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Armenian Apostolic Church**

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY OF 1979

The Annual Parish Assembly of St. Gregory, The Illuminator Armenian Church was held on Sunday, January 28, 1979 with forty-six (46) dues-paying members present.

The meeting was called to order by the Parish Council Chairman, Mr. Richard Serabian at 1:20 p.m. Very Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian, Pastor, gave the invocation.

Mr. Vasken Gostanian was elected Chairman of the Day and Mrs. Zarty Chilingirian, Recording Secretary.

Mr. Edward Der Bogosian of the Nominating Committee submitted a slate of three (3) names for the Parish Council. Nominations were asked for from the floor, but as none were forthcoming, the slate was submitted with the three names. This reduces the new Parish Council to seven (7) members. Elections were then held for the Nominating and Auditing Committees. Approval of the Parish Council elections will be requested of His Grace the Primate, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian.

The minutes of the last assembly were read and accepted.

Organizational reports given by the Parish Council, Ladies Guild, Mr. & Mrs. Club, Depository Trustees, Sunday School, A.C.Y.O.A. Srs., Armenian School, A.C.Y.O.A. and Church Choir were accepted as presented.

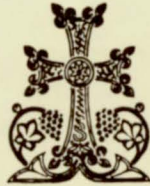
Mr. Zaven Gostanian of the Auditing Committee reported the financial books to be in order.

The financial statement submitted by Mr. Martin Aaronian, Treasurer, showed a checkbook balance of \$5,721.08 as of December 31, 1978. The Building Fund at Pentucket Savings Bank as of December 31, 1978 reads \$42,474.26 and the Reserve Fund being \$7,000.00. A motion was made and carried to accept the financial statement and the proposed 1979 Budget.

Hayr Soorp reported on the 1979 Diocesan Assembly which will be held in St. Vartanantz Church, Lowell under the Sponsorship of the three Sister Churches in the Merrimack Valley. It was reported that Richard Serabian is Corresponding Secretary and Paul Tavitian is Vice Chairman of the Diocesan Assembly Committee. The three churches



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will equally share in the profits. Everyone's cooperation was asked for in this great endeavor. There will be a meeting February 11 in the Holy Cross Church, Lawrence. Everyone was urged to attend and to volunteer their services. A choral group also will be formed under the direction of Mr. Sarkis Kurkjian which will perform at the Saturday night banquet.

Mrs. Zarouhy Tavitian turned over the Depository Trustee's records which were kept by her husband, the late Mr. Sarkis Tavitian. Mr. Charles Serabian read his letter of resignation from this committee which was accepted by Hayr Soorp and the Assembly Chairman. Mrs. Zarty Chilingirian suggested that since two of the original members of the Depository Committee were deceased and Mr. Serabian has handed in his resignation, this committee be dissolved and the monies be put into the general treasury and important papers be filed.

Also she noted that two years ago, a motion was made by the late Mr. Simon Hamalian to dissolve the committee and to send the deed to the Diocese. The motion made by Mr. Hamalian reads as follows:

"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".

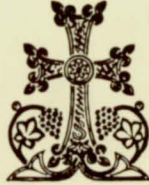
A motion was made by Edward Der Bogosian to transfer the \$1,052.69 in the Trustee Savings Account into the general church treasury. This motion was seconded and carried.

The motion made by Mr. Hamalian will be checked out as to the validity of sending the deed or title to the Diocese.

The Parish Council announced that in the future at funerals when the family requests donations In Lieu of Flowers, all organizations other than the church, will have to supply their own envelopes. The church will not be responsible for any bookkeeping duties entailed in this respect.

A motion was made to have a permanent committee selected by the Parish Assembly to serve for three (3) years to be responsible for the upkeep of the parish house. This motion was seconded and carried. Nubar Esaian, Edward Der Bogosian and Anne Kasparian volunteered to be on this committee.

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The following were elected to the Parish Council:

1. John Der Bogosian
2. Sarkis Kurkjian
3. Joseph Tavitian

The Nominating Committee was elected as follows:

1. Edward Der Bogosian
2. Edward Basmajian
3. Alice Kasparian

The following were elected to serve on the Auditing Committee:

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. with a prayer by Hayr Soorp.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Zarty Chilingirian*

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Recording Secretary

*Very Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian*  
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*Vasken Gostanian*  
Mr. Vasken Gostanian, Chairman of the Day