

PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING

ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR ARMENIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 4, 1990

The meeting was called to order at 2:20 p.m. by Mr. George Nahabedian, Chairman of the 1988 Parish Assembly Meeting. Father Vahram Hazarian opened the meeting with a prayer and a moment of silence for the members of the Church who had passed away during the year and also for the passing of His Eminence Archbishop Yeghishe Derderian, the Patriarch of Jerusalem.

Mr. George Nahabedian conducted the verification of dues paying members. Out of a total of 109 paid members, there were 42 members present representing a quorum.

The next topic on the agenda was the election of the Parish Assembly Chairman and Secretary. Mr. Jack Cholakian was nominated from the floor for Assembly Chairman. As several of those nominated from the floor declined, Mr. Nishan Babikian moved to close the nominations for Assembly Chairman, which was seconded by Mrs. Agnes Pedian. The motion carried and Mr. Cholakian was elected the Assembly Chairman.

Ms. Michelle Babikian and Mrs. Georgette Mrofcza were nominated from the floor for Secretary of the Parish Assembly meeting. Several other nominations were made, however they declined. Mr. Nishan Babikian moved to close the nominations, seconded by Mr. Arnold Koresian. The motion carried. Mrs. Mrofcza then declined and Mrs. Pauline Nahabedian volunteered in her place.

Mr. Cholakian then called upon Ms. Michelle Babikian to read the 1988 Parish Assembly minutes, which were accepted as read.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Raffi Hazarian presented the Pastor's Report on behalf of Father Vahram Hazarian. The report will be submitted.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Mr. John Paklaian presented the report of the Parish Council. The report will be submitted.

Mr. Jack Cholakian then called upon the various organizations to read their reports.

WOMEN'S GUILD REPORT

Mrs. Mary Dadian, Chairman of the Women's Guild, presented her report along with a check for the amount of \$2433.47 to the Parish Council. A copy of the report is attached.

LADIES' AUXILIARY REPORT

Father Vahram Hazarian read the report of the Ladies' Auxiliary and presented their check for the amount of \$3500.00 to the Parish Council. A copy of the report is attached.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Mrs. Georgette Mrofcza read the report of the Sunday School, a copy of which is attached.

NAIRI CHOIR REPORT

Ms. Michelle Babikian read the report of the Nairi Choir, a copy of which is to be submitted.

A.C.Y.O.A. REPORT

Mr. Raffi Hazarian read the A.C.Y.O.A. report, a copy of which is attached.

RESERVE FUND REPORT

Mr. Haig Pedian was called upon to present the Reserve Fund report. He reported the beginning balance of \$131,383.65, and a year ending balance of \$137,972.40. This was a 5.1% return. The money is now invested in a money market account, earning approximately \$1000.00 each month. It is an 8% investment.

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Armen Zakarian and Mr. Arnold Koresian, members of the Auditing Committee, reported that the Church's financial records had not been audited as yet. Mr. Koresian stated that therefore the Auditing Committee report must be presented to the Parish Assembly at a later date at another meeting.

Mrs. Agnes Pedian moved to schedule the next meeting on Sunday, March 25, 1990, seconded by Mrs. Margie Sarkesian. The motion carried.

The adoption of the 1990 Budget will also be tabled until the next meeting.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee of Mrs. Helen Babikian, Mrs. Mary Dadian, Mr. George Nahabedian and Ms. Cynthia Paklaian, were called upon to conduct the elections of the Parish Council, Diocesan Delegate and various committees.

They presented the following slate of candidates for the office of Parish Council:-

Mrs. Agnes Pedian	Mrs. Stephanie Hagopian
Mr. Jack Cholakian	Mrs. Mary Dadian
Ms. Violet Koresian	Mr. John Paklaian

Mr. John Paklaian asked that his name be withdrawn from the slate,

Mr. Armen Zakarian was then nominated from the floor.

Mrs. Susu Klujian moved to close the nominations. This was seconded by Mrs. Margie Sarkesian and the motion passed.

The Nominating Committee proceeded with the election of 3 Parish Council members, with the following results:-

Mr. Armen Zakarian	37 votes	* Winner *
Mr. Jack Cholakian	30 votes	* Winner *
Ms. Violet Koresian	23 votes	*** Tie ***
Mrs. Agnes Pedian	23 votes	*** Tie ***
Mrs. Mary Dadian	14 votes	
Mrs. Stephanie Hagopian	3 votes	

Due to a tie between Ms. Koresian and Mrs. Pedian a run-off vote was conducted, with the following results:-

Ms. Violet Koresian	22 votes	* Winner *
Mrs. Agnes Pedian	14 votes	

The Nominating Committee then proceeded with the election of the Diocesan Delegate, presenting the slate of 2 candidates--Mr. Haig Pedian and Mr. George Nahabedian--with the following results:--

Mr. George Nahabedian	30 votes	* Winner *
Mr. Haig Pedian	13 votes	

The Nominating Committee proceeded with the election of the Nominating Committee by presenting their slate of candidates:-

Mrs. Linda Zakarian
Ms. Cynthia Paklaian
Mrs. Shooshan Paklaian
Mrs. Silva Karachorlu
Mrs. Georgette Mrofcza

Mrs. Susu Klujian was nominated from the floor. Mrs. Pauline Nahabedian moved to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Haig Pedian. The motion passed.

The results of the election were as follows:-

Mrs. Linda Zakarian	37 votes	* Winner *
Mrs. Susu Klujian	28 votes	* Winner *
Mrs. Silva Karachorlu	20 votes	* Winner *
Mrs. Georgette Mrofcza	19 votes	
Ms. Cynthia Paklaian	15 votes	
Mrs. Shooshan Paklaian	7 votes	

The final election was for the Auditing Committee, and the Nominating Committee presented the following candidates:-

Mr. Garo Dadian
Mr. Arnold Koresian
Mr. Matthew Klujian Jr.
Mrs. Dolores Tootooian

The following candidates were nominated from the floor:-

Mr. Haig Pedian
Mrs. Stephanie Hagopian

Mrs. Agnes Pedian moved to close the nominations, seconded by Mr. Nishan Babikian. The motion passed.

The results of the election were as follows:-

Mr. Arnold Koresian	31 votes	* Winner *
Mr. Haig Pedian	23 votes	* Winner *
Mr. Matthew Klujian Jr.	18 votes	* Winner *
Mrs. Stephanie Hagopian	17 votes	
Mrs. Dolores Tootooian	11 votes	
Mr. Garo Dadian	8 votes	

With this, all the elections had been completed.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Dolores Tootoosian asked that a report be made by the new Membership Committee which had been formed at last year's Parish Assembly meeting. Ms. Violet Koresian reported that a card had been sent out to all parishioners requesting their support and membership.

Mrs. Agnes Pedian requested updated information on the 1990 Diocesan Assembly. Mr. George Nahabedian reported that the Diocesan Assembly in 1990 was awarded to the Worcester, Massachusetts, chapter to coincide with their 100th anniversary. We were therefore asked to withdraw our bid for this Assembly.

As there was no further old business to discuss, Mr. Nishan Babikian moved to close Old Business, seconded by Ms. Helen Paloian. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Dolores Tootoosian suggested that the Membership Committee should continue this year to pursue both past and prospective members. She also suggested a permanent Stewardship Program be formed.

Mrs. Georgette Mrofcza suggested that the Parish Council coordinate with the Membership Committee throughout the year.

Mr. Arnold Koresian suggested that a liaison be set up between the Parish Council and the various organizations -- Membership and Cultural Committees -- in order to be informed of their developments.

Mr. Jack Cholakian suggested that there should be more than one congregational meeting during the year. Mrs. Agnes Pedian moved to schedule another Parish Assembly meeting in June, 1990. This was seconded by Mrs. Silva Karachorlu and the motion passed.

Mr. George Nahabedian stated that there was a very important issue that he felt must be discussed today. He said that our Church is at a very crucial and difficult time and we must discuss whether or not to retain the services of our Parish Priest. Discussion followed with regard to finances, expectations, goals, and the future.

Mrs. Georgette Mrofcza made a motion to remove Father Vahram Hazarian effective March 31, 1990. Mr. George Nahabedian seconded the motion. The motion carried and more discussion followed.

Mr. Armen Zakarian made a motion to table Mrs. Mrofcza's motion until the next meeting on March 25, 1990. Mr. John Paklaian seconded the motion, which passed.

Mrs. Agnes Pedian stated that a letter be sent to all parishioners to advise them of the March 25th meeting and its importance.

Mrs. Dolores Tootooian suggested that a committee be formed to look into this matter. Mr. Haig Pedian suggested that a presentation be made to the parish at the next meeting as well as a presentation by Father Vahram Hazarian.

Mr. Pedian then moved to form a committee to meet with the Parish Council to gather information for presentation to the Parish Assembly at the March 25th meeting. This was seconded by Mrs. Dolores Tootooian, and the motion carried.

The volunteers for this committee are as follows:-

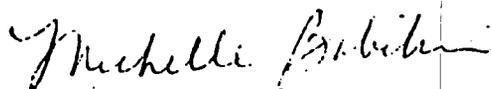
Mr. George Nahabedian
Dr. Hrach Hitik
Mrs. Georgette Mrofcza
Ms. Naomi Nahabedian
Mr. Haig Pedian
Mrs. Linda Zakarian
Mr. Matthew Klujian Jr.
Mr. Arnold Koresian

Father Vahram Hazarian presented his comments on the discussion which had just been completed.

Mr. Armen Zakarian then moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Garo Dadian. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m. with a prayer led by Father Vahram Hazarian.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Babikian
Parish Assembly Secretary
St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church
Chicago, Illinois
February 4, 1990