

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH
1986 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 1987

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 1, 1987. A motion was made and seconded that Mr. Harold Azmelian and Miss Virginia Hajeian serve as Chairman and Recording Secretary of the Parish Assembly respectively. Motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting for lunch.

The meeting reconvened at 1:00PM in the Church Center. A motion was made to close the balloting at 1:30PM which was seconded and carried. Mr. Philip Arpiarian, Kohar Arpiarian and Matilde Kalbian were chosen to count the ballots.

From a total dues-paying membership of 105, 49 members were present. The Assembly approved that the number of participants be considered a quorum so that the meeting could proceed legally.

Fr. Diran Papazian read the Pastor's Report for 1986 and Mr. Nubar Dorian, Chairman of the Parish Council, read the Parish Council Report. Both reports were accepted as read.

The Chairman, Harold Azmelian, reviewed the financial reports for the Assembly. A motion was passed to transfer the accumulated interest from the Endowment Fund for 1986 of \$10,261.35 into the restricted cash fund. Also, the Zero Coupon Bonds should be \$39,180.01. For the 1987 Proposed Annual Budget Anticipated Income from Other Donations (auxiliary organizations, etc.) should be \$10,000 instead of \$6,000, with the deletion of center rentals of \$3,000, for a Total Anticipated Income of \$98,200. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the Financial Report.

The Chairman then asked the other organizations to give their respective comments. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept all organization reports as submitted in the Annual Report booklet.

Mr. Armen Kalbian, Auditing Committee Chairman, reported that the Treasurer's Reports for the various organizations were in good order. A motion was made and passed to accept the Auditing Committee Report.

Mrs. Arpena Sbarbaro, Chairperson of the Women's Guild, presented the Chairman with a check to the Parish Council in the amount of \$5,000 for which Mr. Harold Azmelian thanked her. She also commended her Executive Committee and the church women for their efforts and dedication.

The Chairman mentioned that everyone was happy to have Yeretzgin Rosalie Papazian present at the meeting this year.

Mr. Nubar Dorian thanked Miss Mary Shalakian for her informative and interesting newsletter on behalf of the Women's Guild.

NEW BUSINESS

Although we have a fine association with the Yeshiva School, the building is for sale and our parking privileges will continue through June 1987, when other arrangements will have to be made. The Parish Council is considering using Scheutzen Park on Kennedy Boulevard for parking with a taxi or van to be rented as a shuttle for approximately two hours each Sunday.

A 100-page History of Dikranagerd has been written in Armenian by Bishop Arsen Berberian from Sweden. A motion was made, second and carried to evaluate the advisability of sponsoring this project, having it translated into English and printed and distributed by Holy Cross.

Mr. Nubar Dorian suggested having a commemorative souvenir in recognition of Holy Cross being the oldest Church in America. A motion to have a study committee consider this possibility for our 85th Anniversary was made, seconded and carried.

Mr. Nubar Dorian also recommended having an audio visual history of Holy Cross such as the Armenians of Fresno, California, have done. A committee will also study this proposal.

With regard to Archbishop Vatche Hovsepian's 35th Anniversary ordination celebrations, the Chairman reported that Holy Cross sent a congratulatory telegram. It was also suggested that an article be written about this occasion in the VISION advising them of the special Endowment Fund which has been set up in his name in the Western Diocese.

The Parish Council has asked Mr. Richard Bohajian to form a young adult group for ages 19 to 35 as a separate entity from ACYOA. A motion was made, seconded and carried to form such a group.

Miss Mary Shalakian recommended having a Rally Day for the children - like a pre-registration party for Armenian and Sunday Schools with balloons and games.

Mr. Philip Arpiarian, Member of the Nominating Committee, announced the election results as follows:

PARISH COUNCIL:

Robert Borgersen
Artin Keuroghlian
Arpena Sbarbaro
Charles Shenloogian
Richard Tarzian
Alice Yitigurt
Steven Shenloogian
Levon Manoukian

1st Alternate:
2nd Alternate:

DELEGATES:

Nubar Dorian
Zaven Hovsepian
John Hovsepian

1st Alternate:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Philip Arpiarian
Harold Azmelian
Mary Shalakian

AUDITING COMMITTEE:

Philip Arpiarian
Armen Kalbian
Herbert Takakjian

The Chairman thanked Der Hayr and the various committees for all their efforts.

Mr. Nubar Dorian thanked Mr. Harold Azmelian for his many dedicated services to Holy Cross.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 PM.

Der Hayr in his closing remarks thanked the outgoing officers and welcomed the newly elected members of the Parish Council, Diocesan Delegates and the other standing committees; he also thanked the chairman and the secretary of the day and praised the chairman of the day for his ability of running the meeting smoothly and constructively. With a prayer and the singing of Hayr Mer, the meeting was concluded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Hajeian
Recording Secretary



Rev. Diran Papazian
Pastor-President

Harold Azmelian
Chairman