

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING OF THE HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH
JANUARY 26, 1964

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Holy Cross Armenian Church was called to order by Mr. Harold Azmelian, Chairman of the Parish Council, at 2:00 PM, and was opened with a prayer by the Very Rev. Vatche Hovsepian. Mr. Azmelian, on behalf of the Parish Council and the membership, thanked the Ladies Aid for the luncheon which they prepared and served.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS - Mr. Nubar Dorian was elected Chairman and Miss Ann Dadaian, Secretary, by a unanimous vote. Mr. Dorian thanked the membership for their confidence in voting for him again this year as in the past. He further expressed his desire to help the membership in anyway possible by answering questions and repeating discussion in Armenian or English. He commented that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Agenda which was prepared at the Preliminary Membership Meeting.

THE VERY REV. VATCHE HOVSEPIAN, PASTOR, read the Pastor's Annual Report to the membership. A motion was made and seconded that Father Vatche's report be accepted with gratitude, filial love and a prayerful wish for his continued spiritual guidance for many years to come.

At this time a motion was made and seconded that the ballot box for the Election of Parish Council Members and Auditing Committee be closed at 3:00 PM. Motion was passed. Mr. Jack Takakjian, member of the Nominating Committee, along with Mrs. Anne Hachadoorian, Mrs. Zabel Sahagian and Mrs. Serpouhi Yaldizjian, were appointed by the Chair to count the ballots.

REPORTS - A motion was made and seconded that all reports be accepted in total after they had been read to the membership. Motion carried.

1. THE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT was read by Philip Arpiarian, Recording Secretary of the Parish Council. On behalf of the membership, thanks were expressed to the Parish Council for their untiring devotion during the past year and their magnificent and efficient work.

Correction was made on the report (Page 20 of 1963 Booklet) adding the name of Mr. Armen Kalbian, Parish Council Member, which was inadvertently omitted from the report.

2. THE LADIES AID REPORT was read by Mrs. Zabel Sahagian.

3. THE LADIES EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY REPORT was read by Mrs. Serpouhi Yaldizjian.

4. THE MEN'S CLUB REPORT was read by Mr. Richard Mahmarian.

5. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT was read by Mr. Zaven Hovsepien.

Since there were no further discussion on the reports as presented, a motion was made and seconded that all reports be accepted as read with corrections. Motion carried.

Because the CHURCH CENTER COMMITTEE did not have a written report, Mr. Harry Sabonjian gave an oral presentation to the Parish. Mr. Sabonjian reported that approximately 60 affairs were held in the Center during the past year. All Church organizations have access to its facilities. Such affairs as the New Year's Eve Celebration, Ladies Aid Bazaar, Sunday School Christmas Pageant, Armenian School Hantess, Men's Club Dance and other functions were held, without charge. The Financial Report of the Church Center was read by Mr. Sabonjian. Motion was made and seconded that the Church Center Report be accepted. Motion was carried.

MR. LUD SHAHBAZIAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, gave a thorough explanation of all the treasurers' books which he audited with the assistance of Dr. Harry Shenloogian. Mr. Shahbazian expressed his thanks to the treasurers of all the organizations and complimented them for keeping orderly books.

The following changes were made on the Financial Reports:

a. LADIES AID: (Page 37 of 1963 Booklet) Add under disbursements - Loan for Bazaar, \$1,000.

b. Under Assets of Holy Cross Armenian Church (Page 27 of 1963 Booklet) Ladies Aid: the figure of 1963 should be \$3,383.66 instead of \$3,386.66. Also, at the bottom of the page by the asterisk, the word should be "market value" instead of "marked value".

It was commented that the Parish net worth has increased \$9,000. this year over last year.

Mr. Lud Shahbazian requested that a round of applause be given to Mr. Armen Kalbian, who did outstanding work for the Auditing Committee.

MRS. ANNE HACHADOORIAN read the Financial Report of the Parish Calendar Project. The membership expressed their appreciation to Mrs. Hachadoorian for her wonderful work in carrying out this project successfully. Over \$850. profit was realized for our Parish.

A motion was made and seconded that a vote of thanks and appreciation go to the Auditing Committee for the tremendous job that they did. Motion was carried.

PROPOSED BUDGET - (Page 29 of 1963 Booklet) The proposed budget was presented to the membership. Motion was made and seconded that the Proposed Budget as submitted be accepted. Motion was carried.

TO SECURE PARKING FACILITIES FOR THE PARISH - The Parish Council reported that a committee had been set up to look into the possibilities of securing parking facilities for the Church. The committee to date has been unable to find suitable facilities and therefore has brought the matter before the membership so that perhaps a solution may be found.

A motion was made and seconded that the Parish Council look into all phases and aspects of securing parking facilities and bring their findings to the next Annual Membership Meeting. Motion was carried.

DETERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP UNION CITY HOLY CROSS CHURCH - Mr. Jack Shahinian presented the following motion to the membership which will be submitted on behalf of our Parish to the Diocesan Assembly. A motion was made and seconded that this proposal will be accepted by the Parish under the condition that Father Vatche and the three delegates get together and make minor changes. Motion was passed.

The above motion, as directed by the membership, was considered by Father Vatche and the three delegates.

The proposal is as follows:

Article 5 of the Diocesan Constituion
Change to read as follows:

"In a church community, all persons who have been baptized and confirmed in the Armenian Church who accept its doctrines, cannons and rites and who fulfill their obligations to the church and community, shall be members in good standing by the process of rggistering with any of the numerous Armenian Church parishes throughout the North American Continent, shall constitute the parish assembly.

Any person who by reason of geographical location cannot register at a local parish, he shall be allowed to register with the Armenian Diocese.

Article 6: "Every member of a parish shall pay to his or her church a annual dues, the amount of which will be \$3.00. This amount may be increased but not decreased by the parish assembly.

Following factors shall determine the relative amount of the assessments. The amount of the assessment for the following year shall be submitted to the parish council of each parish by November 1 before the Diocesan Assembly for consideration at the parish assembly.

- a. A total membership of parish
- b. total dues paying membership of the parish
- c. The economic status of the community and its record of discharging its obligations with reference to past assessments.

Diocesan Delegates: Each parish shall have a minimum of two delegates.

2. Each parish shall have additional delegates based on the total number of registered communicants as follows: Up to 250, one additional delegate; 251 to 500, two additional delegates; 501 to 750, three additional delegates; 751 to 1000, four additional delegates."

MR. PHILIP ARPIARIAN, Chairman of the PLEDGE SYSTEM, gave the membership a complete explanation of the PLEDGE SYSTEM and its progress to date in the Parish. He urged the membership to cooperate with the Parish Council in this new endeavor.

MOTION was made and seconded to reduce voting rights of the parish from \$10. to \$3. Motion was carried.

ENLARGEMENT OF KITCHEN FACILITIES - Recommendations that any parishioner has regarding the kitchen should be put in writing and submitted to the Parish Council.

PURCHASE OF BUILDING ADJACENT TO CHURCH CENTER - Mr. Harry Sabonjian gave an explanation regarding this item. It would make the Center more useful by providing more working space, not only for the ladies, as far as kitchen facilities are concerned, but also for other needed space. The building is for sale.

A motion was made and seconded that the membership give the Parish Council the authority to consider the purchase of the building adjacent to the Center and purchase it only when and if the Parish Council feels that the price is right. Motion was carried.

RENOVATION OF CHURCH ANNEX - Renovation to the Church Annex will take the form of lowering the ceiling, providing ample closet space and installing a solid railing for added safety to the children to replace the dangerous steps that now exist.

A motion was made and seconded that the recommendation of the Parish Council that the Church Annex be renovated be accepted. Motion was carried.

FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES - JERUSALEM AND CATHEDRAL
A certain amount of money has been assessed to the Union City Parish by the Diocese for the above two fund raising activities; monies to be paid over a period of 3 years.

JERUSALEM: \$8,000 has been assessed to our Parish for the Jerusalem Fund Raising Campaign. This money will go towards the renovation of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. A dinner will be held for this purpose, date to be announced in the near future.

CATHEDRAL: The campaign for this project is still going on and at present it is an estimated million dollar project.

The results of the elections were announced as follows:

108 votes were cast:

PARISH COUNCIL

Elected:	Harold Azmelian	99
	Richard Hachadoorian	91
	Deran Chopoorian	87
	Harry Sabonjian	70
	Albert Nersesian	62

Alternates:	Paul Bogosian	45
	Haig Simsarian	24

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Elected:	Lud Shahbazian	96
	Dr. Harry Shenloogian	61
	Jack Takakjian	57

Alternates:	Charles Apkarian	43
	Thomas Chopoorian	40

The Very Rev. Vatche Hovsepian thanked Mr. Nubar Dorian for his capable handling of the meeting and Miss Ann Dadaian for taking the minutes as well as Mr. Lud Shahbazian and Dr. Harry Shenloogian, Auditing Committee; Mr. Jack Shahinian, Mr. Lud Shahbazian and Mr. Jack Takakjian, Nominating Committee; and all those who worked and helped to make the meeting a success. He expressed his thanks to all the Parish Council Members for their untiring efforts during the past year and congratulated the newly elected members.

Mr. Nubar Dorian, Chairman of the Meeting, commended the Parish Council for their work during the past year and complimented Father Vatche, on behalf of the Parish, for his thorough compilation of the 1963 Annual Report Booklet.

Father Vatche announced that the Consecration Ceremonies of the new Altar will take place on March 22, 1964, Palm Sunday, and urged the membership to attend and wholeheartedly support this important affair.

The meeting ended with the singing of Hayr Mer and a prayer and was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

THE VERY REV. VATCHE HOVSEPIAN
Pastor-President

NUBAR DORIAN
Chairman

ANN DADAIAN
Secretary