

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
SAINT GREGORY OF NAREK ARMENIAN CHURCH
CLEVELAND, OHIO
FEBRUARY 24, 1991

The Annual Parish Assembly of St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church was called to order at 1:51 p.m. by Florence Karoghlanian. Acting president of the meeting, Reverend Father Garen Gdanian, opened the meeting with a prayer. Harold Zahigian read the roll call of dues paid members at the Parish Assembly. There were 58 members present, which constituted a quorum.

The Parish Council Chairman, Florence Karoghlanian, addressed the Assembly with words of appreciation, and encouragement for our future as a Parish. She highlighted and focused on key points of the year; in short, a review of 1991. She closed by requesting our continued faith, love and devotion to our Mother Church.

The minutes of the 1990 Assembly were read and approved with one correction. Jack Hacherian suggested to delete the word "gambling" on page 5. Mona Karoghlanian moved to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Jack Hacherian.

The meeting was then turned over to Sandra Aurslanian, Sue Mirakian and Lucine Mirakian. The officers of the day were elected from the following slate:

CHAIRMAN		SECRETARY	
Russell Arslanian	51	Carol Ghazarian	29
Jack Hacherian	7	Ann Karayan	27

Next the Nominating Committee presented the nominees for Parish Council: Mona Karoghlanian. Five more nominees were needed for a legal slate which were nominated from the floor. The results were as follows:

Archie Andonian	55*	Mona Karoghlanian	12
Jack Hacherian	42*	Jim Nazarian	15
Russell Arslanian	46*	Janis Nazarian	0

* Elected for 2-year term.

OLD BUSINESS

Ara Bagdasarian explained that in November 1996, a sewer line will be constructed on Richmond Road. Parish Council recommends to maintain the present Septic System until the new sewer line is put in. The Assembly agreed.

STEWARDSHIP

Jim Nazarian stated that 60% of dues are sent to Diocese. He said not one pledge form given out at the last Annual Meeting came back. He stressed that dues are not pledges. Father Gdanian mentioned that his parish raised \$40,000 in stewardship pledges.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE RESULTS

Leslie Bagdasarian	25*	Meshac Aurslanian	14
Sandra Aurslanian	43*	Thelma Bagdasarian	16
Sue Mirakian	41*	Krikor Ghazarian	23

* Elected for 1 year term.

BINGO

Harold Zahigian reported that we renewed our bingo license. A start up cost of \$13,000 is needed for equipment and materials. Also two teams of 12 volunteers are also needed. The bingo should be operated every Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. by unpaid volunteers. Jack Hacherian moved to accept bingo operations and authorize Parish Council to go ahead. Motion was seconded and passed with seven opposing. Archie Andonian seconded this motion.

AUDITING COMMITTEE RESULTS

John Benneian	31*	Eric Ohanian	13
Ralph Chakerian	41*	Mary Ann Yessayan	15
Grace Arslanian	35*	Jeanne Arslanian	24

*Elected for 1 year term.

CULTURAL HALL ROOF REPAIR

Harold Zahigian explained that the whole roof needs to be redone. The contracts are signed by Parish Council and the work will be done in the spring of 1991. Total cost is \$10,400 for fixing the flat roof part and single part.

ST. NERSES SEMINARY DONATION

Ara Bagdasarian reported that during the past year Women's Guild donated \$200, ACYOA - \$75, Sunday School - \$50 and Parish Council - \$175. A total of \$500 was sent in January of 1991. Father Gdanian suggested we give a \$500 endowment fund because they only use the interest. Mona Karoghlanian moved that St. Gregory send a minimum of \$500 annually as an endowment to St. Nerses. Archie Andonian seconded. The motion passed.

ADJACENT LOT

Size 130 ft. frontage x 600 ft. deep. The asking price is \$300.00. David Andonian said we should forego buying it for now. Russell Arslanian said it was a prudent decision. Nobody opposed.

HALL KITCHEN REFRIGERATOR

Harold Zahigian reported that it would have cost \$4,500 for replacement. The Parish Council had the old refrigerator completely repaired for \$1,250.

ORIENTAL RUG SALE

Ara Bagdasarian distributed a written proposal saying that rug sales have been successful in other parishes. Maximum church expenses are \$9,300 in case of zero sales. However, John Davidian, who is equally exposed monetarily, told Ara that such a sale would be feasible. Security costs are included in the expenses. Mona Karoghlanian asked that if there was any dissatisfaction by customers, who would be responsible? Ara Bagdasarian replied that they would be referred to John Davidian. Ara then moved to proceed with this plan. Seconded by Mona. Motion was passed.

SPRING FESTIVAL

Thelma Bagdasarian asked about the status on the Spring Festival we discussed a year ago. Harold said we still have the plans but as usual no manpower...55-60 people working 3 shifts would be needed.

PASTORAL SITUATION

Serop Demirjian reported that all previously considered priests and deacons were either retiring or assigned to other churches. Florence Karoghlanian has tried to get as many visiting priests as possible and Father Gdanian has agreed to come and help us as a visiting priest.

Parish Council has written a letter to the Diocese expressing their disappointment that we didn't get a priest. Since we have one of the largest ACYOA chapters, we asked the Diocese to consider the dire need for a qualified priest and that:

1. After Deacon Odabashian's 1 year internship in Worcester, Cleveland gets the first interview with him.
2. During 1991, Cleveland can have priority to interview the first available priest.

Florence Karoghlanian read Bishop Barsamian's response which congratulated the Cleveland ACYOA Chapter for the successful Sports Weekend. He also stated that he was anxious to see Cleveland get a priest.

BUDGET

Harold Zahigian clarified that the cost of the new grill was \$1,000. The grill is stored inside to prevent corrosion. The cost of the new copy machine was \$4,195. Harold reported that 50% of that cost was recovered through in house production of the Paros for the first 8 months. Currently the Paros is being sent to the printer due to the lack of manpower. We still do the cover, insert printing and assembly. It costs about \$200 a month to get the rest of Paros printed at Officemax. Grace Arslanian suggested that the size of the print of the budget in the Annual

Report be larger. Harold said this would be taken into consideration. David Andonian moved to approve the budget as proposed and Mona seconded. The 1991 Proposed Budget was passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Debbie Venditti asked if the Annual Church Picnic would be donations or a set fee. Harold Zahigian said the Parish Council has not decided yet. Ara Bagdasarian pointed out that the donation plan has proved to be more profitable.

Russell Arslanian thanked Fr. Gdanian for presiding with the parish during the Annual Assembly. David Andonian moved to adjourn. Seconded by Archie Andonian. The meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m. with a benediction given by Fr. Gdanian.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Arslanian

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Assembly Chairman

Carol Ghazarian

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Assembly Secretary