

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

UNION CITY

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

FEBRUARY 6, 1983

The Annual Meeting of the Parish of the Holy Cross Armenian Church of Union City was called to order following church services on Sunday, February 6, 1983 by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr. John Hovsepien. A motion was made and seconded that Mr. Philip Arpiarian and Mrs. Arpens Sbarbaro serve as Chairman and Recording Secretary of the Parish Assembly respectively. Motion was carried. Mr. Hovsepien then opened the floor for nominations to be added to the slate for the election of Parish Council, Nominating and Auditing Committees. Since there were no nominations made, a motion was made and seconded that nominations be closed. Motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned for lunch.

The meeting was reconvened at 1:30 PM at the Church Center by Mr. Philip Arpiarian, Chairman. Motion was made by Virginia Shenllogian that the balloting be closed at this time. Motion was seconded and carried.

Our Pastor and President, Rev. Fr. Carnig Hallajian said a few words before discussion on the agenda. Father Carnig commented that it should be the duty and obligation of all our parishioners to attend the meetings and become active participants in the parish. Even though things are sound financially, our faithful should not shirk their responsibility to actively work in the parish. We should especially try to encourage the newcomers and make them feel a part of parish life. He closed his remarks by thanking all those who are actively contributing in the parish at this time.

Thomas Dabakian made a motion to approve the Minutes of last year's meeting. Motion was seconded and carried.

The Parish Council's report was reviewed by John Hovsepien. Mr. Armen Kalbian pointed out that on the Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements Page 12, the figure under 1982 Rug Sale should be \$37,003.00.

Mr. Ludwig Shahbazian commented that the Permanent Trust Fund shows an appreciable increase from last year.

Mr. Philip Arpiarian commended all the Parish organizations for their help and support of our parish during the past year.

The Auditing Committee was asked to give comments on the treasurer's books of the organizations. Claire Hovsepien, Chairman of the Committee, noted that all the books had been checked and found to be in good order. It was noted however that the Senior Citizens did not submit a summary of their receipts and disbursements for the year and that they be asked to do so next year. Armen Kalbian prepared their statement for this year. It was suggested that a form be drawn up as a guideline for all our parish treasurers.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The matter of the repair of the chimes was brought to the floor. The

difficulty is that the company is in Philadelphia. They came once, and they will be reminded to return in the near future.

2. The date of the Annual Parish Meeting could not be changed. It seems that the Diocese needs the time between the parish meetings and the Diocesan Assembly to prepare its reports to that body.
3. Mr. Arpiarian commended the Women's Guild for their \$10,000.00 donation to the Parish.
4. ACYOA Seniors - Richard Bohajian informed the meeting that a joint group had been formed with the St. Leon's, St. Mary's and St. Thomas' Seniors. They have held some successful affairs and hope to increase their membership in the forthcoming year. We have no active ACYOA Junior group. If we see the desire for one to be formed, we will take the necessary steps.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Parishioners who have not already done so were urged to make their donations to the St. Nersess Seminary drive. Mr. Harold Azmelian is the chairman for our parish and letters have been sent to all parishioners. There is a very real crisis in the shortage of clergy in our country.
2. Armen Kalbian commented on the proposed budget and how the figures were reached. Two large improvement expenses are the brick facing of the center and the frames around the stained glass windows of our church.

Mathilde Kalbian made a motion that the proposed budget be accepted. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Charles Kuzujian, member of the Nominating Committee announced the results of the election as follows:

Parish Council:	Philip Arpiarian Robert Borgersen Haig Najarian Jack Sasoonian Arpena Sbarbaro Charles Shenllogian
1st Alternate:	Lucy Soovajian
Nominating Committee:	Richard Assoian Thomas Dabakian John Hovsepian
Auditing Committee:	Armen Kalbian David Kalbian Charles Kuzujian

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Der Hayr.

Respectfully submitted,

*Arpena Sbarbaro*  
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Recording Secretary

*Philip Arpiarian*  
PHILIP ARPIARIAN  
Chairman

*Rev. Fr. Carnig Hallajian*  
REV. FR. CARNIG HALLAJIAN  
Pastor-President