

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH OF UNION CITY

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

January 25, 1981

Following Church Services on January 25, 1981, Mr. Philip Arpiarian, Chairman of the Parish Council, called the meeting to order. Charles Apkarian and Virginia Shenloogian were elected Chairman and Secretary of the Annual Meeting, respectively. The meeting was then recessed for lunch.

The meeting was reconvened at 1:15 PM by Chairman Charles Apkarian. Jack Takakjian made a motion that the ballot box be closed at 1:30 PM. Herbert Takakjian seconded the motion, and it was approved.

Charles Apkarian thanked the members of the Women's Guild for preparing and serving the delicious lunch. He then welcomed the parishioners to the 75th Annual Meeting of the Holy Cross Armenian Church of Union City.

The Chairman read the highlights of last year's minutes and since there were no additions or corrections, a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was carried.

It was decided to dispense with the reading of the organization reports since the Annual Report booklet has been available to parishioners for reading one week previous to the Annual Meeting. Any questions or comments regarding these reports were brought up at this time.

The following points were made:

1. Der Hayr stressed the importance of parish participation in the Pledge System.
2. Der Hayr encouraged the young parishioners to become dues-paying members in order to create potential for future parish council members.
3. Der Hayr stressed the importance of attending Church Services.
4. Der Hayr reminded us of the importance of remembering the church in our wills and bequests.
5. Der Hayr announced about the 75th Anniversary Celebration of our Church on September 27, 1981 and talked about the importance of making this affair and financial as well as social success in order that we may continue with our renovation project.
5. Philip Arpiarian reported that the membership committee had several meetings during the past year and hope that this year they are able to see the results of their efforts.
6. The Recognition Committee had a meeting and will continue to finalize a workable plan.

7. The Women's Guild made a donation of \$5,000 to be used for the renovation project. Mr. Apkarian, Chairman, thanked the Guild on behalf of the parish.
8. Mr. Richard Hachadoorian presented the Audit Report on behalf of the Auditing Committee. He reported that all the books of the organizations were audited and found to be in good order.
9. Mr. Nubar Dorian requested that the 1981 Annual Parish Assembly of the Holy Cross Church gratefully acknowledge the good work of the parish council and skillful and unique services of Mr. Philip Arpiarian, Chairman of the Parish Council and thank him for his having discharged the duties of chairman faithfully, lovingly and capably.
10. A motion was made and seconded that all the organizational reports be accepted as presented. Motion was carried.
11. On behalf of the Parish Council, Treasurer, Armen Kalbian, presented the 1981 proposed budget to the members and after a discussion on several items, the budget was approved as submitted.
12. This year also an appeal will be made to the parishioners for renovation fund donations to complete the third phase of the renovations program which is the Parish House and Center. The first phase of the project was the Church and the second phase the Church Annex — both of these have been satisfactorily completed.
13. Dr. Harry Shenloogian who was appointed by the Primate at the local Chairman of the Union City parish for the Armenian Church Endowment Fund, was invited by the Chairman to present his concise report about the activities and the goals of the project.
14. Nubar Dorian made the following motion: Resolved that any Parish within the Armenian Diocese celebrating its 75th Anniversary be exempt of all Diocesan Dues for the year in which the commemoration takes place in acknowledgement of its 75 years of moral and financial support of the Diocese. This motion will be brought up to the Delegates at the next Diocesan Assembly. Motion was seconded and passed.
15. Tom Dabakian of the Nominating Committee gave the results of the election.

54 ballots were cast:

Parish Council:

Charles Apkarian
John Hovsepien
Armen Kalbian
Herbert Takakjian
Carnig Shenloogian
Lucy Soovajian

First Alternate: Jack Sasonian

Auditing Committee: Richard Hachadoorian
Satnig Radolan
Matilde Kalbian

First Alternate: Robert Borgersen

Nominating Committee: Thomas Dabakian
Arpena Sbarbaro
Grace Genjian

First Alternate: Nectar Kalustian

Arpena Sbarbaro made a motion to close the meeting which was seconded by Zaven Hovsepian. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM with a prayer by Der Hayr.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Shenloogian
Secretary