

MINUTES OF THE 1984 PARISH ASSEMBLY

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

FAIR LAWN, N.J.

The Parish Assembly of St. Leon Armenian Church, 12-61 Saddle River Road, Fair Lawn, NJ, was called to order at 12:00 Noon on Sunday, February 5, 1984 by Parish Council Chairman, Sarkis Soultanian. Attending were 101 persons of which there were 92 eligible voters.

Elected from the floor were the following officers of the day:

Chairman - Sarkis Bedevian

Secretary - Margaret Tfank

Parliamentarian - Mirjan Kirian

The chairman asked all present to observe a moment of silence in honor of the deceased members of the congregation, following which Der Hayr said the convocational prayer.

Minutes of the 1983 Parish Assembly were read and accepted as corrected, the correction being: Last year was not the time to elect Diocesan Delegates, rather that should be done at this meeting.

The chairman introduced the new members of the congregation and also guests that were present.

The Pastor's Report was read by Rev. Paree Metjian. It stressed the need for unity, service and giving. It was suggested that in thanking the chairman of the Management Committee, the report should include the names of the committee members also. The chair accepted the report.

Steven Kachigian, Chairman of the Auditing Committee reported that the Treasurer's books for 1983 were examined and found to be in proper order.

Organizational reports were given. Two new groups not in the printed report were the "Care and Share", headed by Regina Ohanyan, and the "Young Couples Group", headed by Andrea Halejian. All reports were approved.

Election Chairman, Olga Changoushian, listed the candidates for office. The chair asked for nominations for the floor, there being none, the nominations were closed. John Nakashian made a motion that, in the future, there be a short biography of each candidate in the pre-assembly mailing of the ballots to church members. The motion was carried.

The Parish Council's written report was read by the chairman and was accepted.

The 1984 Budget was presented by the chairman. The failure of including the \$2,000.00 disbursement to St. Nerses Seminary in this year's budget was discussed. A motion was made and passed that the raising of these funds be appropriated to the Special Fund Raising Committee. The amended budget was approved. Vahram Varjabedian, treasurer of the Fund Raising Committee, reported collection of pledges was ahead of schedule and that, hopefully, the mortgage could be paid off this year, two years ahead of the goal.

The following Resolutions were presented by Barbara Hovsepien:

1. "That the St. Leon Church Bazaar for 1984 be eliminated from our Parish's activities and seek other methods of supplementing our budget in its place." After considerable discussion, Mrs. Hovsepien withdrew the resolution and said she will submit to the Parish Council and Bazaar Committee suggestions on methods to modify food presentation.
2. "That girls as well as boys be allowed and encouraged to train to be acolytes." The motion was not approved. However, another motion was made to present this resolution to the Primate for approval, after which the training could be started. This motion was carried.

The Chairman of Elections presented the following results:

PARISH COUNCIL

Rolan Hepsen - 81	Vazken Ohanyan - 59
Arto Vartoukian - 77	Steven Kachigian - 53
Vahram Varjabedian - 72	
Ara Hourdajian, Alternate - 52	

DIOCESAN DELEGATES

Charles Pinajian - 79                      Zaven Dadekian - 53  
Dovie Tilbian - 54  
Sarkis Gabrellian, Alternate - 49

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Jacques Tossounian, Chairman - 73  
David Soultanian - 62                      Susan Dadekian - 58  
Lynn Pinajian, Alternate - 51

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

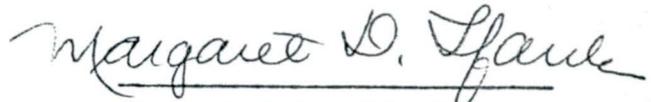
John Nakashian, Chairman - 71  
Mirjan Kirian - 62                      Sebouh Jessourian - 56  
Jack Loughead, Alternate - 50

The chairman congratulated the new officers on behalf of the whole congregation.

In closing, Der Hayr stated that he hoped the year ahead would be the start of a new era for the church.

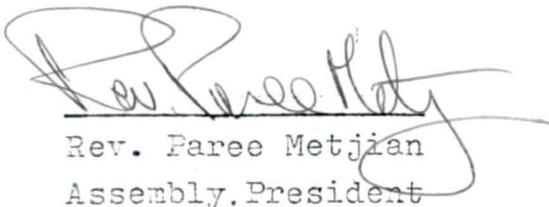
There being no further business, Der Paree said a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned. An invitation was extended to all present to have luncheon at the Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret D. Tfrank  
Recording Secretary

February 5, 1984



Rev. Paree Metjian  
Assembly President



Sarkis Bedevian  
Assembly Chairman