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ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MINUTES

FEBRUARY 10, 1991

The annual parish assembly, as stipulated in the by-laws, convened in Hovanessian Cultural Hall, presided by Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian, Pastor.

The meeting was called to order by Garbis Meguerian at 1:15 p.m. following invocation. A quorum of 42 members present, was verified by roll call. (Later 4 more eligible members showed up.)

Sarkis Boyajian was elected to act as Chairman for the meeting, with Lottie Mikaelian, as Secretary. Gary Mazian was appointed by the Chairman to act as parliamentarian.

For expediency, the Chairman suggested the Nominations and Balloting Committees, act as one committee. Mr. Meguerian moved to follow this procedure. Seconded by Sonia Harlan. Motion carried. Isabelle Gederian and Sarkis Boyajian acted in the name of the combined committee.

Chairman recommended we follow the agenda covering the annual reports of the various subordinating organizations, since they were presented to parishoners in advance of the meeting. And, unless there were questions or ammendments, we accept them as presented.

At this point of the meeting, Dr. Hovanessian moved we accept the minutes of the February 4, 1990 meeting. A second by Greg Srabian. Motion carried.

Lorene Skinner requested Der Hayr give us the exact literal translation of the Armenian Script above the sanctuary archway, so when asked, we quote correctly. Der Hayr did so, stating it translates: "A new commandment I give you. to love one another".

While reviewing the Sunday School Report, Dr. Hovanessian moved that any Sunday School teacher, requesting to attend DRE Classes in New York, have expenses paid for by the Parish, as well as those of the Sunday School Superintendent attending the Diocesan Assembly. A second by Mr. Robert Auer. Motion carried. Acknowledgement was expressed for the \$1,429.00 the Sunday School turned over to the Parish Council.

Isabelle Gederian commended the Choir for it's "fantastic and terrific efforts".

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Araxie Samarjian called attention to the fact the Seniors' Organization contributed \$1,200.00 to the Council. Mr. Meguerian acknowledged their donation and commended their enthusiasm.

It was noted ACYOA Jrs. remitted \$2,000.00 to the Parish Council. Mr. Meguerian accepted and thanked the members for their efforts.

A round of applause was afforded the Women's Guild for their contribution of \$11,000.00 to the Parish Treasury.

Dr. Hovanessian requested it be officially noted in the minutes to congratulate the newsletter staff for its efforts in producing the Number One Newsletter in the Chicago area. He also stated, other churches have been influenced by our letter and are commencing work on one of their own. Lorene Skinner graciously accepted accolades on behalf of the staff.

In reviewing the Budget and Expenses, Mr. Meguerian, as chairman of the council, suggested Trustees take into consideration paying-off the mortgage balance of \$16,400.00 and to report to the mid-year council meeting on same.

Dr. Hovanessian requested the line item of Delegate Expenses in the 1991 Budget be corrected to read "Delegates' Expenses" which incorporates the Chairman's expenses as well.

Irene Merijohn moved to accept the 1991 Budget as presented. Mr. Sahagian seconded. Motion carried.

Regarding the Diocesan Assembly, Dr. Hratch Doumanian asked whether there were any new disclosures on the progress of the Unity Committee. Dr. Hovanessian reported there were absolutely none. The Chair ruled further discussion be taken under New Business of the meeting.

Mr. Auer moved, seconded by Mr. Srabian, the assembly accept and approve all reports as submitted. Motion carried.

The next order of business was election for the office of trustee. Chairman related four trustees needed to be elected. Of the present trustees, the following accepted to run for office: Anahid Pridjian - Karneg Boyajian and Van Giragosian.

Remaining in office: Hratch Doumanian - Greg Srabian - Gary Mazian - Martin Randall and Garbis Meguerian.

Nominated were: Sonia Harlan - Ara Yeretsian - Elizabeth Sahagian and Irene Merijohn.

Rosie Yeretsian moved nominations be closed. A second by Garbis Meguerian. Motion carried.

The following were elected to serve on the Parish Council for the ensuing year:

Anahid Pridjian - 38

Karneg Boyajian - 45

Van Giragosian - 40

Sonia Harlan - 43

Ara Yeretsian - 6 (to serve in the event one of the above cannot fulfill term)

Alice Boyajian informed the assembly, Anahid Pridjian is a new member of the Women's Guild, and as such will be the representative to the Council.

Dr. Hovanessian accepted nomination for the position of Diocesan Delegate and was elected to office by a popular vote of 42. Vickie Hovanessian to be alternate delegate.

Elected to serve on the Nominating Committee for 1991:

Sona Doumanian

Ara Yeretsian

Dick Atkian

Virginia Bogosian

Elected to serve on the Auditing Committee for 1991:

Andy Sahagian

Irene Merijohn

Harry Mazian

New Business:

Chairman called on Mr. Srabian to report on the Altar Project. He reported meeting with the architect to finalize the design, which will then be submitted to a marble company. His understanding is, that five month's time will be needed to complete the marble work. At which time, it is hopeful, work will commence during the summer months.

Elizabeth Sahagian reported on the April 24th Genocide Committee, concerning joint services with other churches, as in the past year. She related 14 members at the meeting agreed to a joint service. However, the Diocese is disallowing such a joint service.

After general discussion, Karneg Boyajian moved to direct the assembly to request a letter be drafted and forwarded to the Archdiocese requesting permission to participate with area churches in a joint service. Greg Srabian seconded. Motion carried. Karneg Boyajian was directed to prepare such a letter, to be signed by Sarkis Boyajian as Chairman of the Parish Assembly.

Dr. Hovanessian requested the council consider paying a stipend to visiting deacons. After discussion and lack of motion, subject was dispensed with.

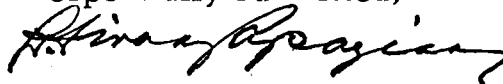
Dr. Hovanessian moved the Council work up a proposal to be addressed to the Diocesan Assembly, requesting quarterly reports from the Unity Committee. Seconded by Mr. Auer. Motion carried.

Martha Auer suggested Mr. Meguerian approach the council with a proposal suggesting each parish member contribute a computed sum of money to afford paying the mortgage balance in full. Mr. Meguerian agreed to do so and stated a report on same would be made at the mid-year assembly.

Dr. Hovanessian commended Der Hayr, the Council and subordinating groups for a great job in fulfilling the budget and activities during 1990.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Sona Doumanian moved to adjourn. A second by Lottie Mikaelian. Meeting closed 3:50 p.m. Der Hayr concluded the assembly with a sharagan for Vartanantz and a popular Armenian song and benediction.

Respectfully submitted,



Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian,
President



Lottie Mikaelian,
Secretary



Sarkis Boyajian,
Chairman