

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

**1993 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 1994**

The Annual Parish Assembly Meeting was convened immediately following Church Services in the Church at 12:15PM.

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Zaven Hovsepian, asked for nominations for Chairman of the Parish Assembly and Secretary. Mr. Nubar Dorian and Philip Arpiarian were unanimously elected Chairman and Secretary, respectively.

The meeting was adjourned to the Church Center and reconvened at 1:20PM. Our pastor, the Very Rev. Vazken Karayan, presided as President.

The Chairman requested a motion to close the ballot box. Motion was made and passed to close the balloting at 1:30 PM.

The Chairman dispensed with the reading of the minutes from the last year's Annual Meeting and proceeded to the presentation of the Parish Council report.

The Parish Council Chairman, Zaven Hovsepian, reviewed the minutes highlighting the acknowledgements. He then asked if there were any questions. There being none, Mr. Dorian then asked our Parish Priest, the very Rev. Vazken Karayan for his report.

Hayr Soorp began by expressing that he was glad to be our new pastor. He then proceeded to outline his objectives:

- plans to conduct visitations to familiarize himself with the parishioners.
- Sunday and Armenian Schools - commented on the dedication of the teachers. His goals are to increase enrollment. He is introducing Christian education into the Armenian School curriculum and will also include social activities.
- within the next six to eight months he will try to reorganize the ACYOA.
- train acolytes to read scriptures during church services.
- made requests to Fr. Chebian, Diocesan Youth Coordinator, for materials and videos
- Senior Citizens - will attend meetings, use videos for education on various topics relating to seniors.
- Expand the VISION - inclusion of monthly message from the parish priest and encourage input from parishioners.
- organization of a junior choir.
- establishment of a membership committee

Mr. Dorian invited the various Church organizations to present their reports.

WOMEN'S GUILD: Ms. Arpena Sbarbaro pointed out the highlights of the Guild activities, making special mention of the work that Mrs. Lucy Ganguzza and Ms. Mary Shalakian did in raising \$2,100 for the Armenian Missionary Fund. Finally, Ms. Sbarbaro presented a \$5,000 check to the Parish Council Treasurer.

ARMENIAN SCHOOL: Mrs. Alice Yigitkurt presented the report. She advised the assembly that Hayr Soorp was teaching the graduating class and has also introduced religious education.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Mr. Dorian invited those assembled to read the report.

SENIOR CITIZENS: Mr. Dorian informed the Assembly that the Senior Citizens donated \$500 to the Parish Treasury.

CHOIR: Mr. Dorian invited those assembled to read the report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Harold Azmelian reviewed the Receipts and Disbursements, pointing out reductions in our Dues/Pledges/Plate Collections. Last year, the Parish Assembly voted to donate \$15,000 to the Armenian Missionary Fund. Unfortunately, only \$11,368 was collected -- the shortfall resulted in an unexpected disbursement. In summary, cash position has been reduced to \$7,142, the lowest in our recent history.

ENDOWMENT FUND: Mr. Azmelian presented the latest status of the Fund. The interest realized was 8-1/2% for the year 1993 making the current market value of the fund \$1,323,064.

Mr. Dorian commended all the organizations for their efforts during the past year.

Mrs. Dawn Donofrio, the Audit Committee chairperson, reported that all the Treasurer's Reports were in order. She commented on the diligence of the treasurers in performing their duties.

Motion was made and passed expressing the appreciation and gratitude of the Parishioners for the work done by the members of the various Parish Organizations.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Dorian introduced the following recommendations from the Parish Council:

1. Membership Dues - increase the dues from \$25 to \$50. Following a discussion, a motion was made and passed to increase the dues to \$50.

Motion was made to require a separate donation specifically designated as membership dues. During the discussions Hayr Soorp advised the Assembly that this matter would be resolved by the membership committee. Accordingly, the motion was withdrawn.

2. Donation to Seminary - In the past, \$3,000 was donated to the St. Nersess Seminary. This year, it is recommended that \$1,500 and \$1,000 be donated to St. Nersess and St. James (Jerusalem) respectively. Motion was made and passed approving donations.
3. Renovation and office equipment - Recommendations to renovate a) the rest rooms in the Church; b) the Parish Office; and c) purchase of new computer. Motion was made and passed approving these expenditures.
4. Armenian Missionary Fund - Recommendation to have a goal of \$15,000 to be raised through special projects. However, donation to Fund to be limited to the amount raised. Motion was made and passed accordingly.
5. Recommendation made by Armen Kalbian to reduce the number of members on the Parish Council because of the decrease in parish membership and lack of interest on the part of parishioners. Motion made and passed to have the Parish Council discuss the question.

There being no other New Business, Mr. Dorian invited Mr. Azmelian to review the proposed 1994 Budget (copy attached.) Mr. Azmelian pointed out that the budget included the costs for the items approved during the new business discussions. Furthermore, the shortfall of Receipts is to be made up by withdrawing interest from the Endowment Fund. Motion made and passed accepting the Budget and authorizing the use of money from the Endowment Fund.

ELECTION RESULTS

Mr. Dorian asked the Nominating Committee Chairman, Mr. Kalbian, for the results of the elections. Mr. Kalbian reported there were 55 ballots cast and the results were as follows:

PARISH COUNCIL

Sylvia Bozoyan
Nubar Dorian
Armen Kalbian

Satenig Karagosian
Hagop Yassian

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Diana Burggraf
Philip Arpiarian
Arax Karagosian

AUDITING COMMITTEE

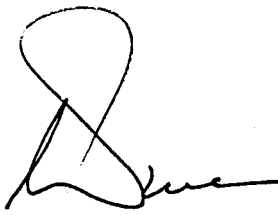
Lucy Bozoian
Dawn Donofrio
Armen Kalbian

Mr. Dorian called upon Hayr Soorp to say the closing prayer. Hayr Soorp congratulated those people elected and gave his benediction.

Copies of the "1993 Annual Report", "The Permanent Endowment Fund" and the "Ballot Summary" are attached to these minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Nubar Dorian
Chairman



Philip Arpiarian
Secretary