

ARMENIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY RESURRECTION
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
February 7, 1993

The Annual Parish Assembly began at 12:15 a.m. with a prayer by Fr. Michael Buttero, Pastor. Fr. Michael also led the parish in a prayer for those members who had fallen asleep in Christ in 1992. The 1991 Parish Assembly Chairman, Harry Hougas requested nominees from the floor for the Parish Assembly Chairman and Secretary. Arthur Simonian, Sr. was elected Chairman and Armen Michalak was elected Secretary.

The chairman requested the election ballots be passed out and asked the assembly if there were any nominees from the floor. There being no further nominees, a motion was made and seconded, to close nominations. Motion passed.

The chairman announced that the ballot box for election of Parish Council and committees for 1993 would close at 2:00 p.m. The assembly recessed for a delicious and well organized lunch hosted by the members of ACYOA Jr's.

The Parish Assembly Meeting reconvened at 1:55 p.m. at which time the minutes of the 1992 Parish Assembly were read by Armen Michalak, Secretary. A correction under election results for the Auditing Committee was made regarding the length of term for Ruth Waite being only one year, not two years. Motion was made to accept the minutes as corrected. It was seconded, and the motion passed.

Parish Assembly Chairman, Arthur Simonian, Sr. announced 63 people were present at the meeting.

REPORTS FOR 1992

ANNUAL PASTORS REPORT

Fr. Michael Buttero presented his annual report which highlighted the years many activities consisting of religious, educational and administrative components, as well as the "Outreach Program", and his numerous pastoral duties. Fr. Michael highlighted three areas which still need to be addressed, these being a door-to-door campaign to increase church membership, the need to recruit and train young members to serve at the altar as deacons and acolytes, and the need for more religious and historic educational programs.

Harry Badrigian asked about the status of our "Outreach Program". Fr. Michael explained the program was funded through special Sunday School collections. Donations were made to the Salvation Army and the Fellowship Center.

Berj Kallajian made a motion to accept the Pastors Annual Report and Harry Badrigian seconded. Motion passed.

PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

The Parish Council report was presented by Peter Bagdigian, Jr., Chairman. The report included details regarding the business of the Church as well as various church enterprises, maintenance, the Permanent Trust Fund and church membership.

The Parish Council also made an appeal to the parish for support in the operations and maintenance of our church, to maintain our pledges on a regular basis, to abide by the designated Handicapped and Clergy parking as well as the Fire Lanes, to encourage our youth to become members of our church, greater participation in Sunday Fellowship Hours, that parents clean up after their children, and removal of trash from the church by those sponsoring functions.

The Parish Council recommended that:

1. Peter Bagdigian, Sr. be elected as Parish Council Member Emeritus,
2. Compliance with the "no smoking" ban,
3. Re-election of the two outgoing Permanent Parish Trust Fund members.

Regarding maintenance, two particulars were clarified by Louis Steinke:

1. The exterior of the church is not maintenance free as the main entrance doors are wooden.
2. All the fluorescent lights in the church were not changed, only those in the Abrahamian Auditorium proper.

It was suggested that the Fire Lane be marked in some fashion as parishioners and guests can easily heed the mandated fire codes.

Peter Bagdigian added to his report the 1992 advisors to the Parish Council were Harry Hougas and Robert Yirigian.

Rose Badrigian suggested that during the Christmas Holiday, the church should be decorated with lights and wreaths with the doors illuminated.

The question of the no smoking ban was addressed again. It was suggested that the Parish Council further investigate matters concerning the No-Smoking ban.

Special thanks were made to Louis Steinke and Emil Mosey for their selfless donation of time and effort to improvements and maintenance of the church and for the fine example they set for the rest of the parish.

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Auditing Committee Report was given in great detail by Hurach Azarigian.

Betty Vartanian suggested removing the accounts from the Fleet Bank due to the very low interest rates they offer.

Guy Simonian pointed out that we need to be watchful over our account at American Savings Bank due to FDIC insurance covering up to \$100,000.

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

ACYOA JR'S. - Sarah Beth Swisher - See enclosed report

WOMEN'S GUILD -Sonia Ohanian in absence of Christine Azarigian
See enclosed report

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Roxie Maljanian - See enclosed report

Rose Badrigian praised the Superintendent and all the teachers for a job well done.

It was announced by Arthur Simonian, Sr. that it was 2:00 p.m. and the ballot box was officially closed. Sixty-five ballots were cast.

CHOIR REPORT - Adrian Damian - See enclosed report

ACYOA SR. - No report.

LOOYS - Fr. Michael gave the report in Debbie Buttero's absence.
See enclosed report

CULTURAL COMMITTEE - Susan DerMargosian - See enclosed report

SARAH YAGOOBIAN SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Fr. Michael reported that the Scholarship Committee met three times and awarded one scholarship. The recipient was Dikran Tashjian.

PARISHIONER OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE - Darlene Simonian

Darlene Simonian reported that this years recipient was Emil Mosey. She also reported there were two vacancies on the committee which would be brought up under "New Business". It was suggested that committee members hold a term of two consecutive years instead of the current term of five years.

PERMANENT TRUST FUND - Hurach Azarigian

Hurach Azarigian reported that the committee invested into a 90 day certificate of deposit which the interest can be withdrawn and distributed accordingly by the Permanent Trust Fund Committee.

A suggestion was made regarding the investments in Series E Savings Bonds which yield greater interest. Hurach stated that this mode of investment was researched, and due to legalities concerning co-ownership, a church member of the church proper, proof of the church's ownership could be difficult to prove. Another drawback is the lack of liquidity.

Another suggestion which was made by Sue DerMargosian was investing in mutual funds. Hurach stated that the element of risk was too great for the type of trust fund and investments made by his committee should remain risk free, or at most minimal. He suggested maintaining investments such as the 90 day certificate of deposits.

Other avenues of investment were also suggested by the parish which included: utility stocks which yield 6-7%, and Series H bonds. The committee will investigate, however the Series H Bonds hold the same risks as do the Series E Bonds.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT - Harry Hougas

Harry Hougas reported two Investment Committee meetings were held and bi-laws were being drawn up. He stated that the committee wishes to continue with the 1992 suggested amount of \$25,000 to invest.

YOUTH ADVISOR COMMITTEE REPORT - Mary Abrahamian

Mary Abrahamian reported that the ACYOA Jr's are very active and enthusiastic and asked the parents to encourage their children to participate. She hopes that the ACYOA Sr's will resume their activities for 1993 as they were inactive this past year.

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT - Donald Azarigian

Donald Azarigian reported that the committee met three times in 1992. The committee authorized Attorney Charles Karanian to negotiate with the Calvary Church for the possible sale of the Community Center. The committee also obtained a Land Utilization Study from Greg Abrahamian for the Community Center. Donald reported that the committee had received an offer from the Calvary Church which netted less than the current rental stream. Donald added that a sub-committee had been formed to deal directly for the committee with Attorney Karanian. If the com-

mittee receives an offer within specified guidelines, a special Parish Assembly Meeting would be called. Negotiations are continuing.

Roxie Maljanian questioned why the rental income was down by \$3,000. It was explained that this was due to a credit of \$3,500 for renovations the Calvary Church performed.

OLD BUSINESS

The first order of business concerns the rear access to the parking lot, or 100' Right of Way. The question of ownership of this land has arisen due to the owner filing bankruptcy. Harold Geragosian is currently negotiating with the City of New Britain.

Roxie Maljanian raised the question of what real benefit would it be to us, and if there is such benefit, does this outweigh the privacy now afforded to us by not having it used as a short cut by other vehicles and pedestrians.

Peter Bagdigian Jr. related that easier access would benefit parishioners and quests especially when our larger functions were held, and that access could be easily limited by a gate.

NEW BUSINESS

1993 BUDGET - John Maljanian, Sr.

John Maljanian, Sr. read the 1993 Proposed Budget which also included the 1992 budgeted items and the actual 1992 expenditures. After reading the proposed budget line by line, it was recommended that donations from alter flowers be put on the income side. Given Hoosigian recommended that our Church offer something along the lines of a Mass Card for our members which could be used when a non-member of our Church passes away. When the occasion arises, the members can make donations to our Church through our own form of a mass card and hold a requiem service for family and friends outside of our Church.

The need for the current Post Office Box was also questioned and justified. The question was also raised as to how the sale of the Community Center would effect future budgets. It was stated that dues would have to increase by 1/3. Stephen DerMargosian made a motion to accept the budget as read and Berj Kallajian seconded. Motion carried.

PARISH COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS

On behalf of the Parish Council, Peter Bagdigian, Jr. made the recommendation that the title of Parish Council Emeritus be given to Peter Bagdigian, Sr. He explained that this would allow the parishioner the title of honorary lifetime Parish Council member without voting status.

Hurach Azarigian made the motion that the title of Parish Council Emeritus be given to Peter Bagdigian, Sr. The motion was seconded by Louis Steinkie. After a brief discussion for clarification, the motion carried.

Another recommendation from the Parish Council was with regard to no smoking within the building. Discussion included that if this were the case, signs would have to be posted. The question was raised as to how this would be enforced in instances when the Church hall was rented out and when major affairs were held such as the Card Party, Church Fair, and Annual Banquet. The Parish Council will investigate how other parishes handle these types of situations. Discussion also included concern over our childrens' health when exposed to second-hand smoke, as well as offending the very few who do smoke. It was pointed out that we are together for a short time and perhaps smoking and non-smoking sections could be investigated, as well as improved ventilation.

Harry Badrigian made the motion that the Parish Council investigate the possibility of designated smoking areas where it could be properly ventilated. Susan DerMargosian seconded. Twenty-two members voted in favor and twelve opposed. Motion carried.

The third recommendation was in regard to the re-election of the two outgoing members of the Permanent Parish Trust Fund. It was recommended that the two members remain on the committee.

Motion was made that the five current members of the Permanent Parish Trust Fund remain according to the Amendment of Section 2 of the By-laws that when a member voluntarily leaves the position, the Parish Assembly chooses to replace one or more of those members. Sharon Landsman seconded the motion and so passed.

Harry Hougas raised a point of order and re-read the By-Laws. The previous motion was withdrawn. Berj Kallajian and Hurach Azarigian then respectfully resigned from the committee. Betty Vartanian made the motion to appoint Berj Kallajian and Hurach Azarigian to the Permanent Parish Trust Fund Committee for a term of five years. Motion was seconded by Harry Bagdrigian and the motion passed.

Another recommendation from the Parish Council was in regard to the Armenian Relief Fund. Peter explained that St. George's parish, along with our own, have combined efforts to raise

\$10,000 and negotiate with the Diocese on items to be sent to Armenia. The Diocese is in charge of purchasing items at the best price and coordinating with the U.S. Government who picks up the bulk containers for free, ships them to a U.S. Government Agency in the Republic of Georgia who delivers them to Armenia.

The question was raised as to how far along we were in respect to obtaining the \$10,000 goal. Peter stated that the most recent deposit by our Church was in the amount of \$950.00 and collectively with the St. George parish, \$5,000-6,000 has been collected thus far. After some clarification on the organization of the distributions, Sarah Yagoobian made the motion that our parish donate \$5,000 to the Armenian Relief Fund. This was seconded by Alice Bagdigian and motion carried.

Other New Business included a replacement for Mary Abrahamian who resigned from the Memorial Committee. The Parish Council is in charge of appointing a member to that committee.

Darlene Artibani made the recommendation that the donation by the Woman's Guild and the Parish Council which sponsor children attending St. Vartan's Camp be increased. The amounts and methods used at other parishes will be investigated.

Darlene Simonian requested two volunteers step forward for the Parishioner of the Year Committee as two members have stepped down. Darlene Artibani and Takouhi Erikian volunteered for and were accepted for vacant the positions.

The ongoing problem of excessive noise in the vestibule, despite the efforts of the Parish Council, still continues. Members were reminded that this noise interferes with church services as well as the choir, and voices should be kept to a whisper.

Disappointment in the disbanding of the Cultural Committee was voiced. Parishioners praised the Committee for their long standing dedication, their quality programs, and filling the need for cultural programs. It was suggested that the Parish Council take over future programming and perhaps, in the future, the Committee will be revitalized.

Gary Hovhanesian reported on the Parish Council Tri-City meeting.

1. On June 12, a trip ia being organized to Radio City Music Hall to see "Jesus Was His Name".
2. On May 14-16 a trip is being organized to the Cathedral to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of St. Vartan's Cathedral.
3. A trip was being organized to attend a baseball game at Fenway Park.

4. On Oct. 16, a cultural program is being held at St. George's in Hartford.
5. A New Year's Eve gathering is being recommended.
6. On Martyr's Day, April 25, a commemorative fund raising program will be presented.

There being no other business, Sharon Vartanian reported the 65 ballots were cast for the elections. She posted the results the black board were are as follows:

PARISH COUNCIL (SELECT 4)

Emil Mosey - 60 votes - Elected to serve
Peter Bagdigian, Jr. - 44 votes - Elected to serve
Grant Landsman - 42 votes - Elected to serve
Louis Steinkie - 35 votes - Elected to serve
Sharon Landsman - 25 votes
Michael Roman - 21 votes
Darlene Artibani - 19 votes
Takouhi Erikian - 18 votes

AUDITING COMMITTEE (SELECT ONE)

Berj Kallajian - 51 votes - Elected to serve
Mark Vartanian - 15 votes

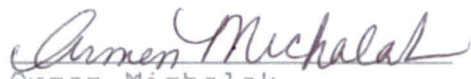
NOMINATING COMMITTEE (SELECT FOUR)

Guy Simonian - 44 votes - Elected to serve
Armen Michalak - 43 votes - Elected to serve
Adrian Damian - 41 votes - Elected to serve
Malcolm Sagherian - 34 votes - Elected to serve
Sarkis Alkeshian - 22 votes
Vicki Azarigian - 9 votes

Arthur Simonian, Chairman of the Assembly, congratulated those who were elected and thanked all for participating. There being no further business, the chairman adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Fr. Michael Buttero led the Assembly in the singing of the Hymn Mer officially closing the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



Armen Michalak
1993 Parish Assembly Secretary



Fr. Michael Buttero, Pastor



Arthur Simonian, Sr.
Assembly Chairman