

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
SAINT GREGORY OF NAREK ARMENIAN CHURCH
CLEVELAND, OHIO
FEBRUARY 26, 1989

The Annual Assembly of St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Very Reverend Father Souren Chinchinian. Florence Karoghlanian introduced Father Souren who proceeded to address the assembly. Ralph Chakerian read the roll call of dues paid members in attendance at the Parish Assembly. There were 53 members present, which constituted a quorum.

Thelma Bagdasarian noted that in the minutes of the 1988 Parish Assembly, Harold Zahigian and David Andonian were left off the members of the Pastoral Search Committee. Ralph Chakerian read corrections to the 1989 proposed budget. These additions and deletions totaled \$21,664 for a revised total of \$96,044 in disbursements and \$97,044 in revenues. Sam Mirakian moved to accept the minutes, as revised, from the 1988 Parish Assembly. The motion was seconded.

The meeting was turned over to Sue Mirakian and Jack Hacherian, Nominating Committee, who asked for nominations for Officers of the Day. Mona Karoghlanian was added to the ballot for Chairperson joining Richard Aurslian who had previously accepted a nomination from the Nominating Committee. Greg Arpajian was added to the ballot for Secretary joining Martha Hacherian who also had accepted a previous nomination from the Nominating Committee. Results of the closed ballot were:

CHAIRPERSON

*Richard Aurslian 34
Mona Karoghlanian 17

SECRETARY

*Gregory Arpajian 46
Martha Hacherian 04

James Nazarian spoke about the events and opportunities the year of 1988 presented St. Gregory's. He thanked Florence Karoghlanian for her leadership and her instrumentality in the accomplishments of the chapter and presented her with a small token of Parish Council's appreciation. Florence Karoghlanian kindly thanked the Parish Council for their gift, and thanked the community for their contributions and efforts in light of the many tragedies. Sam Mirakian moved to accept the minutes, as revised, from the 1988 Parish Assembly.

The next item on the agenda was the election of three Parish Council members to replace Nazar Yessayan, Ralph Chakerian and James Nazarian. Nominations for Parish Council, Nominating Committee and Auditing Committee were then taken. The question was raised as to whether two members of the same immediate family could serve on the same committee. Ralph Chakerian stated that the Diocesan By-Laws did not prevent two immediate family members from serving on the same committee. James Nazarian then stated that we should not conduct all three elections simultaneously. Richard Aurslian stated that we should conduct just one committee election at a time. Thelma Bagdasarian moved to separately conduct the election of members to Parish Council. Harold Zahigian seconded. This motion was unanimously accepted. The Nominating Committee then mentioned that for the ballots to be considered legal, the number of the candidate must be circled. Parish Council election were then held.

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Richard Aurslanian resumed the assembly. George Sakian inquired about the status of the uncompleted projects. Harold Zahigian spoke about the philosophy of Parish Council to renew, and not repair, those areas in need of attention. Harold continued that Parish Council was studying the feasibility of a number of different alternatives on how best to refurbish the front doors to the Church. These alternatives included bronzing, skinning and replacement. James Nazarian brought up that the questioning of the projects underway was out of order and instead should be discussed during old business.

The Nominating Committee then resumed the elections. Results of the Parish Council election are as follows:

*Krikor Yessayan	44	Lucille Andonian	25
*James Nazarian	33	Thelma Bagdasarian	2
*Janis Nazarian	32	Arousiag Demirjian	0.

The floor was then opened for nominations for the Nominating Committee. Lucille Andonian, Krikor Ghazarian, Matthew Hatchadorian, Suzanne Hatchadorian, Martha Hacherian and Greg Arpajian accepted nominations for the Nominating Committee. Thelma Bagdasarian moved to close nominations. The motion was seconded. Greg Arpajian motioned for the elections for the Nominating Committee and the Audititng Committee to be separated. The motion was seconded, a vote was taken and the motion was carried.

Richard Aurslanian resumed the assembly. Ralph Chakerian proceeded to clarify numerous questions about both the actual 1988 receipts and the proposed 1989 receipts. Thelma Bagdasarian asked why the Christmas Tree Sale and the Pumpkin Sale were being discontinued for 1989. Ralph Chakerian stated that there were some difficulties with our current associates and the decision to discontinue the sales was made. Krikor Ghazarian asked why the Cultural Hall Rental was so high in the 1989 proposed budget and Ralph Chakerian stated that it was due to a carryover from the 1988 budget. Janis Nazarian asked what project(s) the proposed Income Making amount in the proposed 1989 was and Ralph Chakerian stated that that decision was left to the discretion of the new Parish Council.

The discussion then turned to the proposed 1989 budget-disbursements. Martha Hacherian asked if there were any expenses associated with the Earthquake fund. Ralph Chakerian responded that a minimal amount was donated for miscellaneous supplies (stamps, envelopes). Jeanne Arslanian asked why now that the Pastoral Search Committee and the Earthquake Relief efforts are over the phone expenses are listed so high. Ralph Chakerian stated that we advertise in two different areas of the Yellow Pages, have two phones in the Church House (one just recently having been added) and have long distance phone usage. David Andonian asked about the pay phone issue which was raised at the 1988 Parish Assembly. It was stated that there has not yet been a solution. Greg Arpajian asked what moneys were sent to the Diocese for the Earthquake Relief. David Andonian stated that \$50,000 has been sent and that \$75,000 will be sent shortly.

Nazar Mirakian asked about the extent of the joint efforts between the two churches on the Earthquake Relief. Ralph Chakerian stated that the moneys received by the two churches were never mixed. Jack Hacherian added that

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in the future we should not have joint ventures/efforts between the two churches. Grace Arslanian asked about the reason for keeping so much money in the Church Passbook Savings account. It was stated that a significant amount of that money is being transferred to CD's. James Nazarian motioned to accept the budgets as amended, Lucine Andonian seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Nominating Committee then resumed the elections. The results of the Nominating Committee elections are as follows:

*Krikor Ghazarian	35	Matthew Hatchadorian	29
*Martha Hacherian	34	Lucille Andonian	16
*Greg Arpajian	32	Suzanne Hatchadorian	12

Nominations were then taken for the position of Auditing Committee. Those accepting nominations were:

Grace Arslanian	Ralph Chakerian	Mae Hatchadorian
Jeanne Arslanian	Eileen Hacherian	Richard Aurslanian

Nominations were then taken for the position of Diocesan Delegate. Those accepting nominations were:

Jack Hacherian Kevork Arslanian

David Andonian motioned for the nominations to be closed. The motion was carried. The suggestion that others may like to be nominated for the position of Diocesan Delegate was made. David Andonian rescinded his motion to close the nominations. No others accepted nominations for Diocesan Delegate. David Andonian then motioned for the nominations to be closed. The motion was seconded. Elections were then held for the Auditing Committee and for Diocesan Delegate.

Richard Aurslanian resumed the program. The next order of business was the discussion of Old Business. A report was made on the very successful activities of the Pastoral Search Committee. Then discussion turned to the issue of restoration of the Church doors. Sam Mirakian asked what the prices were to the various alternatives. Harold Zahigian stated that bronzing the two front church doors would be approximately \$4000-\$5000. Replacing the two doors would be about \$2,500. Landscaping efforts were then discussed. At a cost of \$700, an architect is to draw up plans for future landscaping efforts. Sam Mirakian stated as landscaping efforts were not included in the 1989 proposed budget, how these efforts were to be funded. Ralph Chakerian said that the landscaping is included under Capital Improvements. Kevork Arslanian asked about the status of the canopy to protect the church doors. He said that the Memorial Committee submitted three proposals to the Parish Council about the canopy. James Nazarian that the 1988 assembly charged the Parish Council with considering the canopy issue and not necessarily purchasing one. Sam Mirakian stated that the cost of purchasing new doors appears to be more feasible than bronzing the doors or even installing a canopy over them. Vergin Arslanian stated that the canopy is not exclusively for the protection of the doors, but also for the protection of the parishioners from the bad weather. Harold Zahigian said that if we install a canopy that there is still an unprotected area. The discussion then turned to the warranty/guarantee on

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the doors. James Nazarian then stated that Parish Council will again look into the various alternatives and come to a decision. He also stated that the Parish Council will look into carpeting the Church and Cultural Hall, while keeping in mind that the carpet must be both aesthetically pleasing and safe. Florence Karoghlanian spoke about the restoration of the Cultural Hall. The upper area of the Hall will be wallpapered. This will be completed by the 25th Anniversary at a cost of about \$7,000.

The Nominating Committee then resumed elections. The results of the Auditing Committee and Diocesan Delegate Elections are as follows:

Nominating Committee

*Ralph Chakerian 46	Richard Aurslanian 22
*Grace Arslanian 45	Mae Hatchadorian 15
*Jeanne Arslanian 23	Eileen Hacherian 5

Diocesan Delegate

*Jack Hacherian 38	Kevork Arslanian 13
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Richard Aurslanian resumed the meeting. The next item on the agenda was New Business. Harold Zahigian spoke about the Cooling System in the church. He said that it could be put outside the church in the chancel area at a cost of about \$40,000. Paul Arslanian said that that was an unnecessary investment. Jack Hacherian asked how much it would cost to do the front of the church. Harold Zahigian said that it would cost \$20,000 to do the altar and the chancel. Sam Mirakian suggested putting off this project until a later time.

Florence Goekjian stated that everyone should take a turn getting involved in various volunteer capacities with the church. Martha Hacherian congratulated Florence Goekjian on her fine and dedicated service as Diocesan Delegate for the past 8 years. She went on to say that the Cleveland Church should attempt to get enough members to allow us to have two representatives to the Diocesan Assembly. James Nazarian then motioned for all ten reports Church Organization reports be accepted as submitted. Sam Mirakian seconded the motion. Florence Karoghlanian stated that the church will miss Nazar Yessayan and Ralph Chakerian and all their hard work and dedication. She also welcomed the New members to the Parish Council and stated that next year we all should consider accepting the responsibility of serving the community in a greater capacity.

Very Reverend Father Souren Chinchinian closed with the benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Aurslanian
Richard Aurslanian
Assembly Chairperson

Gregory Arpajian
Gregory Arpajian
Assembly Secretary