

Parish Council Report - 1997

February 1, 1998

We started 1997 by selecting Dn. Hamlet Mehrabian to come to New Britain as Deacon in Charge of our Church. His first official day was February second, our Parish Assembly for the year 1996. Father Michael Buttero remained as Pastor Emeritus until his sad and untimely passing in October. His faithful service to the community and Church was well commemorated and remembered with the outpouring of well wishes from Central Connecticut, the United States, and Armenia.

1. Elections and Positions of Responsibility

At the February meeting, council elections and positions were established as follows:

John Maljanian	Chairman
Harry DerAssadourian	Vice-Chairman
Gary Hovhanessian	Secretary
John Maljanian, Jr.	Treasurer
Arthur Simonian, Jr.	Ass't Treasurer
Peter Bagdigian, Jr.	Pledge Custodian
Sarkis Surabian	Ass't Pledge Custodian
Levon Vatian	Advisor
Michael Romano	Advisor

2. Church Enterprises

Events sponsored by the Parish Council, but executed with Church Membership support were as follows:

<u>Function</u>	<u>Profit/Loss</u>
Annual Picnic	\$2,577
July 4 Parking	429
Dn. Seroj Reception	(38)
Anniversary Celebration	
Banquet	(206)
Organization Donations	5,250
Member and Other Donations	3,406
Dec. 27 ACHR / Assyrian Dance	150

3. Church Membership

Pledge income for 1997 increased over 1996 by \$3,000 (\$32,824 vs. \$29,845). This was due to better membership response and receipt of past due pledges from 1996. Peter Bagdigian's very aggressive follow-up produced excellent results. We have gone from a past due status of \$5,116 to \$3,098 from the end of 1996 to the end of 1997.

We are seeing more attendance in church, but there is no major increase in membership. If we look at church donations, candle income, and Christmas and Easter Yugakin, we have \$9,051, up slightly from \$8,875 in 1996.

For 1998 Peter Bagdikian has started the system whereby pledge envelopes go to only those that want them, another effort to save money. We note that 68% of our members declined envelopes.

4. Church Maintenance

- a) We have finally cleared our land to the boundaries.
- b) The small kitchen gas stove was replaced with an electric stove. New wiring was installed.
- c) The refrigerator thermostat was replaced.
- d) Grass was mowed, snow was plowed as needed.
- e) The office heater / air conditioner was repaired.
- f) The church locks were upgraded and changed.
- g) Other routine repairs and maintenance was conducted.

5. Bagdikian Community Center

The building was vacated by the tenant on September 30. Steve DerMargosian has graciously been working to secure a new tenant. Peter Bagdikian is coordinating the effort for the Parish Council.

- a) The leaking steeple was covered with white aluminum siding.
- b) After September 30, we took over snow removal and grass mowing.
- c) The Gas and Electricity is also on at our expense.

6. 1998 Budget

A separate presentation will be made under New Business. The budget is not self balanced pending rental of the Community Center.

7. Permanent Trust Fund

This fund has increased from \$27,675 (1996) to \$36,725 (1997). It was \$22,020 in 1995.

1997 Changes:

- a) Edward, Alice Simonian Trust: \$100 increase by Jon and Charlene Simonian
- b) ACYOA Trust Fund Established: \$3,050
- c) Deacon Charles Mazadoorian Trust: \$1,000 increase by Atty. Harry and Janice Mazadoorian
- d) Nighos and Yegsa Mazadoorian Trust established by Yegsa, Atty. Harry and Janice Mazadoorian, Fay Vincent, and others: \$4,900

8. Armenian Church Endowment Fund

The ACEF was increased to \$18,500 with a \$1,000 donation by Nighos and Yegsa Mazadoorian to the Deacon Charles Mazadoorian Fund.

9. Sunday Coffee Hour

The Parish Council (Levon Vatian) has been maintaining records and scheduling since, after months of requesting, we were unable to get a parish member volunteer.

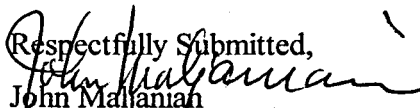
10. Items for Action


These have been included on the meeting agenda under old and new business.

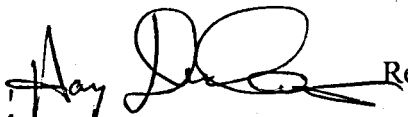


11. Closing Comments

We wish to thank all those who have taken on responsibilities to maintain effective functioning of this parish during the past year, Rev. Dn. Hamlet for taking an active leadership role and his guidance, all heads of church organizations, directors of operations, Diocesan Delegates, those that worked on committees and took on jobs, those that worked to complete arrangements and requirements for Fr. Michael's funeral, and those that are kind enough to take on Coffee Hours on Sundays. We must remember that this church owes its financial solvency to the dedication and commitment of these individuals. We must all make time, take responsibilities, and make time available to responsibly do our share for our church.

We would like to also specifically mention and thank Mary Abrahamian for her efforts with the ACYOA Jrs. during the past 7 years. With her resignation she has been replaced with Co-Directors Diana Colpitts and Gary Hovhanessian and advisors Ashod DerArahamian and Joe Cannatta. We ask the parents to work with and give them their support. We wish them good luck in the shaping of our youth for future growth of our Church.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Maljanian
Parish Council


Rev. Dn. Hamlet Mehrabian
Deacon In Charge

V. Chairman: 
Sec'y: 
Treas: 

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No.	INCOME	Budget 1997	Actual as of 12/31/97	1998 Budget
1	Pledge	\$31,000	\$32,824	\$33,000
2	Plate	\$1,200	\$1,428	\$1,400
3	Candles	\$900	\$958	\$900
4	Easter Yugakin	\$1,500	\$1,423	\$1,500
5	Christmas Yugakin	\$1,300	\$1,222	\$1,300
6	In Lieu of Flowers	\$0	\$12,575	\$0
7	Church Donations-General	\$2,500	\$2,665	\$2,600
8	Anniversary Banquet Donations	\$3,500	\$3,406	\$3,500
	Church Organizations Donations:			
9	Women's Guild	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
10	Men's Club	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
11	ACYOA Seniors	\$0	\$0	\$0
12	ACYOA Juniors	\$250	\$250	\$250
13	Senior Citizen	\$500	\$500	\$500
14	Baptisms	\$250	\$550	\$500
15	Weddings	\$300	\$275	\$300
16	Funerals	\$0	\$275	\$0
17	Hokihankist	\$1,200	\$1,355	\$1,000
18	Church Enterprises:	\$3,000	\$2,912	\$3,900
	Picnic	\$2,500	\$2,577	\$3,000
	July 4th Parking	\$0	\$429	\$400
	Seroj Reception August, 1997	\$0	(\$38)	\$0
	Anniversary Banquet	\$0	(\$206)	\$0
	Christmas Tree Sale	\$500	\$0	\$500
	Dec 27 Dance w/ Assyrian Ch.	\$0	\$150	\$0
19	Looy's	\$1,200	\$1,970	\$1,200
20	Community Center Rental	\$18,000	\$13,500	\$0
21	Auditorium Rental	\$300	\$100	\$300
22	Endowment Fund-Diocese	\$950	\$1,155	\$1,300
23	Endowment Fund-ACHR	\$1,200	\$901	\$2,000
24	Cemetery Plots	\$400	\$150	\$150
25	Memorial Donations	\$0	\$700	\$0
26	Miscellaneous	\$0	\$0	\$0
	TOTAL	\$76,450	\$88,094	\$62,600
	Fund Transfer (From Savings)	\$0	\$0	\$20,000
	TOTAL	\$76,450	\$88,094	\$82,600

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**ARMENIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY RESURRECTION
NEW BRITAIN, CT
CHURCH ORGANIZATION AUDIT REPORT
CALENDAR YEAR 1997**

			1997
WOMEN'S GUILD	BALANCE	1/1/97	\$4,348.24
	INCOME	1997	\$9,019.69
	EXPENSES	1997	\$8,802.44
	BALANCE	12/31/97	\$4,565.49
 SUNDAY SCHOOL	 BALANCE	 1/1/97	 \$874.50
	INCOME	1997	\$3,026.24
	EXPENSES	1997	\$2,617.77
	BALANCE	12/31/97	\$1,282.97
 CHOIR	 BALANCE	 1/1/97	 \$637.24
	INCOME	1997	\$834.86
	EXPENSES	1997	\$737.64
	BALANCE	12/31/97	\$734.46
 ACYOA JUNIORS	 BALANCE	 1/1/97	 \$278.00
	INCOME	1997	\$1,553.28
	EXPENSES	1997	\$1,376.98
	BALANCE	12/31/97	\$454.30

AUDITED BY: PARISH COUNCIL