

## ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING

The annual Parish Assembly Meeting was held on Sunday, January 28, 1979 at 1:25 p.m. in St. Gregory's Armenian church hall.

- I. Dr. George Rejebian called the meeting to order followed by Der Kevork Arakelian's invocation.
- II. Mr. Michael Ketchoyan, on behalf of the treasurer, read the roll call. Fifty-six (56) dues paying members from last year, of which forty-six (46) have paid dues for 1979 and a quorum of thirty-seven (37) were present (five of these were new members).
- III. Election of Assembly chairman and secretary Pro Tem.
  - A. Mr. Diran Kradjian moved to nominate Prof. Hrair Dekmejian be chairman pro tem. Mrs. Anoush Dekmejian seconded the motion.
  - B. Mrs. Alice Boyadjian nominated Mr. Ghazaros Kerjilian to be Secretary pro tem. The motion was seconded by Mr. Diran Kradjian.
  - C. Prof. Dekmedjian and Mr. Kerjilian were elected unanimously.
- IV. The minutes of the 1978 Annual Parish Assembly were read by Secretary Pro Tem Ghazaros Kerjilian and the minutes were accepted as read.
- V. Pastor's Report

Der Kevork presented the church activity report for 1978. Some of the highlight were:

- A. Baptism and/or Chrismation: Seven (7)
- B. Marriges : Two (2)
- C. Funerals, local and out of town : One (3)
- D. Celebrated Badarak at St. Paul's Arm. Church in Syracuse : six (6) times
- E. Religious Services rendered for Non-Armenian Community : ten (10)
- F. Miscellaneous:
  - (1) American Legion Women's chapter presented an American flag to the church
  - (11) Attended St. Nerses Summer Study Conference
  - (111) Der Kevork was interviewed about the Armenian church, people and nation on WINR 68 radio station.

(1V) A list of six (6) miscellaneous donations.

Der Kevork then presented a summary of Sunday school, Armenian school and youth group activities for 1978. At Mrs. M. Rejebian's suggestion, the word "Leaderless" was dropped from the report.

#### VI. The Chairman's Report

The chairman's report was presented by Dr. George Rejebian on behalf of chairperson Carol Bagdasarian. Included in the report were:

- A. Letter sent by the Parish Council to sister parishes containing proposals aimed at helping to solve the problem of parishes not paying their dues on time.
- B. A recommendation that for financial reasons, the Port Crane property be disposed of. (This issue was further pursued during the "old business" discussions).

#### VII. Financial Report:

Mr. Michael Ketchoyan of the Auditing Committee presented the financial report for 1978. Some of the highlights were:

- A. Net gain for the year was \$146.24
- B. Above somewhat misleading because it included interest withdrawn from Savings Accounts
- C. We are still solvent

Mr. John Baghdasarian presented the 1979 budget. Mr. Baghdasarian stated that the aim is making expenses equal to income but without withdrawing interest or capital from Savings account. The budget included no changes in Der Hayr's stipend. The total proposed budget was \$30,744.00. This included pledges of \$13,700 which is a drop from that of 1978. In answer to Mr. Ketchoyan's and Dr. Fattal's queries, Mr. Baghdasarian stated that he thought it appropriate at this time to level-off on pledge requests and try to raise more money through such means as dinners, dances, etc..

Mr. Nishan Ketchoyan moved to accept the budget as presented. Mr. Armenag Boyadjian seconded. Move was accepted.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Mr. Michael Ketchoyan proposed to increase membership of the choir by encouraging those completing the Sunday school program to join the choir.
- B. Mrs. Anough Dekmedjian, on behalf of the Women's Guild,

## Old Business (con't)

presented a \$500.00 check to the Parish Council.

- C. Der Kevork noted that there has been some difficulties in finding families to put together church dinners. The chore has mainly fallen on the Women's Guild.

Mr. Kevork Papazian volunteered to assist in doing the shopping and cooking. The following families volunteered to organize the dinners during 1979.

Khachadourians  
Injejigians  
Dekmedjians  
D. Kradjians  
A. Kradjians  
Findikyans  
Najarians  
Kerjilians  
Misakyans  
Seradarian, Manoushag (individual),

## Port Crane Property:

The question of what to do with the Port Crane property was discussed at length. The consensus was that cost of renovating it is prohibitive. Michael Ketchoyan proposed selling it, Ara Misakyan proposed keeping it and Dr. Garabed Fattal said that we need more time to make a decision. Mr. H. Katchadourian was against postponing the decision for another year and said that it should be sold by Spring. Mr. Arsham Kradjian said that if the property is used as picnic grounds he will be willing to donate \$5000.00 towards renovating. At Dr. George Rejebian's suggestion, all motions were withdrawn and the decision has been withheld for a few months, until the next church council meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. Diocesan Assembly: proposals one and two: Mr. Ara Misakian motioned to vote as is, Mr. H. Katchadourian seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Women's Guild report: presented and accepted as is.
3. Der Kevork discussed the Labanon Relief Fund Drive and the proposed pilgrimage to the Cathedral.

## ELECTIONS:

1. Parish Council -- nominees:

Diran Kradjian  
Aristakes Katchadourian  
Hagop Injejigian  
Harry Sarkissian

Nominating Committee headed by: Mrs. Alice Boyadjian

Messers Diran Kradjian, Hagop Injejigian and Dr. Aristakes Katchadourian were elected by 29, 28 and 27 votes, respectively.

2. Auditing Committee--Nominees:

Mr. Michael Ketchoyan  
Mrs. Louise Kontos

being that there were no other nominations and three are needed for this position, the Secretary Pro Tem cast one ballot and the two nominees were elected unanimously. 7

3. Delegates for Diocesan Assembly--Nominees:

Dr. George Rejebian  
Mr. Michael Ketchoyan

both nominees were elected, by 15 and 18 votes, respectively.

4. Nominating Committee--Nominees:

Mrs. Alice Boyadjian  
Dr. Garabed Fattal  
Mr. John Bagdasarian

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ADJOURNEMENT AND BENEDICTION

The Benediction was give by Der Kevork Kahana Arakelian and the meeting was officially adjourned at 4:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by the Secretary Pro Tem

*Ghazaros Kerjilian*  
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