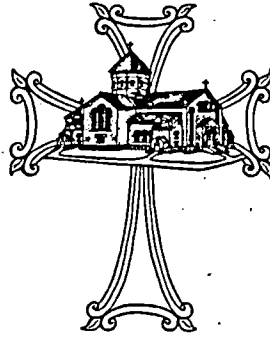


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MINUTES - ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION

The Annual Parish Assembly of the Armenian Church of Our Saviour was convened at 8:00 P. M. on Wednesday, January 29, 1974 in the Church Hall by the Parish Council Chairman, Mr. George Migridichian.

A Prayer was offered by Deacon Daniel Kochakian.

The Chair ruled that the sixty members present constituted a quorum and called for nominations for officers of the Assembly. Mr. Bartevo Bagdasarian and Mr. Gilbert Markarian were elected to serve as Chairman and Secretary respectively.

The Chairman, Mr. Bagdasarian then read the Agenda, a copy of which had previously been mailed to all parishioners.

AGENDA

1. Election of officers of the assembly
2. Reading of minutes of previous assembly
3. Report of the Pastor
4. Report of the Parish Council.
5. Report of the Auditing Committee
6. Report of the Church Auxiliary Organizations
7. Approval of proposed 1975 Budget
8. New Business

Recess - Reconvene, Sunday, February 2, 1975.

9. Elections

- A. Parish Council
- B. Nominating Committee
- C. Auditing Committee

All present had received copies of the 1974 Annual Reports.

The Chair asked the Secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting for informational purposes.

The Chair asked Deacon Daniel Kochakian to read the Pastor's Report which covered the period January thru June 1974 and which had been received too late to be included in the printed report. Very Rev. Shnork Kasparian summarized his activities up to his departure for Canada and Deacon Daniel Kochakian then read his report which covered the period September thru December 1974.

The Assembly voted to accept the reports with commendation and to note that the paragraph listing Gifts on page 3 should also include the name of Mrs. Sharkey Manoogian and her sister Mary Manoogian as donors of the aluminum lettering on the outside of the Cultural Center Building.

The Parish Council Chairman, George Migridichian, then read the Parish Council Report. The Assembly voted to accept the report exclusive of the Financial Statements.

Aaron Hovenesian, a member of the Auditing Committee reported that the financial records of the Parish Council had been audited and found to be a fair and reasonable representation of the financial position of the Church.

The Chair then called for discussion and questions on the Treasurer's Report. A question was raised asking if the Council had considered the possibility of paying a lump sum toward the mortgage to reduce interest charges. Several comments followed stressing the need to keep working capital and it was pointed out that some \$19,900 is in a special notice account and cannot be touched without Parish Assembly approval. It was noted that interest charges on the mortgage were $6\frac{1}{4}\%$ while our bank deposits earned $5\frac{3}{4}\%$.

The discussion then turned to the possibilities of what could be done with our surplus cash and the Chair asked that this be deferred to new business and the Assembly direct its questions to the Treasurer's Report.

It was moved, seconded and voted to accept the financial reports of the Parish Council and the Cultural Center Fund.

The Chair then called for questions regarding any of the reports submitted by any of the auxiliary organizations.

Mrs. Ann Kabian asked if there was any way that the Parish Council could determine if the Auxiliary Organizations received credit towards their pledges for the Cultural Center from funds derived from the Bazaar.

The Parish Council Chairman stated that he could speak for this year only and stated that it had not.

Mr. Bart Bagdasarian stated that his records showed that since 1972 no credits were given to any of the Auxiliary Organizations for payments toward Cultural Center pledges from proceeds derived from the Bazaar. It was then noted that this was a matter for discussion between the organizations and the Parish Council.

It was noted that the Armenian School should be commended for their operation particularly due to the fact that it was self-sufficient with its income of some \$1900 against expenses of some \$1600.

The Assembly voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Auxiliary Organizations.

The Chair then asked if representatives of any of the organizations had any comments.

Mr. Harry Sogigian commented on the wealth of knowledge available in the Library and asked that we try to impress its availability to the Parish and hoped its use would expand.

It was noted that the Cultural Committee Report omitted the fact that the "Hye Jinks" was directed by one of our parishioners, Aaron Hovenesian.

It was also noted that the Men's Club Report contained an error; jackets were given to the Seniors only.

The Assembly voted to express its thanks and appreciation to all of the Church auxiliary organizations for their fine endeavors during the past year.

The Assembly then turned to the proposed budget. Anticipated income was \$80,750 and expenses \$90,000. Much discussion ensued regarding the adjustment of various items in the budget in an attempt to balance it.

A motion was made and seconded to refer the budget back to the Parish Council to be reworked and resubmitted to a Special Parish Assembly in 30 days. The motion carried.

It was moved, seconded and voted that in the future the Annual Reports be prepared and available to all members on the Sunday prior to the Annual Assembly.

The Parish Council was then asked for information regarding any progress in their attempts to have a Priest assigned to our parish. The Parish Council Chairman, Mr. George Migridichian, stated that they were actively working on this and were hopeful that progress was being made.

It was also noted that the Nominating Committee had failed to present a ballot with sufficient names to show two candidates for each vacancy for Parish Council and Nominating Committee. It was felt that this was a reflection on our membership and that future Nominating Committees must be instructed to comply with the Bylaws to the fullest extent.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the ballot as prepared and to proceed with the election on Sunday, February 2, 1975. The motion carried.

A suggestion was made that the Parish Council form a Committee to finish the connector as a Golden Age meeting room. Miss Berjuhi Zakarian advised that such a Committee was in existence, plans had been made and the Committee was waiting for Pastor and Parish Council action.

The First Session recessed at 11:30 P.M.

SECOND SESSION

The Second Session of the Annual Assembly convened on Sunday, February 2, 1975 at 10:00 A.M. with the opening of elections. The Polls closed at 1:00 P.M. and the workers had a luncheon served by Mrs. Elizabeth Kazarian, Mrs. Armenouhi Jardarian and Mrs. Anita Sarian. Many thanks to this Committee for a job well done.

The tally was then started and it was noted that 168 members had voted with the following results:

PARISH COUNCIL:

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| George Migridichian | 128 | Elected |
| Aaron Hovenesian | 110 | Elected |
| George Avakian | 101 | Elected |
| Francis Najarian | 95 | Elected |
| (Jerry) Lutwig Stepanian | 86 | Elected |
| Haroutune Kasparian | 83 | |
| Charlotte Calfaian | 75 | |
| Abraham Sivazlian | 70 | |
| Isabel Sahagian | 40 | |

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

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| John Toromanian | 118 | Elected |
| Mrs. Rose Aslanian | 115 | Elected |
| Henry Shooshan | 102 | Elected |
| Asbed Zakarian | 102 | Elected |
| Lucy Kasparian | 96 | Elected |
| Charles Hoogasian | 86 | |
| Garry Degermajian | 85 | |
| Ruth (Bilazarian) Haddon | 69 | |

AUDITING COMMITTEE:

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| Edward Bilzerian | 120 | Elected |
| Harry Sogigian | 113 | Elected |
| Anne Demerjian | 98 | Elected |
| Papken Anusbigian | 76 | |
| Ann Sharigian | 45 | |
| Richard Barsamian | 31 | |

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Mr. Van Aroian, was instructed to advise all candidates what the unofficial results were.

The Chair then called for any New Business.

A question was raised regarding Absentee Ballots and it was agreed that these are not permissible.

A question was raised regarding the possibility of the Annual Meeting being held as a dinner meeting. This was referred to the Parish Council.

The item of investing surplus cash was again discussed in some detail. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Parish Council act on the motion passed at the previous assembly on this matter and to appoint an investment committee.

A motion was made to post a list of all dues paying members in the vestry once a year at election time. The motion did not carry.

A motion to hold the Annual Assembly the first week of April in 1976 did not carry.

It was moved, seconded and voted to direct the Parish Council to hold the next Annual Assembly sometime during the last two weeks in February 1976.

There being no further business the Chair then adjourned the meeting at 4:15 P.M. with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Deacon Daniel Kochakian
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President

Bartev Bagdasarian
Bartev Bagdasarian
Chairman

Gilbert Markarian
Gilbert Markarian
Secretary