

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH
1991 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 1992

The Annual Parish Meeting was called to order by Acting President Rev. Fr. Carnig Hallajian at 12 Noon who turned the chair over to the Mr. Nubar Dorian, Chairman of the Parish Council, for the election of Assembly Chairman and Secretary. Dr. Edward Sahagian and Mrs. Alice Yigitkurt were elected Chairman and Secretary, respectively.

Mr. Nubar Dorian adjourned the meeting which was to be reconvened at the Church Center after lunch.

The meeting was reconvened at 1:30PM by the Chairman, presided over by Acting President Rev. Fr. Carnig Hallajian. Motion made and passed to close the balloting at 1:35PM.

Dr. Sahagian, Chairman, expressed the thanks and appreciation of the Assembly to the Women's Guild, and especially to Diane Burggraf for the delicious luncheon.

The Holy Cross Church was privileged to have present at our meeting the Rt. Rev. Bishop Karekin Nersisian, Primate of the Diocese in Yerevan, Armenia. Also present were Mrs. Louise Simone, President of the AGBU, who was named an honorary member of the Holy Cross Church by Nubar Dorian, Chairman of the Parish Council. Another guest present at our meeting was Mr. Sarkis Gabrellian.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Mr. Philip Arpiarian, Secretary of the Parish Council, presented the report and commented on the actions taken by the Parish Council regarding the motions passed at last year's Annual Meeting.

A motion was made and passed to accept the Parish Council Report and the Minutes of the 1990 Parish Assembly.

Mr. Harold Azmelian, Treasurer of the Parish Council, presented the Treasurer's Report, discussing each item line by line. A motion was passed to donate the remaining \$13,500.00 allocated for Missionary Work (\$15,000 was budgeted in 1991) to Bishop Nersisian for his Fund. The other \$1,500.00 had been given to him previously. A motion was passed to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented along with the thanks and gratitude of the Parish to Mr. Harold Azmelian for his outstanding and dedicated work in his record keeping of the books.

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Armen Kalbian, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, reported that the treasurer's books of all the organizations were examined and found to be in order. On behalf of the committee he thanked the treasurers of all the organizations for their good work.

ANCILLARY ORGANIZATION REPORTS

WOMEN'S GUILD - Ms. Arpena Sbarbaro, Chairperson, reviewed the report and closed by announcing a donation of \$5,000 on behalf of the Guild to the Parish Treasury. The Guild also pledged a donation of \$5,000.00 to Bishop Karekin Nersisian.

ARMENIAN SCHOOL - A report in Armenian was presented by Mrs. Alice Yigitkurt, Chairperson. She announced that there will be a fund-raising dinner-dance (for the first time) on Saturday, February 22, 1992 in our Church Center. The goal of the school is to raise \$10,000.00.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Parishioners reviewed the report. There were no comments.

CHOIR - Parishioners reviewed the report. Ms. Ann Dadaian on behalf of the Choir donated \$500.00 to Bishop Nersisan earmarked for the Diocese of Yerevan.

SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB - Parishioners reviewed the report.

Motion made and passed accepting all the Ancillary Organization reports as presented.

1992 BUDGET

Mr. Harold Azmelian, Treasurer of the Parish Council, presented the 1992 Proposed Budget, discussing each item line by line. Upon the recommendation of Father Carnig, this year also a motion was made and passed that a \$15,000 item be added to be used for missionary purposes. With this addition, the budget went up from \$101,000.00 to \$116,000.00. A motion was passed to accept the 1992 Proposed Budget as amended.

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND

Mr. Harold Azmelian, Chairman of the Endowment Fund, presented the report which was accepted as presented. Our thanks and appreciation to Mr. Azmelian and his committee members, Philip Arpiarian and Armen Kalbian for their conscientious work in maintaining and caring for the Fund.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Nubar Dorian stated that we are still actively searching for a permanent pastor, and he is in touch with the Primate on a regular basis about this situation. Once again this year we are grateful to Rev. Fr. Carnig Hallajian for helping us serve the needs of our parish for at least 26 weeks of the year as well as the duties relating to the VISION, Sunday Bulletins and all other activities of the parish. Mr. Nubar Dorian also expressed his appreciation to Rev. Fr. Arnak Kasparian who has accepted our offer to serve our parish for the remaining 26 weeks of the year.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Philip Arpiarian discussed the Parking Lot issue. He reported that we have been actively looking for parking lot property but nothing has happened. Several ideas have been suggested:

1. That we look into possibility of renovating center by raising existing building and putting parking space below. This project would only accommodate 15 cars and the cost would run from \$800,000 to \$1,100,000. Motion was passed not to pursue this idea.
2. Use of Daniel Webster School parking facilities in Weehawken. Mr. Azmelian has been in touch with the Board of Education, and we are still awaiting word.
3. Some kind of agreement with the Public Service.
4. Some kind of agreement with the Mormon Church which now has approval to start building.

Mr. Nubar Dorian announced that Holy Cross would be celebrating its 90th Anniversary on Sunday, October 18, 1992. The Primate has already accepted the invitation to preside over the festivities. Mr. John Malool has been appointed Chairman of the affair, and he and his committee are making plans for this banquet. Details will be announced as they become available.

ELECTION RESULTS

Zaven Hovsepian provided the results of the balloting. A total of 67 parishioners voted:

PARISH COUNCIL

Anita Berberoglu
Apo Boghossian
Nubar Dorian

Zaven Hovsepian
John Malool
Alice Yigitkurt

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Philip Arpiarian
Diane Burggraf
Arax Karagosian

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Ann Dadaian
Dawn Donofrio
Armen Kalbian

The Chairman of the Assembly invited Bishop Karekin to say a few words. Bishop Karekin expressed his thanks and appreciation to Holy Cross for its generous donation to the Yerevan Fund and asked for our continuous support.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Bishop Karekin and the Hayr Mer by the Assembly participants.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Alice Yigitkurt
Secretary