

The Minutes of the Special Parish Assembly of September 25, 1983 were also read by Rose Darien and were unanimously accepted.

The Pastor's Report was given by Rev. Father Kasparian. The chairman expressed the gratitude of the members for the Pastor's leadership and guidance.

The Parish Council report was given by John Boyajian. A correction was made to read, "the Daughters of Vartan - Satenig Otyag donated \$1500 towards the purchase of a freezer for the church." The minutes were accepted by Jack Hachigian and seconded by Al Darien.

A motion was made at this time by Alice Shimshidian to dispense with the reading of the report of the Diocesan Assembly and the organizations' reports, due to very inclement weather, and the fact that each person in attendance had a copy but the Auditing Committee report of 1983 was read and the chairman then proceeded to ask if there were any questions regarding any of the above-mentioned reports.

The Auditing Report was accepted by the Parish Assembly.

Financial - in reference to the Insurance expenditure, Ed Essayan clarified that it reflected payment for 1982 and 1983.

The Operational Budget, presented by the Parish Council, for 1984 was then accepted on motion made by Jack Hachigian, seconded by Al Darien.

Jack Hachigian then spoke about the Building Fund (Page 23) and made two motions --

1. Moved that the Parish Assembly authorize the Parish Council to appoint a Building Fund Committee to launch a fund-raising campaign for the purpose of building new church facilities on our grounds. The size and the cost of the complex, as well as the time of its construction, will be subject to the approval of the Parish Assembly. Said Building Fund Committee will be accountable to the Parish Council and will function under its supervision.
2. Moved that the Parish Assembly authorize the Parish Council to transfer all but \$15,000 from the Contingency Fund to the Building Fund. Also transfer all but \$15,000 from the Capital Fund to the Building Fund, making a total of \$17,255.74. Further, that the 1983 surplus from the Operating Fund be transferred to the Building Fund.

These two motions were carried unanimously. There was pro and con discussion about the necessity to enlarge the Building Fund at the present time. A sanctuary and assembly hall were our first needs, Jack Hachigian stated, depending on the amount of money raised, and how soon collected. Jack Hachigian made another motion to allocate \$2500 as seed money for this committee, for 1984 only, from the Building Fund. This motion was accepted, seconded by Martha Gurahian, and carried unanimously.

A progress report was requested on the sale lease/back proposal. Jack Hachigian stated no new tax bill has been passed in Congress, thereby giving us one year's grace period to explore. He will continue to pursue this area and will report his findings as soon as possible. Judge Gurahian advised the Assembly at this point that we have the approval of the Diocesan Council to proceed with the sale and lease/back proposition.

Attendance at this Assembly was the largest St. James has had to date. Der Hayr gratefully thanked the officers of the Assemblies of 1983 and 1984. He thanked Ara Ishkanian and his nominating committee, as well as the auditing committee for their endeavors. He then introduced the new church secretary, Helen Galbraith.

At this time the chairman of the Nominating Committee announced the results of the ballots, as follows:

Parish Council: Garo Bashian, John Boyajian, Gregory Chamourian, Ed Essayan, Martha Gurahian, Ara Ishkanian, Benny Tepikian.

Nominating Committee: Ann D. Boghosian, Florence Omartian, Aida Pisani, Malcolm Shadoian.

Auditing Committee: Grace Cassidy, Diane Davidian, Koren Tutak.

The Eleventh Parish Assembly was adjourned at 2:45 P.M. with Der Hayr's benediction.


Reverend Father Karekin Kasparian
Pastor and President

Respectfully submitted,


Rose Darien
Assembly Secretary


Edward S. Dorian
Assembly Chairman