

Saint Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church



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The annual Parish ~~Council~~ Assembly meeting was held on January 28, 1973 at 12:30 P.M. at the church hall.

1. The chairmen of the Parish Council Dr. Robert Bogdasarian called the meeting to order. Decon Raymond gave the invocation. Dr. George Rejebian did the roll call, and declared that there was a quorum.

2. A membership of sixty-one paid members, who have paid their dues for 1973, only thirty one members were present, of which two did not have voting rights, because they have been members less than six months.

Those present were:

Mr. & Mrs. Manoog Bogdasarian
Dr. & Mrs. Robert Bogdasarian
Mr. & Mrs. John Bogdasarian
Mr. & Mrs. Nishan Ketchoyian
Mr. Michael Ketchoyian
Mr. Peter Rejebian
Mr. & Mrs. Armen Boyajian
Dr. & Mrs. Nubar Astarjian
Dr. & Mrs. Aristakas Kachadourian
Dr. Garabed Fattal
Decon Raymond & Mrs. S. Arakelian
Dr. & Mrs. Vahe Garabedian
Mr. John Kassabian
Mr. Harry J. Mahakian
Mr. Harry Sarkissian
Dr. & Mrs. H. Dekmejian
Miss Louise Kachadourian
Mrs. Alice Kachadourian
Mr. Ara Misakian
Dr. George Rejebian
Mr. Gus Kirjulian (no vote.new member)
Mrs. Satenig Ketchoyian (no vote.new member)

3. Election of Assembly Chairmen & Secretary Pro-Tem

Dr. Garabed Fattal was duly proposed and seconded to be Chairmen of the assembly and was unanimously elected.

Mrs. Alice T. Bogdasarian was duly proposed and seconded as Secretary Pro-Tem, and unanimously elected.

4. Dr. Nubar Astarjian, secretary of the Parish Council, read the minutes of the 1972 annual Parish Assembly meeting. Harry J. Mahakian moved that the minutes be accepted as read. It was seconded by John Kasabian, and carried unanimously.

Minutes from the Special Parish Assembly of 1972 were read, John Bogdasarian moved that the minutes be accepted as read, and Alice Ketchoyan seconded, the minutes, and it was unanimously carried.

5. Sunday School Report

1. The Sunday School report was read by the superintendent Michael Ketchoyian.

2. Choir Report

The Choir Report was read by Decon Raymond, which also included the budget for the year 1972-1973

3. Armenian School Report

This report was read by Decon Raymond, and following it there was a lengthy discussion, why there was a decrease in the number of students attending class.

Mrs. Carol Bogdasarian moved and Mr. Harry Mahakian seconded that the Parish Council form an Ad Hoc committee to study this situation and find the remedies, and report back to the Parish Council.

4. Youth Group

Dr. George Rejebian read the Youth Group report on behalf of Mrs. Marion Rejebian, the clubs directoress who was not present due to illness. The assembly hailed the work being done by this group.

5. Women's Guild

Mrs. Alice Bogdasarian read the Women's Guild Report on behalf of Mrs. Anoush Dekmejian, the Guild's Chairlady for 1972, who was not present due to illness. Favorable comments were said by various members of the assembly.

6. Diocesan Delegate's Report=

Mr. Ara Misakian, our Diocesan assembly delegate was asked to give his report. However, he did not have a written report, but mentioned the following points.

- A. Decon Raymond participated in the Assembly proceedings without a vote.
- B. Hagop Injajigian was the representative from the Youth Group.
- C. Some proposals passed or were voted down by one vote. Thus, it is important to have a delegate from the parish attend these meetings.
- D. The A.Y.C.O.A. was dissolved, and local youth groups will be encouraged in parishes.
- E. The Dioces has a large deficit in its budget, and to close this gap ways were suggested which are already being implemented.
- F. The first vote was cast and passed for Parish Council chairmen to have a vote at the Diocesan Assemblies.

This year, the same question will be voted upon again, according to the by-laws.

There was a lengthy discussion about the Diocesan Assembly Delegate giving a verbal report, rather than a written report. Most of the assembly members were in favor of having a written report.

Dr. Astarjian moved, Dr. Bogdasarian seconded that the Diocesan Assembly delegate should present a written report to the Parish Council soon after his return from the meetings, and, also to the Annual Parish Assembly, when it convenes, about the pertinent points, and especially matters of general nature, and those who have a bearing on our parish. The motion was carried unanimously.

7. Parish Pastor

Decon Raymond read his report as pastor of the Parish. The members of the assembly unanimously applauded him for his work in the parish.

8. Parish Council Report

Chairmen, Dr. Robert Bogdasarian of the Parish Council read his report. The report is on file. However, he stressed the importance of the pledge system, and encouraged prompt participation by all church members. He also stressed the fact that every parishoner should participate in the work of the church. He thanked all the members of the Parish Council for their work on the council. He also thanked those members of the church who have been of help during the year.

He pointed out that this brings to an end his tenure of eight years in the Parish Council, and wished success to the remaining members. The members of the Parish Assembly hailed him for his dedication, devotion, and the effort he put forth in his work for the church.

9. ,Secretarys Report

Dr. Nubar Astarjian read his lengthy, and interesting report, with a break down of each committees, activites, affairs, religious functions, financial report, etc. Many hours of work went into Dr. Astarjian's complete and accurate minutes, which he so ably did. He stressed the importance each one of us has as member of the church, and all should take on the responsibilities, when asked to do so.

10. Treasurers Report

Dr. George Rejebian gave the Treasurers report and the proposed budget for 1973.

Mr. Michael Ketchoyian, the chairman of the Audit Committee, commended the treasurer for his bookkeeping, however, there was a discrepancy between the treasurers report, and the auitors recapitulation of the treasurers report. This will be restudied by the two parties and corrected report presented to the Parish Council;

11. Communications

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TO THE PARISH ASSEMBLY OF ST. GREGORY THEILL. Church of Augsburgians.*

Decon Raymond presented an ammendment to Article 50 of the by-laws. He proposed that article 50 read as follows: The Diocesan Assembly is a permanent body and shall consist of elected lay delegates, decons, who have been appointed by the primate, as Decon in charge of a parish or parishes, and all the priests, and higher ranking clergymen under the jurisdiction of the Dioceses.

This proposal was unanimously accepted and will be sent to the Dioceses for presentation at the Diocesan annual assembly, as an ammendment to the by-laws.

12. Old Business

Dr. Vahe Garabedian announced that some parish members have not sent in their pledges for 1973. He requested that all those who have not done so, please send their pledges in as soon as possible.

13. New Business

A. Nomination & Elections

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The following members were nominated by the nominating committee, except for Dr. Robert Bogdasarian, who was nominated from the floor.

The votes received by each are tabulated across their names

Robert Bogdasarian	17
Anoush Dekmejian	15
Ruth Garabedian	15
Louise Kachadourian	12
John Kassabian]	8
Michael Bogdasarian	4

The first three were elected to the new nominating committee.

Audit Committee

The following members were nominated by the nominating committee, except for Mrs. Ruth Garabedian, who was nominated from the floor.

Michael Ketchoyian	19
Harry Mahakian	15
Robert Bogdasarian	12
Alice Ketchoyian	10
Ruth Garabedian	10
Alice Bogdasarian	9

The first three were elected to the new Audit Committee.

15. Diocesan Assembly Alternate Delegate

There was considerable discussion as to whether we have an alternate delegate or not, because the minutes of the 1970 Parish Assembly were lost. It was suggested that Mr. Arthur Kradjian was the alternate delegate, thus he was confirmed in this capacity by this assembly.

16. Parish Council Members

The nominating committee suggested the following slate. The number of votes received by each are tabulated across their names.

Nishan Ketchoyian	22
John Bogdasarian	18
Michael Medzigian	12
Armen Boyajian	8
George Sarkisian	8
Arthur Kradjian	7

The first three names were elected to the Parish Council;

17. The Secretary made several announcements.

18. Harry Mahakian made an announcement, regarding the annual Church Dance.

19. There being no further business to be transacted a motion was duly made and seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The chairmen of the assembly declared the meeting adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

Decon Raymond gave the benidiction.

Respectfully submitte,

Alice T. Bogdasarian

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Secretary Pro-Tem
Parish ~~Council~~
Assembly Meeting

February 3, 1973