

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY OF 1977

The Annual Parish Assembly of St. Gregory, The Illuminator Armenian Church was held on Sunday, February 6, 1977 with sixty (60) dues-paying members present.

The meeting was called to order by the Parish Council Chairman, Mr. Onnig Zerounian at 1:40 p.m. The Rev. Terenig Kondralian, Pastor, gave the Invocation.

Mr. Anthony Devejian was elected Chairman of the Day and Mrs. Zarty Chilingirian, Recording Secretary.

Mr. Sarkis Chobanian made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 1976 Parish Assembly.

Mr. Edward Der Bogosian of the Nominating Committee submitted a slate of six (6) names for Parish Council. Ten (10) names are required for nomination to the Parish Council and Mr. Der Bogosian indicated that the Archbishop gave permission to allow the six (6) names as long as there were four (4) more names nominated from the floor. The following nominated from the floor all declined, Miss Sue Kezerian, Mrs. Virginia Alexanian, Mrs. Zarty Chilingirian, Sarkis Chobanian and Harry Kasparian.

Mr. Charles Serabian accepted the nomination from the floor for Diocesan delegate and his name was placed on the ballot.

? (The Diocesan delegate, getting the highest vote, would serve for four (4) years and the other delegate for ~~two (2) years~~.

✓ Father Kondralian read his annual report. Organizational reports read and accepted were given by the Parish Council, Ladies' Guild, Mr. & Mrs. Club, Church Choir, Sunday School, Armenian School, A.C.Y.O.A. Srs. and A.C.Y.O.A. Jrs.

✓ A motion was made by Mr. Simon Hamalian to send all deeds belonging to the Church to the Diocese and transferring the title of said deeds to the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America only if such transfer of title is not in violation of local ordinances and statutes and does not hinder the proper supervision and maintenance of such buildings and church edifices due to lack of proprietary rights. This motion was carried 34-12.

Der Hayre, the Parish Council, and all the organizations of the Church were commended for the fine job they had done during the year.

The Auditing Committee reported they examined the financial books and found them to be in order.

Mr. Sarkis Tavitian of the Reserve Fund Committee reported a balance of \$936.88 in the Reserve Savings Account at the Family Mutual Savings Bank.

The financial statement submitted by Mr. Richard Bazarian, Treasurer showed a checkbook balance as of December 31, 1976 of \$4,819.55. The Building Fund at Pentucket Bank as of January 1, 1977 reads \$18,412.05. The Treasurer answered questions from the floor. A recommendation was made that miscellaneous expenses should be broken down and specified more in detail.

Mr. Zerounian made a motion to pass the Proposed 1977 Budget. This motion was carried.

Mr. Edward Der Bogosian reported he attended the 74th Diocesan Assembly held in Pennsylvania on April 30, 1976 with Father Terenig and Parish Council Chairman, Mr. Zerounian. He was assigned to a youth panel and he read a report on their findings. The next Diocesan Assembly will be held in Providence, Rhode Island on May 5, 1977.

The question of dissolving the Reserve Fund Committee and transferring the money to the Building Fund was brought up. But as there was too much confusion as to what the duties of the committee were and what actually is in the safe deposit box, it was recommended that the Reserve Fund Committee present to the next parish assembly what actually is in the safe deposit box besides the bank book and the deed.

The following proposal was submitted by the Parish Council, and after discussion by the Assembly, was made into a motion and passed:

The renovation of our Church Hall, the kitchen, the stairway, the Parish Council room and the Parish House is a major and important project.

Due to the size of this project we recommend,

1. To form a committee of five (two parish council members and three parishioners).
2. To draw up specifications and obtain a minimum of three quotations by April 17, 1977.

3. Present the Committee's recommendation at a special parish assembly on April 17, 1977.
4. To recommend the ways and means of obtaining the funds to cover the expenses of renovations without withdrawing funds from the building fund.
5. To oversee, follow through and complete the project if and when accepted by the special parish assembly.

The following proposal was made into a motion and passed unanimously:

Increase the ceiling that the Parish Council can spend without the approval of the Parish Assembly from \$500 to \$1,500.

The following were elected to the Parish Council:

1. Martin Aaronian
2. Edward Basmajian
3. Richard Serabian
4. Azadoohi Loosian
5. Nerses Der Garabedian

for year?

(unanimous 596/407)

propose

The Nominating Committee was elected as follows:

1. Zarty Chilingirian
2. Sue Kezerian
3. Sylvia Tavitian

for year?

propose

The following were elected to serve on the Auditing Committee:

1. Sarkis Chobanian
2. Zaven Gostanian
3. Anthony Devejian

for year?

propose?

The attached sheet lists the names and amounts of votes for each person on the ballot.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. with the singing of Hyre Mer by the Assembly.

Respectfully Submitted,

Zarty Chilingirian
Zarty Chilingirian
Recording Secretary

Rev. Terenig Kondralian
Rev. Terenig Kondralian, Pastor

Mr. Anthony Devejian
Mr. Anthony Devejian, Chairman of the Day

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