

STS. JOACHIM & ANNE ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
Sunday, January 25, 1998

The Annual Parish Assembly was brought to order by 1997 Parish Assembly Chariman Garbis Meguerian at 12:50 P.M with an opening prayer by Rev. Fr. Tavit Boyajian, Pastor of Sts. Joachim & Anne Armenian Apostolic Church. Roll call was taken with 49 members present. Thirty members were needed to form a quorum, therefore a quorum was established.

Garbis Meguerian opened the floor for nominations to serve as Chairman of the assembly. Dr. Raffy Hovanessian nominated Dr. Garbis Meguerian and there was a second. Dr. Meguerian accepted the nomination and the assembly approved unanimously.

Dr. Meguerian opened the floor for nominations to serve as Secretary of the assembly. There was a nomination for Annette Sultanian and there was a second. Annette accepted the nomination and the assembly approved unanimously.

Richard Nalbandian acknowledged the service of Sona Doumanian and Dennis Vander Meer. Both had served the Parish Council faithfully for the past six years.

Dr. Hovanessian made a motion to change the agenda as written to move the elections to the next item of business. There was a second. There were no objections and the agenda was approved as amended.

Gail Santucci, Nominating Committee, asked for nominations from the floor for Parish Council. The ballot included Robert Auer, Zareh Avedoumian, Sarkis Boyajian, Heratch Doumanian, Paul Mardoian, and Richard Nalbandian. There were no nominations from the floor. Rosy Yeretsian motioned to close nominations and motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Gail Santucci clarified that we needed to re-elect Rev. Fr. Tavit Boyajian to a five year term. His original election was for three years. Dr. Hovanessian made a motion to elect Rev. Fr. Tavit Boyajian for an additional five years. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Dr. Meguerian explained that the auditing committee member was elected for a term of three years with a new election being held each year. The Nominating Committee proposed a ballot for the Auditing Committee with the name of Charles Terzian. Ara Yeretsian moved that nominations for the Nominating Committee be closed. The motion was seconded and the motion was approved.

Dr. Meguerian opened the floor for nomination for the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee stated that the ballot included Martha Auer, Gail Santucci, Peggy Enokian-Mason, Anna Giragosian and Liz Sahagian. Virginia Bogosian made a motion to

close nominations for the Nominating Committee. There was a second and the motion carried.

Ballots were pass out.

Next on the agenda was the minutes to last year's assembly. Bob Auer made a motion to accept last year's minutes as presented. There was a second and the motion carried.

Ballots were collected as names were called off.

The next item on the agenda was the Mission and Vision Statement. Der Hayr noted that the statement was passed out during badarak. Brian Nigohosian made a motion to approve the proposed vision statement which is to read "*For the greater honor and glory of God.*" . The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

Dr. Hovanesian made a motion to accept the Mission Statement as passed out during badarak. There was a second and the motion carried.

The 1998 Budget was next on the agenda. It was noted that Item 7 (1998 Budget) on the agenda should have included the Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Sona Doumanian reported the following:

Balance as of 12/31/96	\$ 38,879.95
Revenues for 1997	126,253.52
Expenses for 1997	<u>113,984.38</u>
Balance for 1997	\$ 12,269.16
Balance as of 12/31/97	\$ 51,149.11
Balance at Merrill Lynch	\$ 37,052.14
Balance at Heritage Bank	<u>14,094.44</u>
Total monies	\$ 51,146.58

Dr. Meguerian spoke on behalf of the Auditing Committee and explained that the Auditing Committee spent six hours going over the treasurer's books. They found very few errors and made the corrections, however there was a \$2.53 discrepancy which could not be found.

Zareh Avedoumian made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. There was a second, however the motion was tabled due to questions in the proposed 1998 budget.

Ara Yeretsian questioned that the proposed "Secretarial Help" for 1998 was \$5,000, yet in 1997 nothing was budgeted or actually spent. Der Hayr suggested that we eliminate the

proposed "Secretarial Help" of \$5,000 . He explained that he himself does the secretarial work for the Church. He stated that the secretarial work done for Church would require a secretary who got paid more that \$5,000 (closer to \$15,000-20,000). He went on to say that to hire someone to come in once a week would require more time of him in explaining what work needed to get done, therefore it was easier for him to do the work himself.

Some parishioners said they still wanted to keep the money in the budget should the church need special secretarial assistance during the year. Dennis Vander Meer made a motion to reduce the 1998 budget by \$5,000 and delete the "Secretarial Help." The motion was seconded and defeated.

There was a question from the floor about what types of expenses were included under Miscellaneous. Treasurer Sona Doumanian broke the items down.

Parish Council member Paul Mardoian stated that Stewardship has steadily been going down. The Church still operates and needs the continued support of pledges to keep the church going.

There was a motion by Dr. Ara Yeretsian to accept the Treasurer's Report. There was a second and the motion carried.

Zareh Avedoumian made a motion to accept the 1998 budget as presented. There was a second and the motion carried.

Treasurer Sona Doumanian stated that she enjoyed her tenure as treasurer. She acknowledged all the help and support of various members of Parish Council and of the Church.

Assistant Treasurer Virginia Bogosian acknowledged the donation of \$16,000 from Sts. Joachim & Anne Armenian Church Women's Guild. She also stated that Women's Guild was going to donate an additional \$13,000 later that week. Donations were also given by Sunday School in the amount of \$4,000 and from Senior Citizen's \$2,857.

Dr. Meguerian noted that the Parish Council Report should have been included with the agenda.

At this time, the Nominating Committee announced the results of the elections. The results were as follows:

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Paul Mardoian	47 votes	
Richard Nalbandian	46 votes	
Sarkis Boyajian	46 votes	
Zareh Avedoumian	42 votes	
Heratch Doumanian	40 votes	
Bob Auer	29 votes	(Alternate)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Martha Auer	48 votes	
Gail Santucci	44 votes	
Liz Sahagian	42 votes	
Anna Giragosian	41 votes	
Peggy Enokian-Mason	17 votes	(Alternate)

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Charlie Terzian	51 votes
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PASTOR

Rev. Fr. Tavit Boyajian	51 votes
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Dr. Meguerian thanked the Nominating Committee for all the work they did.

The next item on the agenda was Diocesan By-Law Amendments. The proposed amendment was submitted by the Parish Council. This amendment would be an addition to By-Law 31. It would be 31B "At Parish Council meetings the presence of a majority of the parish Council membership shall constitute a quorum, and decisions shall be rendered by the majority of members present and voting." Discussion followed. After discussion, the Parish Council withdrew the motion for further consideration.

Church Building and Usage Fee/Rent/Donation Schedule was the next item on the agenda. Paul Mardoian proposed a fee and rental schedule for the hall. Questions and discussion about who cleans up and pays for the clean up arose. There was also discussion about a deposit. Paul said both items would be made clear and written in the contract. The contract would be reviewed by the two attorneys on Parish Council.

A motion was made by Dennis Vander Meer to accept the Fee/Rental/Donation Schedule. The motion was seconded and carried.

Under New Items from the Floor, Andy Sahagian brought up the topic of the suggestion box. At the last Mid-Year Assembly, the idea of a suggestion box was mentioned and nothing had been resolved regarding this item. Andy Sahagian made a motion that an Idea Box be made available for suggestions and comments. The motion was seconded. Discussion followed and a vote was taken. Fourteen (14) votes against the motion and eleven (11) for. The motion was defeated.

Anna Giragosian questioned why there were only treasurer reports, and no non-financial reports from the auxiliary organizations in the Parish. Garbis stated that these reports still needed to be included in the Parish Assembly Report in order to be sent to the Diocese. Garbis announced that all auxiliary reports needed to be submitted by Sunday, February 2nd.

Parish Council Chairman announced the upcoming events. (1) Poon Paregentan Dinner/Dance to be held Saturday, February 21, 1998. (2) Coffee Hour list would be circulated for sign-up for fellowship. Gary Mazian will take care of making sure a list gets

out with names and addressed. If parties who signed up cannot make-it, they should be able to contact and trade with someone else. (3) Lenten dinner would be on Wednesdays during Lent.

A motion was made by Dr. Raffy Hovanessian to thank the young Parish Council members for all their hard work. The motion was seconded and carried.

Shunt Madanyan Co-Chairman of the Poon Paregentan Dinner/Dance urged all to buy tickets for this event. Tickets need to be bought in advance so as to notify the Country Club of the number of sales. One hundred and fifty was the minimum needed. Gail Santucci announced that she would be conducting Armenian dance lessons on Wednesday, February 11th to prepare for this dinner/dance.

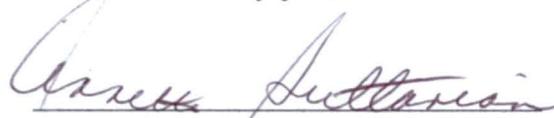
A motion was made by Paul Mardoian to adjourn the meeting. There was a second and the motion carried.

The Annual Parish Assembly was adjourned by 3:18 with a closing prayer by Der Hayr.

Respectfully submitted,


Rev. Fr. Tavit Boyajian, Pastor


Dr. Garbis Meguerian, Assembly Chairman


Annette Sultanian, Assembly Secretary

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