

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY OF ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH

SECOND SESSION - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1986

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN MICHEL IZMIRLY AT 1:20 P.M. IT WAS ESTABLISHED THAT THERE WAS A QUORUM PRESENT. GEORGE MEKENIAN AND JOSEPH KALEMKERIAN WERE DESIGNATED AS PARLIAMENTARIANS. PETER AJEMIAN MOVED TO CLOSE BALLOTING AT 1:30 P.M. VIOLET KASPARIAN SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT PASSED. THE CHAIR PROPOSED THAT THE ANNUAL REPORTS FOR EACH ORGANIZATION NOT BE READ. QUESTIONS COULD BE ASKED TO A REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH ORGANIZATION AS WE PROCEED THROUGH THE AGENDA. EDWARD DAGHLIAN PRESENTED A MOTION TO THAT EFFECT. IT WAS SECONDED AND PASSED.

THE CHAIR CALLED ON PETER AJEMIAN, PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN FOR HIS REPORT.

MR. AJEMIAN AMENDED HIS REPORT TO SAY THAT 40 EVENTS TOOK PLACE DURING 1985.

THE FOLLOWING EVENTS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR 1986:

MARCH 22ND, RIBBON CUTTING DINNER - AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN
APRIL 5TH, COTILLION
APRIL/MAY ORIENTAL RUG SALE
MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC AND CAR RAFFLE
NOVEMBER, BAZAAR

MR. AJEMIAN THEN ADDRESSED A MOTION FROM THE 1985 ASSEMBLY THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL "RE-EVALUATE THE ENTIRE ISSUE OF MEMBERSHIP DUES AND COME BACK WITH RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEXT YEAR'S ASSEMBLY." HE SAID THAT THIS QUESTION WAS DISCUSSED AT THE JULY 9, 1985 MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL. IT WAS NOTED THAT DUES ACCOUNTED FOR 23% OF THE CHURCH BUDGET IN 1984, 25% IN 1985 AND 20% OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1986. THE PARISH COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THAT NO DISCOUNT SHOULD BE GIVEN TO SENIOR CITIZEN MEMBERSHIP.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY REPORT - JOSEPH KALEMKERIAN REPRESENTED THE DELEGATES. ARTHUR AZARIK ASKED HOW MANY DELEGATES WE HAVE. MR. KALEMKERIAN SAID 3 RATHER THAN THE PREVIOUS 5 DUE TO A REDUCTION IN MEMBERSHIP. ALICIA DEMIRJIAN THAT AS OF 12/31/85 WE HAD 303 MEMBERS. GEORGE MEKENIAN POINTED OUT THAT WE COULD HAVE 4 DELEGATES WITH 325 MEMBERS. VIOLET KASPARIAN ASKED WHAT HAD HAPPENED AT THE 1985 ASSEMBLY REGARDING THE FUNDING OF BOOKS FOR THE NEW CHURCH SCHOOL CURRICULUM. MR. KALEMKERIAN SAID THAT THERE WAS NO LINE ON THE BUDGET FOR THIS EXPENSE. HOWEVER, THE DIOCESE IS CONTACTING INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO RAISE FUNDS. DER HAYR REPORTED THAT THE PARISHES WILL BE ASKED

TO PAY IN ADVANCE FOR THE BOOKS THEY NEED. THE BOOKS WOULD THEN BE PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED.

GEORGE MEKENIAN ASKED FOR THE PARISHONERS FEELINGS REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HIGH RISE IN THE CATHEDRAL COMPLEX. THE QUESTION WAS HELD OVER FOR NEW BUSINESS.

DER HAYR WAS CALLED ON TO GIVE HIS ANNUAL REPORT. HE ASKED FOR PRAYERS FOR OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS.

CHAIRMAN IZMIRLY THANKED ANN AJEMIAN AND HER COMMITTEE FOR PREPARING LUNCH PRIOR TO THE MEETING. THEY ARE PAULA KEOSEYIAN, HENRY HAGOPIAN, ARTEMIS NAZARIAN, ARAX PARSEGHIAN, RICHARD PAPAZIAN, PAUL PINAJIAN AND GARO ARAKELLIAN.

GRACE HAGOPIAN GAVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1985. SHE SAID THE FOLLOWING TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR SHOULD BE CORRECTED: PAGE 8 - INVESTMENT REPO ON 12/31/85 SHOULD BE \$83,809 NOT \$83,209. GEORGE MEKENIAN RECOMMENDED WE NOTE A.C.E.F. AMOUNTS ARE NOT LIQUID ASSETS. PETER AJEMIAN MOVED THAT WE ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT. VIOLET KASPARIAN SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED.

THERE WAS A DISCUSSION OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT. ARTHUR AZARIK ASKED IF PRESENT PLEDGES WILL COVER OUR OBLIGATIONS. MR. IZMIRLY SAID NO, WE NEED MORE PLEDGES. ARTEMIS NAZARIAN ASKED HOW MANY MEMBERS HAVE PLEDGED. MR. IZMIRLY SAID APPROXIMATELY 60%. HE THEN THANKED RUPEN SADDLER AND THE NAZARIAN/^{AND MEKHJIAN}FAMILIES FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS. MR. IZMIRLY SAID WITHOUT THEIR GENEROSITY WE COULD NOT HAVE OUR BUILDING EXPANSION PROJECT. ARTHUR AZARIK ASKED ABOUT THE \$200,000 BANK LOAN AND ALIN PAPAZIAN ASKED ABOUT THE LOAN FROM THE TRUSTEES. CHAIRMAN IZMIRLY SAID THE BANK LOAN WILL BE PAID WITH PRESENT AND FUTURE PLEDGES. THE TRUSTEES TRANSFERRED THEIR FUNDS TO THE BUILDING COMMITTEE. HOWEVER IT IS DESIGNATED, IT IS ALL ST. THOMAS MONEY. GARY ARKELL ASKED IF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE HAD PROVIDED FOR INCREASED OPERATING EXPENSES. MR. IZMIRLY SAID YES.

THERE WAS THEN A DISCUSSION OF DUES. HARRIET KALEMKERIAN SAID THAT SHE NEVER RECEIVED A LETTER SAYING THAT DUES ARE NOW \$100. PER PERSON. ED PARSEGHIAN SAID A LETTER TO THAT EFFECT WAS MAILED JANUARY 1985. PETER AJEMIAN SAID THAT THIS NOTICE WAS ALSO IN THE BEACON. HE SAID HE WILL CONTINUE TO REMIND PARISHONERS. THE COST

IS LESS THAN \$2.00 A WEEK. NAZAR NAZARIAN ASKED FOR A CLARIFICATION ON FAMILY MEMBERSHIP AND INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP. DER HAYR SAID WE JUST HAVE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP. ALICIA ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION OF WHO IS A MEMBER, THE HUSBAND OR THE WIFE, WHEN THE PLEDGE IS BETWEEN \$100. AND \$200.

ON BEHALF OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE, ALBERT PAPAZIAN REPORTED THAT THERE WERE 106 BALLOTS CAST. HE THANKED THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ED PARSEGHIAN AND REPORTED THE FOLLOWING RESULTS:

PARISH COUNCIL: PETER AJEMIAN, GRACE HAGOPIAN, ARAX PARSEGHIAN, ARA PEKMEZIAN, VIRGINIA VICTORIA. 1ST ALTERNATE HAGOP EKIZIAN. 2ND ALTERNATE KRIKOR KHOROZIAN

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: SAMUEL DEMIRJIAN, JOSEPH KALEMKERIAN, ARA MARTAIAN, ALBERT PAPAZIAN, ELISE POSSIKIAN. 1ST ALTERNATE ANTHONY AJEMIAN. 2ND ALTERNATE ARMAN AJAMIAN

AUDITING COMMITTEE: GARY ARKELL, ARDIS KASPARIAN, ARTEMIS NAZARIAN. ALTERNATE EDWARD FEHMIAN

DELEGATES: VICTOR ARZOOMANIAN, JOSEPH KALEMKERIAN, GEORGE MEKENIAN. 1ST ALTERNATE VIOLET KASPARIAN. 2ND ALTERNATE HAGOP JEBEJIAN.

ASSEMBLY OFFICERS: CHAIRMAN - RONALD KENDERIAN AND ANTRANIG OUZOONIAN
SECRETARY, SANDRA ALPINO.

THE PARISH COUNCIL SUBMITTED 3 NAMES FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. THEY ARE PETER AJEMIAN, ALBERT VICTORIA AND VAY NAJARIAN. THEY ARE TO BE ACCEPTED OR REJECTED BY THE ASSEMBLY. ARTHUR AZARIK MOVED AND ARA MARTAIAN SECONDED A MOTION TO ELECT THESE 3 TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

JOSEPH KALEMKERIAN SAID THAT AT THE LAST ASSEMBLY, REPORTS WERE REQUESTED FROM THE TASHIAN AND SHAHINIAN FUNDS. HE NOTED THAT THEY ARE NOT IN THE 1985 REPORTS AGAIN AND MADE THE SAME RECOMMENDATION FOR 1986.

THERE WAS A QUESTION REGARDING THE LACK OF AN AUDITORS REPORT. ALICIA DEMIRJIAN SAID THAT THE REPORT HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED AND THEREFORE WAS NOT INCLUDED. ARTEMIS NAZARIAN, ON BEHALF OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORTED THAT THE BOOKS OF ALL ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAD BEEN RECEIVED WERE AUDITED. THE AUDITORS HAD NOT CHECKED THE AVAK BOOKS. LOUISE KALEMKERIAN POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE NO REPORTS FROM THE ACYOA JRS. AND SRS, AND THE CHOIR IN ADDITION TO THE AVAKS. LOUISE KALEMKERIAN, ON BEHALF OF THE SR. ACYOA SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NOT REPORT, THE BOOKS WERE AUDITED. ALICIA SAID THAT EACH

ORGANIZATION HAD BEEN ASKED FOR A REPORT. MARION KAHAUMJIAN SAID THAT PEOPLE WHO ACCEPT A RESPONSIBILITY SHOULD CARRY IT OUT. VIOLET KASPARIAN SAID THESE REPORTS ARE ALSO NEEDED BY THE DIOCESE. PETER DAGHLIAN SAID THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL LIASON TO EACH ORGANIZATION SHOULD SEE THAT THE REPORTS ARE IN. GARY ARKELL WILL FOLLOW UP ON THE MISSING REPORTS. PETER AJEMIAN SAID THAT WHEN THE REPORTS ARE IN THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL MEETING OR BE PRINTED IN THE BEACON.

NEW BUSINESS: GEORGE MEKENIAN SAID THAT THE DIOCESAN DELEGATES NEED TO KNOW THE FEELING OF THE PARISH REGARDING THE HIGH RISE PROPOSAL. MICHEL IZMIRLY SAID THAT THE TRUSTEES AND THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL WILL MAKE THE DECISION AND THAT THE DELEGATES WERE TOLD AT THE REGIONAL MEETING THAT THE QUESTION HAS BEEN PUT ASIDE. GEORGE MEKENIAN SAID THE DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY IS THE HIGHEST RULING BODY. DER HAYR DISAGREED. ARTHUR AZARIK AND PENNIE PAPA ZIAN SAID THEY HAD NO FACTS ON WHICH TO MAKE A DECISION AND ASKED FOR AN EXPLANATION. JOSEPH KALEMKERIAN GAVE AN EXPLANATION AND ANSWERED QUESTIONS. HE SAID THE DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY WAS WAITING FOR A NEW REPORT. A VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE FEELINGS OF THE PARISH:

15 - IN FAVOR OF THE HIGH RISE
15 - AGAINST THE HIGH RISE
30 - DIDN'T KNOW ENOUGH TO VOTE

VIOLET KASPARIAN ASKED THE ASSEMBLY TO THANK THE BUILDING COMMITTEE FOR THEIR HARD WORK.

NAZAR NAZARIAN POINTED OUT THAT ONLY 1/3 OF THE MEMBERS PARTICIPATED IN THE VOTING. DER HAYR SAID IT IS THE SAME STORY IN ALL PARISHES. HE EXPLAINED THAT PROXIES ARE NOT PERMITTED ACCORDING TO THE BY-LAWS.

THE 1986 PROPOSED BUDGET WAS PRESENTED. HENRY HAGOPIAN PRESENTED THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1986. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SAM DEMIRJIAN AND CARRIED.

HENRY HAGOPIAN SUGGESTED THAT EACH YEAR 1 AUDITOR BE ELECTED FOR 2 YEARS. IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT THE TERMS OF OFFICE ARE ESTABLISHED BY THE DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY. THIS RECOMMENDATION MUST GO FROM THE DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY.

UPON A MOTION FROM PETER AJEMIAN, DULY SECONDED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 2:35 P.M.

Fr. Arun K Kasparian
Pastor

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
SETA IZMIRLY