

**ARMENIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY RESURRECTION
NEW BRITAIN, CONNECTICUT
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
FEBRUARY 2, 1997**

The Annual Parish Assembly opened at 12:05 with a prayer by Pastor Emeritus, Rev. Fr. Michael Buttero, assisted by Deacon Hamlet Mehrabian, for the deceased members in 1996: Alyce Simonian, Deacon Charles Mazadourian, Deacon Sarkis Davoudlarian, Siranoush Azarigian, Josephine Melcomian and Helen Derderian. Harry Hougas, 1996 Assembly Chairman asked for nominations for Chairman of the Assembly. Henrietta Kallajian nominated Harry Hougas, seconded by Berg Kallajian. Harry Der Asadourian moved nominations be closed. Roxie Maljanian nominated Yerezgin Patricia Buttero as Secretary, seconded by Harry DerAsadourian. At this time the assembly recessed at 12:07 for lunch. It was announced that members may vote during lunch.

The meeting reconvened at 1:10 p.m. Deacon Hamlet & members recited the Hayr Mer. Chairman Harry Hougas announced that voting will close at 2 p.m.

Yerezgin Patricia Buttero, last years assembly secretary read the minutes. Minutes stand as read.

The Chairman stated that he was sorry Fr. Michael was not present at this time but was happy that Deacon Hamlet Mehrabian, Deacon-in-charge, was present.

a. Pastor report.

No report.

b. Parish Council

John Maljanian Sr., parish council chairman presented the Parish Council Report. (See attached) Gary Hovhanessian commended the parish council on a job well done. He announced that Lisa Yirigian types the Sunday Bulletins since it was not in the report.

c. Auditors

Berg Kallajian presented an excellent and informative report. (See attached) He thanked George Boyajian for his expertise in putting the report on the computer.

Hurach Azarigian made a motion to accept the Parish Council and Auditors report, seconded by Paul Abrahamian. Motion passed.

Adrienne Damian presented the Choir and Looy's report. Report on file with Parish Council.

Rose Badrigian thanked Adrienne and her staff for undertaking the publishing of the Church newsletter (Looy's).

Rose Badrigian presented the Women's Guild report. Report on file with Parish Council.

Roxie Maljanian presented the Sunday School report. Report on file with Parish Council.

Lauren Swisher presented the ACYOA Jrs. report. Report on file with Parish Council.

The Chair asked to accept the reports. Berj Kallajian made a motion and it was seconded by Arthur Simonian, Sr. Motion passed.

e. Scholarship Committee

Sarah Yagoobian presented the Scholarship Committee report. She stated that there is \$11,351 in the account. Two awards of \$500 each were presented to Jennifer Azarigian and Shannon Bagdigian in 1996. Dana Hoosigian has been appointed by Sarah Yagoobian to replace Cheryl Grasso, who moved to Florida, on the Sarah Yagoobian Scholarship Committee.

f. Parishioner of the Year Committee

Harry DerAsadourian announced that this committee has been in existence since 1984. Parishioner of the Year Award was not presented last year because of the retirement luncheon for Fr. Michael. The Parishioner of the Year Committee guidelines have been revised as agreed at last year's Parish Assembly. Margaret Bagdigian, Takouki Erikian and Darlene Hovhanessian plus two parish council members make up the committee.

g. Permanent Trust Fund Committee

Hurach Azarigian presented the report. Report filed with Parish Council

h. Investment Committee

Harry Hougas presented the report. Report filed with Parish Council

i. Cemetery Custodian

Hurach Azarigian presented the report. Report filed with Parish Council.

The chair stated that all reports were read and accepted by the assembly and will stand as read.

Old Business

Harry Badrigian asked if anything was done about a picture gallery. Parish Council stated nothing was done. Roxie Maljanian made a motion that we have such a project to decorate the walls and Sarah Yagoobian seconded the motion. Motion passed. Lucy Simonian recommended the following people to be on the committee: Darlene Simonian, Rose Badrigian and Carol Hougas. They accepted.

Yeretzgin Patricia asked if anything was done about a motion light at the front entrance of the church. Nothing was done as yet.

New Business

a. 1997 Budget Approval

The Budget was presented by Artie Simonian, Jr. Hurach Azarigian made a motion to accept the 1997 budget, with corrections, and Rose Badrigian seconded the motion. Motion passed.

b. Parish Council Recommendations

(a) Revise the By-Laws of the Permanent Trust Fund to reflect current practice. After a lengthy discussion the recommendation was defeated and given back to the Parish Council to come up with new By-Laws.

(b) Re-elect Arthur Simonian, Sr. to 3 years on the Investment Committee. Hurach Azarigian made the motion and Rose Badrigian seconded it. Motion passed.

Recommendations from the Assembly:

Harry Badrigian recommended the Parish Council look into building a senior citizen's home.

Mary Abrahamian stated that every Tuesday evening they have Bible Study in the Parish Council Office. Can something be done about the heat. They have to sit there with coats on because it is so cold.

Yeretzgin Patricia Buttero again recommended a motion light detector be placed at the front entrance of the church. The Parish Council will take this into advisement.

Violet Galazan recommended they use a microphone during the sermons. We have a lot of parishioners who are hard of hearing. Parish Council will take this into advisement.

Emily Mosey recommended the church put aside money for maintenance of our church. The roof will need repairs in the near future plus other repairs.

Steven DerMargosian asked if our Church Deed is under the Diocese. Has the Deed from the property next door been transferred to the Diocese? John Maljanian was not sure but thought there was a Connecticut State Law that does not allow it. Steve recommends the Parish Council look into this matter.

Harry Azarigian wanted the kitchen completed. He stated he donated \$11,000 when the Church was being constructed.

Steven DerMargosian made a motion that this being the first assembly without Fr. Michael the Assembly should send a letter to him thanking him for all his years of dedicated service to the church. And also, a letter to Deacon Hamlet Mehrabian, Deacon-In-Charge, welcoming him to the community. This was seconded by Sarah Yagoobian. The secretary of the parish council will send the letter on behalf of the Assembly.

Harry Hougas recommended a committee be formed to visit our parishioners in order to increase pledges and collect back dues owed. It is important that we talk to them in person about our programs, whether it be with Fr. Michael, Deacon Hamlet and Parish Council members.

Election Results

ballots
Gary Hovhanessian thanked everyone for their cooperation. He stated that 67 ballots were cast.

Parish Council - Vote for 5

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| 1. Gloria Azarigian - 1 | 6. John Maljanian, Sr. - 43* |
| 2. Timothy Bagdasarian - 30 | 7. John Maljanian, Jr. - 39* |
| 3. Harry DerAsadourian - 53* | 8. Mark Simonian - 16 |
| 4. Takoohi Erikian - 8 | 9. Sarkis Surabian - 43* |
| 5. Gary Hovhanessian - 59* | 10. Sarkis Yirigian - 35 |

***Denotes elected**

Auditing Committee - Vote for 1

- 1. George Boyajian 41*
- *Denotes elected**

- 2. Harry Hougas - 26

Nominating Committee - Vote for 3

- 1. John Abrahamian - 28
 - 2. Rose Badrigian - 46*
 - 3. Vatche DerAsadourian - 29
- *Denotes elected**

- 4. Steve DerMargosian - 34*
- 5. Emil Mosey - 44*
- 6. Susie Sagherian - 20

The following Parish Council members will remain in office for one additional year:
Peter Bagdigian, Michael Romano, Arthur Simonian, Jr. and Levon Vatian

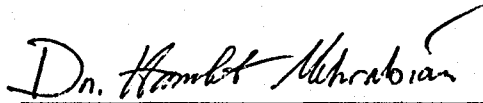
Yeretzgin Patricia asked to name the outgoing Parish Council member and thank him.

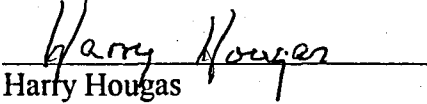
Margaret Bagdigian stated that since Peter Bagdigian resigned from the Cemetery Committee who replaced him? The Parish Council will look into this matter since no one has replaced him.

The Assembly thanked the Chairman of the Assembly and the Secretary for a job well done.

Deacon Hamlet Mehrabian officially closed the 1997 Parish Assembly with a prayer at 4:00 p.m.


Yeretzgin Patricia Buttero
1997 Parish Assembly Secretary


Deacon Hamlet Mehrabian
Deacon-in-Charge


Harry Hougas
Assembly Chairman

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