The key-note speaker for the awards banquet will be the coach of the Boston Celtics, Bill Fitch.

The letters from the Chicago-Evanston Chapter and the Binghamton ACYOA members were read (see Appendices E and F). It was decided that the Binghamton ACYOA members should compete individually as members-at-large and that the Chicago and Evanston chapters could combine their efforts in sports.

C) General Assembly'80

The Central Council mailing for the General Assembly was then discussed. It was noted that extra copies of the revised Constitution will be available at the Assembly and that they will not be sent to the chapters in this mailing. The cover letter, agenda, schedule, amendments and proposals, Central Council Report, Minutes of the 1979 General Assembly with Appendices and the Rules of procedures and parliamentary procedures should be included in the packet mailed to the chapters. The agenda was reviewed and updated. The committees will remain the same except for the addition of a PLANNING Committee to be directed by Sona, based on her environmental forecasting study. Dave Onanian and Suzanne Minasian were recommended as the Assembly chairman and Sec'y respectively. Paul will contact them to ascertain whether they will be present during the entire General Assembly.

Amendments were then discussed. Sona stated that the Midwest Region, and more specifically the Chicago Chapter, has

has submitted an amendment regarding balanced representation from each region on Central Council. This is the only amendment submitted from the chapters. Central Council submits the following amendment:

That Article 10, Section 12F read as follows:

To elect the members of the Central Council, the Nominating Committee, the Auditing Committee, the Budgeting Committee, Proposals Committee and other standing committees which it may create.

The reasoning behind this action is to provide sound budgeting procedures for the organization and a thorough review of possible proposals.

Noting that the Chicago amendment may not be comprehensive enough, Paul moved that the standing Constitution Committee be informed that the Central Council is concerned about regional representation on the Central Council and that they consider and thoroughly discuss presenting such an amendment or series of amendments at the General Assembly this year or in the future in this regard. Sona seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

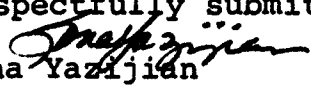
Paul then questioned whether any chapters have submitted any intants to bid for the 1981 GA/SW. Sona then submitted the letter on behalf of the Chicago and Evanston Chapters who wish to bid for the 1981 General Assembly and Sports Weekend (see Appendix G).

VII GOOD & WELFARE

At this stage the Council discussed the general problems facing the organization. Threatening trends and constituent demands were brought to light, as well as growing dissatisfaction with the ACYOA. The problems with the age differentiation within the ACYOA were noted and the need for the changing of the programs offered. Also, it was noted that in some cases ACYOA is competing with the other programs offered by the Diocese. The need for short and long range planning was cited and the lack of such was cited as one of the main reasons we are in the financially troubled situation in which we find ourselves. Jim Magarian suggested that we spend a great deal of time on these issues at our next few meetings and at the General Assembly. Without these discussions the ACYOA cannot hope to grow and prosper.

VIII REVIEW & CLOSING

The meeting was closed at 8:20 PM. The next meeting will be after the General Assembly '80.

Respectfully submitted,

Sona Yazijian
CC Recording Secretary

TO: C E N T R A L C O U N C I L
Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

I wish to express my gratitude to our Primate and to you, the Central Council of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America, for giving me the opportunity to serve our Church and Nation in one of its most vital areas. Under the leadership of our Primate, and with your assistance, I am grateful to be able to assume the responsibilities of the National Youth Director of our Diocese, and continue the work of preparing our youth to be active members of our Church.

As we enter a new decade, certainly one that will be a different and challenging era in our American-Armenian experience, we must be fully aware of the pluralistic society that envelopes the lives of our youth. There are many attractions that may draw them away from the Armenian Community, and almost demand they place their faith and heritage at a low priority in their lives. We must be attractive too, especially if we are to effectively continue our work. To ensure a future; a future of active participants and members, we must meet the challenges of our era with positive and meaningful responses. We can no longer settle for the status quo or with mediocrity. We must take risks, be imaginative, reach out to our Armenian youth communities with ideas and programs that will be attractive to the youth of today, and our prospective leaders of tomorrow. Anything less is a step backward.

I look forward to working very closely with all of you as together we share the many joys of designing a means of continuing the work begun centuries ago by our forefathers. We have been charged with a great responsibility.

Most Sincerely,


JAMES MAGARIAN

12 July 80

AREAS OF INITIAL CONCERN
(Not in order of priority)

- Review, strengthen and further develop existing programs.
(ASP, Scholarship, et al)
- Standardize Administrative Procedures. - (Simple, proper, efficient)
- Design effective visitation schedule and foremat.
- Develop an A.C.Y.O.A. manual to strengthen existing chapters and enable new chapters to begin properly.
- Research, design and develop a programing instrument to enable chapters and regions to provide interesting, attractive, educational and stimulating activity.
- Consider and design a network of regional staff assistants for existing and new programs.
- Increase amount of Public Relations.
(Special Section in BEMA, re-evaluate purpose of KFGHARD)

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

APPENDIX C

FINANCIAL REPORT
JUNE 1980



Central Council

APPENDIX C

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America 630 Second Avenue New York, N. Y. 10016 (212) 686-0710

COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL REPORT
RECEIPTS: JULY THROUGH JUNE

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
DUES	\$ 1,185.00	\$ 1,800.00
DIOCESAN SUBSIDY	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
SPORTS WEEKEND	\$ 7,017.16	\$ 4,000.00
DIVIDEND & STOCK GAINS	\$.00	\$ 800.00 ✓
KEGHARD	\$ 147.00	\$ 500.00
✓ ANNIVERSARY BALLS	\$ 673.64	\$ 1,200.00
✓ ARMENIAN STUDIES PROGRAM ¹⁷⁹	\$ 8,939.56	\$.00
← MISC REFUND - M ZEYTOONIAN	\$ 141.00	\$.00
← MISC REFUND - S YAZIJIAN	\$ 173.00	\$.00
← ACYOA CAMP TRANSFER	\$ 239.15	\$.00
MISC REFUND - KEGHARD	\$ 100.00	\$.00
← ARCHBISHOP TOURNAMENT	\$.00	\$ 1,000.00
← ASP REUNION	\$.00	\$ 300.00
MISC ADJUST - STOP PAYMENT	\$ 450.37	\$.00
 TOTAL	 \$22,565.88	 \$14,600.00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

BALANCE AS OF JULY 1, 1979	\$ 878.62
TOTAL RECEIPTS: JULY - JUNE	\$22,565.88
SUBTOTAL	\$23,444.50
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: JULY - JUNE	\$22,219.23
SUBTOTAL BALANCE	\$ 1,225.27
ADJUSTMENT	\$ 4.48
BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 1980	\$ 1,220.79

APPENDIX C CONTINUED

COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL REPORT
DISBURSEMENTS: JULY THROUGH JUNE

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	\$ 1,082.94	\$ 5,000.00
CENTRAL COUNCIL	\$ 2,879.71	\$ 2,000.00
CENTRAL COUNCIL ADMIN.	\$ 2,159.30	\$ 2,500.00
CHAPTER VISITATIONS	\$ 1,153.86	\$ 400.00
GEN. ASSEMBLY & SPORTS WKND.	\$ 2,419.13	\$ 1,700.00
CENTRAL COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE	\$ 574.12	\$ 900.00
← ASP REUNION	\$ 9.61	\$.00
MISC - 1979 SUMMER CAMP	\$ 7,187.48	\$.00
ADD (MISC) - 1980 SUMMER CAMP	\$ 443.99	\$.00
MEMORIAL FLOWERS	\$ 32.24	\$.00
KEGHARD	\$ 3,355.00	\$ 4,000.00
DONATION	\$ 120.00	\$.00
GIFT	\$ 59.00	\$.00
← YOUTH DIRECTOR ADVERTISEMENT	\$ 90.00	\$.00
ARCHBISHOP TOURNAMENT	\$ 390.50	\$.00
EMERGENCY MEETING	\$ 66.00	\$.00
SERVICE CHARGE	\$ 46.35	\$.00
STANDING COMMITTEE	\$.00	\$ 500.00
SAM NERSESSIAN SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00
TOTAL	\$22,219.23	\$17,300.00

APPENDIX C CONTINUED

RECEIPTS: JUNE

DUES	\$ 60.00
DIOCESAN SUBSIDY	\$ 1,500.00
SPORTS WEEKEND	\$ 850.00
DIVIDEND & STOCK GAINS	\$.00
KEGHARD	\$ 21.00
ANNIVERSARY BALLS	\$.00
ARMENIAN STUDIES PROGRAM	\$.00
MISC ADJUST-- STOP PAYMENT	\$ 450.37
TOTAL	\$ 2,881.37

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

BALANCE AS OF JUNE 1, 1980	\$ 172.68
TOTAL RECEIPTS: JUNE	\$ 2,881.37
SUBTOTAL	\$ 3,054.05
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: JUNE	\$ 1,833.26
BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 1980	\$ 1,220.79

APPENDIX C CONTINUED

DISBURSEMENTS: JUNE

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

Travel	\$	.00	
Accomodations	\$	.00	
Meals	\$	.00	
Telephone	\$	.00	
Miscellaneous	\$	.00	\$.00

CENTRAL COUNCIL:

Travel	\$	400.05	
Accomodations	\$	93.59	
Meals	\$	32.94	\$ 526.58

CENTRAL COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE:

Telephone	\$	156.41	
Postage	\$	39.32	
Reproduction	\$	40.30	
Stationary	\$	2.36	
Miscellaneous	\$	.00	\$ 238.39

CHAPTER VISITATIONS:

Travel	\$	.00	
Accomodations	\$	.00	
Meals	\$	82.00	\$ 82.00

GENERAL ASSEMBLY & SPORTS WEEKEND:

Travel	\$	.00	
Accomodations	\$	.00	
Meals	\$	.00	\$.00

CENTRAL COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE:

Travel	\$	357.00	
Accomodations	\$	81.84	
Meals	\$	34.28	\$ 473.12

KEGHARD	\$	300.00	
MISC - 1980 SUMMER CAMP	\$	13.67	
MISC - ARCHBISHOP TOURNAMENT	\$	49.50	
MISC - SAM NERSESSIAN SCHOLARSHIP	\$	150.00	\$ 150.00

TOTAL	\$		\$ 1,833.26
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June 27, 1980

Dear Central Council;

This is to officially inform you of the formation of our new Senior ACYOA Chapter of Palos Heights, Ill. It was recently organized and our Chapter Executive Committee was voted on. We are presently waiting for your final approval.

Below is a list of old and new members. The old members were formally recognized as paid members of the Wisconsin Chapter. Also, enclosed are the membership applications of our new members.

Old Members All of these old 79-80 members have renewed their memberships for 1980-81.

- Eilen Bogosian
- Jerry Boroian
- Christime Boyajian
- Joyce Boyajian
- Susan Boyajian
- Lisa Doumanian
- Tania Dumanian
- Barb Gederian
- Brant Gederian
- Gail Giragosian
- Kevin Giragosian
- Penny Giragosian
- Renee Giragosian
- Van Giragosian
- Greg Hakalmazian
- Jana Hakalmazian
- Steve Jones
- Chris Lave
- Greg Lave
- Tammy Lave
- Claudia Pridjian
- Alan Simonian

22 members each at \$2.00=\$44.00

New Members These new members have paid \$5.00/person to cover the 1979-81 dues. 5 members at \$5/person=\$25.00

- Greg Dumanian
- Gary Mazian
- Brian Nigohosian
- Alan Sahagian
- Susan Sahagian

Total membership=27
Total dues submitted(check enclosed)=\$69.00

Respectfully submitted,

Parish Council Chairman

Harbo Boyajian
Senior ACYOA Chairperson
Susan Boyajian

Encl.



Armenian Church Youth Organization of America
EVANSTON CHAPTER

July 10, 1980

Dear Paul,

The ACYOA Senior chapters of Chicago and Evanston would like to inform you of our intention to combine talents and enthusiasm in the sporting events for a "Hye Time in Watertown".

Thank-you,

Sharon Stepanian

Saint Gregory The Illuminator
Armenian Apostolic Church



12 CORBETT AVE.
BINGHAMTON, N. Y. 13903
(607) 722-8801

July 9, 1980.

Dear Paul,

We, the Binghamton AC YOA Members - At-Large, intend to participate in 1980 Sports weekend events. The Athletic Registration form and qualifying fee have already been sent to the Team Athletic Registration Committee.

Respectfully yours,
Linda Nisakyan
& Yany Rejebian
Uuran Rejebian

June 27, 1980

Ms. Sona Yazijian
ACYOA Central Council Representative
2060 Ridge Avenue
Evanston, Illinois 60201

Dear Sona,

With this letter, the Senior ACYOA Chapters of CHICAGO and
EVANSTON jointly request to bid for SPORTS WEEKEND 1981
at the forthcoming General Assembly.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

Michelle Babikian

Michelle Babikian
Sports Weekend 1981 Bid Committee
St. Gregory Armenian Church/Chicago
St. James Armenian Church/Evanston