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MINUTES OF 1986 PARISH ASSEMBLY

The Annual Parish Assembly of St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church was held on Wednesday evening, March 12, 1986 in the Church with thirty-two (32) members present.

The meeting was called to order by the Parish Council Chairman, Zaven Gostanian at 8:15 P.M. In the absence of a parish priest, the opening prayer was read by the membership.

Paul Tavitian was elected Chairman of the Parish Assembly and Alice Rayissian was elected Secretary.

A moment of silence was held for the deceased parishioners of 1985.

The Nominating Committee consisting of Zarty Chilingirian, Paul Tavitian and Harry Kasparian presented the slate with three names for Parish Council and an incomplete slate for Nominating and Auditing Committees. Nominations were open to the floor and the following names were added to the Parish Council slate - Vahan Hanedanian and Esther Bonin. A motion was made to table the nominations and allow the Nominating Committee to come forth with a completed slate. Another meeting date was set for April 2 for this purpose.

The minutes of the 1985 Parish Assembly were read and accepted.

The following organizational reports were accepted: Parish Council, Women's Guild, Mr. & Mrs. Club, Ladies Aide Society and Choir.

Anthony Devejian and Zaven Gostanian (in place of George Mardekian of the Auditing Committee) checked the books and found them to be in order.

Esther Bonin, Treasurer, responded to questions on the Financial Report from the membership.

A motion was made by Elbes DerBoghossian that the pay scale for all priests be assumed by the Diocese and this should be submitted as a proposal to the Diocesan Assembly. This motion was seconded by Zarty Chilingirian. It was moved to have the proposal sent in providing it is in the time scope.

A suggestion was made by Alice Kasparian to write to seminaries overseas to see if there is an ordained deacon studying for the priesthood who would be interested in coming to Haverhill to perform services at St. Gregory on Sundays. During the week he could further pursue his education by attending schools in Boston.

A motion was made by George Tashjian that we have total renovations of the hall. The motion was seconded by Harry Kasparian. The estimated cost is between fifteen to eighteen thousand which would consist of lowering the ceiling, cementing the windows, lighting, front stage utilization for storage, sanding floors, etc. Also fixing the stairs going to the office and then continuation to upstairs.

The Ways and Means Committee will meet and make plans to raise money. Contributions for the 40th Anniversary of the Church Ad Book are still being solicited.

Approval was received from the Diocese that Deacon Garabed Loosian may give communion and have short services every Sunday to keep the church doors open.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vasken Gostanian and seconded by Harry Kasparian. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alice B. Rayissian /z

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Secretary

Paul Tavitian /z
Paul Tavitian
Chairman of the Day