

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY OF 1980

The Annual Parish Assembly of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church was held on Sunday, February 10, 1980 with thirty-seven (37) dues paying members present. The meeting this year was held upstairs in the church.

Due to the absence of the Acting Parish Council Chairman, Mr. Paul Tavitian, the Invocation was offered and the meeting was opened by the Very Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian, Pastor at 1:30 p.m.

Hayr Soorp thanked Mr. Nubar Esaian and Mrs. Dorothy Ohanian for the commendable job they did under the trying conditions of the past year.

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

Mrs. Alice Kasparian submitted a slate of names for the ballot which was incomplete. She said it was difficult getting people to run for office. The following were nominated from the floor: parish council, one-year term, Edward Der Bogosian and Martin Aaronian; parish council, two-year term, Anthony Devejian and Edward Basmajian; auditing committee, Zaven Gostanian, Edward Der Bogosian and Alice Rayissian; nominating committee, Alice Basmajian, Virginia Chobanian and George Kasparian.

The minutes of the last Assembly meeting was read and accepted.

Organizational reports given by the Parish Council, Ladies' Guild, Mr. & Mrs. Club, Church Choir, Sunday School, ACYOA Jrs. and Armenian School were accepted.

Mr. Sarkis Chobanian of the Auditing Committee reported that the checkbook balance as of December 31, 1979 should read \$1572.05 instead of \$520.93. He reported the books, when handed to the present treasurer, were in such a chaotic condition that it was very difficult to check the books. He recommended that a better system of bookkeeping be set up and the books be audited twice a year.

The proposed budget showed a \$300.00 difference in the Receipts and Disbursements of altar flowers. This figure will be adjusted to balance the budget.

Hayr Soorp reported that the boiler has been causing problems this winter. It has broken down several times and the plumber has recommended that the boiler be replaced. Since the price of oil is high, there is a question of whether to replace the boiler and continue with the oil heat or to convert to gas. The Gas Company is going to run a gas line on Main Street. It was estimated the annual cost of heating the church with gas would be \$3600.00. It was decided to let the Parish Council check into both systems and then call a special Parish Assembly to discuss the matter.

Since the kitchen and hall are in needs of repair and renovation, the following people were selected to be on a General Renovation committee; Edward Der Bogosian, Harry Kasparian, Zachary Alexanian, Yeranig Kezerian, Virginia Chobanian and Zarty Chilingirian.

In order not to touch the treasury, a Ways and Means committee was formed to raise money for the church. The following will serve on this committee; Alice Rayissian, James Shahinian, Alice Basmajian, Rose Der Bogosian and Zarty Chilingirian.

The following were elected to the Parish Council:

ONE YEAR TERM

1. Sarkis Chobanian
2. Anne Kasparian
3. Martin Aaronian

TWO YEAR TERM

1. Anthony Devejian
2. Edward Basmajian
3. Michael Devejian
4. Richard Bazarian
5. Dorothy Ohanian

AUDITING COMMITTEE

1. Zaven Gostanian
2. Alice Rayissian
3. Edward Der Bogosian

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1. Zarty Chilingirian
2. Martin Aaronian
3. Alice Basmajian

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4p.m. with a prayer by Hayr Soorp.

Respectfully submitted,

Zarty Chilingirian
Zarty Chilingirian, Recording Secretary

Very Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian
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Pastor and President Parish Assembly

Anthony Devejian
Mr. Anthony Devejian, Chairman of the Day