

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

of the

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH OF UNION CITY, N. J.

January 28, 1979

Following Church Services on January 28, 1979, Mr. Philip Arpiarian, Chairman of the Parish Council, called the meeting to order. Nubar Dorian and Arpena Sbarbaro were elected Chairman and Secretary of the Annual Meeting, respectively. The meeting was then recessed for lunch.

The meeting was reconvened at 1:05 PM by Chairman Nubar Dorian. There were 71 participating members present. Jack Takakjian made a motion that the balloting be closed at 2:00 PM. The motion was seconded and passed.

Philip Arpiarian requested that the annual reports of parish organizations be in the hands of Der Hayr no later than January 5 of each year so that they can be reproduced and mailed in advance of the meeting to the parishioners for their review.

It was decided to dispense with the reading of the organizational reports. However, the Chairman invited the Church auxiliaries to answer any questions pertinent to their reports.

Mr. Zaven Hovsepian moved that Der Hayr's report be accepted with thanks and appreciation for his work on the monthly VISION and Sunday Bulletins. Matilde Kalbian expressed thanks to Der Hayr and Harold Azmelian for making possible the parking facilities at the Yeshiva School. It was pointed out that the originator of this idea was Jack Sasoonian. Virginia Shenloogian commended Anne Hachadoorian and all those responsible for this year's beautiful Parish Christmas card. Paul Takakjian suggested that future reports be printed in English and Armenian.

Harold Azmelian moved that all reported be accepted as submitted. Motion was seconded and carried.

Richard Hachadoorian presented a report on behalf of the Auditing Committee. All books were audited and found to be in order.

The Parish Assembly then took up the following items which were presented at the request of the Parish Council.

1. Parking: Jack Takakjian reported that when parking in the Yeshiva School lot, all cars should be angled (toward New York Avenue), keeping close to the car next to you. There is more space behind the school; therefore, the alley must remain unblocked and accessible at all times. No cars should be parked in the alley. Small cars can be parked toward the fence, also at an angle. In this way 30-40 cars can be accommodated. It was suggested that the Church attendance cards with the owner's name be placed in the windshield.

2. Endowment and Permanent Trust Fund: Ludwig Shahbazian presented his report. Some individuals have been contacted to participate in this Fund. Any amount is acceptable to start a fund and can be increased at any time. More contacts are planned. At this time, Jack and Trudy Takakjian donated \$100.00 to start a Trust Fund in their name.
3. Pledge System: Philip Arpiarian stated that the Pledge System had not been fully implemented during the past year, but that next year it will be carried out. A request was made that parishioners think in terms of increasing the amount of their pledges due to the ever-increasing expenses of the Church.
4. Bingo: Jack Takakjian reported that the target date for Bingo is September. Carol Moomjy-Grossi is chairing this committee, but manpower is desperately needed. All those interested in helping on this project are requested to contact Jack Takakjian.

At 2:10 PM - a motion was made by Virginia Shenloogian that balloting be closed. Motion was seconded and carried.

5. Building Committee: Deran Chopoorian reported that there are certain areas which need repair and/or improvement:
  - a) Church: Repair of water damaged walls, painting, carpeting, front sidewalk.
  - b) Annex: Complete renovation to include paneling, replacement of windows, new floor covering, kitchenette facilities.
  - c) Parish House: Aluminum siding on building, replacement of windows, repair of front entrance.
  - d) Church Center: Installation of hood over cooking area and re-alignment of electrical circuits.

Motion was made by Virginia Shenloogian that a vote of confidence be given to the Parish Council to proceed with the repairs. Second and carried.

The review of these items was temporarily interrupted to bring the results of the elections to the attention of the Assembly.

Elected to Parish Council:

Armen Kalbian 65 votes  
Richard Assoian 60  
John Hovsepian 58

Charles Apkarian 48  
Jack Sasoonian 46  
Carnig Shenloogian 37

Notes

First and Second Alternates were Zaven Hovsepian and Charles Kuzujian in that order. (35) (31)

Elected as Diocesan Delegates:

Nubar Dorian 56  
Edward Turnamian 39

Ann Hachadoorian 30

Anne Hachadoorian and Zaven Hovsepian were first and second alternates respectively.

Elected to Nominating Committee:

Arpena Sbarbaro  
Satnig Radoian  
Lucy Soovajian

Elected to Auditing Committee:

Richard Hachadoorian  
Ludwig Shahbazian  
Ann Dadaian

6. Increasing of monies which the Parish Council is allowed to spend (not part of the budget) from \$500 to \$1,000. Motion was made by Armen Kalbian to change the amount the Parish Council can spend should the need arise to \$1,000. Motion was seconded and carried.
7. By-Laws and duties of a Diocesan Delegate for our own Parish. Since there is no direction from the Diocese as to the duties of a Delegate a motion was made by Richard Hachadoorian that the Parish Council present to the next Parish Assembly by-laws and duties of a diocesan delegate.

Ludwig Shahbazian, who has served as a delegate for many years, was asked for his comments. He suggested that the following might be some ideas to include as duties of a diocesan delegate: a) that the diocesan delegate must attend Parish Council meetings; b) that the diocesan delegate run the elections of the Parish Assembly acting as the Nominating Committee.

Another suggestion made from the Assembly floor was that the Diocesan Delegates present a written report on the Diocesan Assembly to the Annual Parish Assembly.

8. Definition of Annual Dues: Der Hayr informed the parishioners that our dues is \$25 yearly. Monies given for Christmas, Easter, Prayers, etc. will not be credited for dues. Motion was made by Thomas Dabakian that membership dues be taken out of the pledge made by members, implemented through the envelope system or an outright check earmarked for that purpose. Christmas and Easter offerings, as well as other donations are not to be considered part of that membership dues. Motion was seconded and passed.

Old Business:

Philip Arpiarian advised the Assembly that the first meeting of the Mr Mrs. & Ms. or Three M's Club was held on Saturday evening, January 27, 1979. A committee has been formed to look into establishing by-laws for that group. ?

New Business:

It was suggested to the Nominating Committee that it bring the names of the nominees to the attention of the parish prior to the election. ?

Nubar Dorian stated that for the amount of dues-paying members our parish has, the turn-out today attendance-wise was excellent. He gave special commendation to Der Hayr for his untiring work and wonderful leadership during the past year; to Philip Arpiarian as Chairman of the Parish Council; and to the Parish Council members.

Der Hayr then thanked the Parish Council for its work during the past year and especially to Philip Arpiarian for his patience and leadership. He commended Anne Hachadoorian for the varied duties she carries out. He congratulated all those elected today and gave special thanks to the outgoing Parish Council Members stressing that as a member of the Parish, whether we are Parish Council Members or not, we should all feel our obligation to work for the Church. He requested that we give special attention to the Permanent Trust Fund and to the Pledge System. Der Hayr was also happy to comment that the Women's Guild has been revitalized and that in the near future there will hopefully be a reorganization of a Senior ACYOA.

The meeting was closed at 3:30 PM with a prayer by Der Hayr and the singing of the Hayr Mer.

Respectfully submitted,

Arpena Sbarbaro, Secretary