

**ARMENIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY RESURRECTION  
NEW BRITAIN, CONNECTICUT  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY  
FEBRUARY 1 1998**

The Annual Parish Assembly was opened at 12:10p.m. by Mr. Harry Hougas, 1997 Assembly Chairman. Deacon Hamlet Mehrabian, Deacon-in-charge offered a prayer for deceased members of the Parish namely The Rev. Fr. Michael Buttero, Pastor Emeritus, who entered his eternal rest on October 17, 1997.

Mr. Hougas asked for nominations from the floor for chairman for this year's assembly. Mrs. Mary Abrahamian nominated Mr. John Abrahamian and Mr. Harry DerAsadourian seconded the nomination. John accepted the nomination. A motion was made to close nominations for Assembly Chairman and seconded. Mr. Hougas than asked for nominations for Assembly Secretary. Yerezgin Patricia Buttero volunteered. Mr. Hougas made a motion to accept Yerezgin Patricia Buttero as secretary and Mr. Eduardo Haddad seconded it. The motion carried.

The names on the ballots were written on the blackboard. At this time the Chair asked for nominations from the floor Yerezgin Patricia Buttero was added to the list for Diocesan Delegate. At this time (12:20p.m.) the Assembly recessed for lunch. It was announced that members may vote between the hours of 12:15 to 2 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:06 p.m. with Mr. John Abrahamian as Chairman. Yerezgin Patricia Buttero was invited by the Chair to read the 1997 Assembly minutes. The minutes stand as read.

- a. **Pastoral Report** - The Chair invited Deacon Hamlet Mehrabian to present his report. (see attached)
- b. **Parish Council Report** - John Maljanian, Parish Council Chairman presented the report. (see attached)
- c. **Auditors' Report** - Berg Kallajian presented the report. Mr. Kallajian thanked Hurach Azarigian, Harry Hougas and George Boyajian for their assistance. (see attached)

The Chair asked the assembly if there were any comments on any of the reports presented Mr. Harry Badrigian thanked Deacon Hamlet for his thorough report and also commended the parish council for selecting Deacon Hamlet as our spiritual leader. Questions concerning church related expenses on the auditors' report were answered to the satisfaction of the assembly. The chair than entertained a motion to accept the three reports as presented. Mr. Hurach Azarigian made the motion and Mr. Paul Abrahamian seconded it. Motion passed.

**d. Church Organizations (reports attached)**

1. **Armenian School** - Deacon Hamlet stated that a summary of the Armenian language classes was presented in his pastoral report.
2. **ACYOA Jrs.** - Tammy Bagdigian presented a very informative report. Report on file with Parish Council.
3. **Choir** - Adrienne Damian presented the Choir report. Report on file with Parish Council.
4. **Loos** - Adrienne Damian presented the "Loos" report. Report on file with Parish Council.
5. **Sunday School** - Roxie Maljanian presented the Sunday School report. Report on file with Parish Council.
6. **Women's Guild** - Rose Badrigian presented the Women's Guild report. Report on file with Parish Council.

The Chair entertained a motion to accept the above six (6) reports as presented. Mrs. Margaret Bagdigian made the motion and it was seconded by Harry Badrigian. Motion passed.

**e. Scholarship Committee**

Yerezgin Patricia read Sarah Yagoobian's report to the assembly. Report on file with Parish Council.

**f. Permanent Trust Fund**

Mr. Hurach Azarigian presented his report. Report on file with Parish Council.

**g. Investment Committee**

Mr. Harry Hougas presented the report. Mr. Hougas stated that Arthur Simonian, Sr. and his terms are still active but Armen Michalak has completed her term. Mr. Hougas asked if there was anyone interested in being on the committee. Due to there being no volunteers Mr. Hougas stated that Mrs. Michalak volunteered to continue as a member for another three year term. The assembly accepted Mrs. Armen Michalak to remain on the committee. Report on file with Parish Council.

**h. Cemetery Custodians**

Mr. Hurach Azarigian presented the report and stated that Timothy Bagdasarian was appointed by the Parish Council to assist Mr. Azarigian as cemetery custodian. Concerns were voiced on vandalism in the cemetery. Mr. Azarigian stated that the graffiti and broken fence is an on-going problem. As fast as the State cleans the graffiti and the fence is repaired the problem is there again. He was happy to report that the grave stones have not been damaged. Report on file with Parish Council.

The Chair entertained a motion to accept the four committee reports. Mr. Harry Badrigian made the motion and Mr. Berg Kallajian seconded it. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Revision of Permanent Trust Fund By-laws**

Mr. Harry Der Asadourian presented the report. After a short discussion, Mr. Harry Badrigian made a motion to accept the revisions and Mrs. Roxie Maljanian seconded it. Motion passed. (see attached)

**b. Confirm Status and Parish Position Relative to Combining with St. George Church**

The assembly confirmed their position not to sell our Church. If St. George parish wishes to combine with New Britain they are open for discussion on this issue. All felt that they are not interested in selling and starting over.

**Other Old Business**

It was suggested that the decorating committee post their names and phone numbers on the bulletin board. Dean Hamlet's name will be added to the list. If anyone wishes to donate a picture, etc. it has to pass through the committee first. Committee members are: Rose Badrigian, Carol Hougas, Darlene Simonian.

Violet Galazan thanked Deacon Hamlet for following through with last year's recommendation to purchase a microphone system for the church. The system is used for the sermon and announcements.

Yeretzgin Patricia Buttero asked the parish council if anything was done about the motion light for the front entrance of the church. Mr. Maljanian stated the parish council is still working on this project. He stated there are a few problems to work out concerning the electrical work.

A few concerns were voiced concerning the Manoog and Alice Bagdigian Community Center since there is no longer a tenant on the premises. Mr. Stephen Der Margosian and Mr. Peter Bagdigian, Jr. Are looking for a new tenant or a buyer. The assembly was reassured that there are no restrictions on selling the building.

**New Business**

**a. Approval of the 1998 Budget**

Each member was handed the report. Mr. Arthur Semonian, Jr. Highlight the report. After a short discussion the Chair asked for a motion to accept the report. Sarah Yagoobian made the motion and Mr. Harry Badrigian seconded it. Motion carried.

**b. Parishioner of the Year Committee.**

Mr. Harry Der Asadourian reported the need for two people for this committee. Mrs. Margaret Bagdigian nominated Mrs. Haiganoush Berberian, seconded by Emil Mosey. Yeretzgin Patricia Buttero nominated Mrs. Hasmig Cannata, seconded by Emil Mosey. Mr. Gary Hovhanessian moved nominations be closed, seconded by Peter Bagdigian, Jr. Motion passed. Mrs. Berberian & Mrs. Cannata will each serve a five (5) year term.

**Other New Business**

Violet suggested that the parish council look into a temporary enclosure for the door coming into the Abrahamian Auditorium from the parking lot. During the cold months we lose heat from inside plus cold air comes in every time someone enters or leaves. They will take it under advisement.

Mr. Harry Badrigian made a motion to sell the Church next door to the Diocese for \$1.00 if we do not have it rented or sold by September 1, 1998. Mrs. Roxie Maljanian seconded the motion. Motion defeated.

**Election Results:**

Emil Mosey thanked everyone for their cooperation. He stated that 69 ballots were cast.

**Parish Council - Vote for 4**

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| 1. Gloria Azarianian - 5     | 5. Emil Mosey - 55*          |
| 2. Timothy Bagdasarian - 25  | 6. Michael Romano - 14       |
| 3. Peter Bagdigian Jr. - 45* | 7. Arthur Simonian Jr. - 48* |
| 4. John Chiloyan - 53*       | 8. Mark Simonian - 22        |

\*Denotes elected

**Diocesan Delegates - Vote for 2**

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| 1. Adrienne Damian - 23 (1st Alternate refused) | 3. Harry Hougas - 38* (resigned) |
| 2. Ed Der Asadourian - 34*                      | 4. Arthur Simonian Sr. - 18      |
| 5. Yerezgin Patricia Buttero - 19 ✓             |                                  |

\*Denotes deleted

**Auditing Committee - Vote for 1**

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| 1. John P. Abrahamian - 42* | 2. Gary Kerr - 26 |
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\*Denotes elected

**Nominating Committee - Vote for 3**

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| 1. Violet Galazan - 43* | 4. Betty Surabian - 39*     |
| 2. Armen Michalak - 33  | 5. Elizabeth Vartanian - 15 |
| 3. Rose Mosey - 48*     | 6. Levon Vatian - 26        |

\*Denotes elected

Mr. Harry Badrigian thanked the parish council and all organizations for a great job last year and also thanked Deacon Hamlet Mehrabian for his guidance throughout the year.

Mr. Hurach Azarigian thanked the 1998 Assembly Chairman and Secretary for an excellent job. Before closing with the Hayr Mair, Deacon Hamlet thanked the parish for their support and cooperation.

Assembly adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

*Yerezgin Patricia Buttero*  
 Yerezgin Patricia Buttero  
 Assembly Secretary

*Dr. Hamlet Mehrabian*  
 Deacon Hamlet Mehrabian  
 Deacon-in-Charge

*John Abrahamian*  
 John Abrahamian  
 Assembly Chairman