

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

Cambridge, Massachusetts

Sunday, February 3, 1980

The Annual Parish Assembly of the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church in Cambridge, Massachusetts, was held on Sunday, February 3, 1980, in the Cultural Hall, with Pastor ^{FR.} Mampre Kouzouian presiding.

The meeting was called to order by the Parish Council Chairperson, Mrs. Helene Dorian at 1:00 P.M. Mr. John Soursourian was ^{elected} ~~appointed~~ Chairman of the Day, Miss Arax Janjigian, Armenian Recording Secretary and Mrs. June Carlon, English Recording Secretary. Mr. Dir^{an} Zahigian was appointed as Parliamentarian.

The minutes of the 1979 Parish Assembly were read by Mrs. June Carlon and accepted as read.

Mr. Soursourian requested that all candidates for office come forward to be introduced to the Assembly. In accordance with the By-Laws, the Nominating Committee, together with the Auditing Committee, governed the voting for the day.

At this time, question was raised and discussion followed regarding a time limit on keeping the Ballot Box open at ^{the} ~~an~~ Annual Assembly. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was then

VOTED: To have the Ballot Box remain open until 3:00 P.M. and to have the Balloting Committee commence counting the ballots in order to expedite the meeting.

After this Vote was taken, suggestion was made by Mr. Donald Tellalian to have 25 ballots remain in the Ballot Box until 3:00 P.M. This was to preclude knowledgeable ballots. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To have the 25 ballots remain in the Ballot Box until 3:00 P.M.

Father Mampre next explained the importance of all positions within the Church, outlining the responsibilities of each. In regard to the Diocesan Assembly, for the first time, our Parish is entitled to have seven (7) delegates representing us, due to an increase in our membership. This office is for a period of four (4) years, and Father Mampre explained the importance of electing the most capable individuals.

At this time, a ten minute recess was called for the purpose of the Annual voting. The meeting was reconvened at 1:45 P.M.

Pastor's Report:

Chairman John Soursourian referred the parishoners to the Pastor's Report. The Chairman expressed appreciation and sincerity for Father Mampre's efforts and for his outstanding accomplishments. There were no questions from the parishoners.

Parish Council's Activities and Financial Report:

Helene Dorian gave an extensive report on each topic. Comments were made as follows:

1. Mrs. Rose Zeytoonjian asked if the membership of the Church had increased. Mrs. Dorian stated that it had; approximately by 50 new members.
2. Robert Borzakian questioned the preference of renting the Maynard Rod & Gun Club over the Chelmsford grounds for the annual church picnic. Reply was stated: The Rod & Gun Club was closer, and the rental cost was lower.
3. Mr. Keith Onanian pointed out that the sanitary conditions at the Maynard Rod & Gun Club were poor.
4. Mr. Odabashian remarked that the facilities were lacking of hot water.

Mrs. Dorian will advise the Parish Council to look into these various comments.

Disbursements:

Mr. Robert Borzakian questioned the amount of disbursements from \$200,599. in 1978 to \$172,159. in 1979. Mr. George Hagopian explained that this difference was due to the installation of the air conditioning in the Cultural Hall during that year.

Trust Fund:

Mr. John Soursourian explained the importance of the Trust Fund which started in 1977. The committee consists of the following members:

Rev. Mampré Kouzouian
Dr. Michael Kolligian
Mr. Gerald Ajemian
Miss Gertrude Nahigian
Mr. George Hagopian

Budget:

The proposed budget for 1980 of \$197,000. was accepted as presented.

Father Mampré expressed his gratitude to the members of the Parish Council for their efforts and dedication, namely, Mrs. Helene Dorian, Chairperson; Mr. George Hagopian, Treasurer; and Miss Anita Hedison, Secretary, for their untiring devotion to their duties.

Rev. Papken Maksoudian spoke at this time. He wanted to express his appreciation of the progress of our Parish.

Reports from the following organizations were accepted as written. Also included are some comments made as each report was read:

Cultural Committee: Mr. Donald J. Tellalian. Comment was made by John Danielson expressing the importance of this committee and the excellent job they are doing.

Senior Women's Guild: Mrs. Dikranouhi Arpiarian. She stated that a Lenten Luncheon will be held on Sunday, March 16 instead of on a week day to increase *the* attendance.

Women's Guild - Mrs. Nancy Kasarjian.

Trinity Men's Union - Mr. Hagop Hagopian.

Chelsea Women's Auxiliary - Mrs. Vartouhi Haroutunian. Correction.

Report read "24 members" - should read 17.

Lynn-Salem-Peabody Women's Auxiliary - Mrs. Venus Gulezian.

Armenian School - Joseph Haroutunian.

Choir - Mrs. Zabel Odabashian.

Church School - Yeretzgin Kouzouian, and Mr. James Magarian.

A.C.Y.O.A. Seniors - Mr. Robert Borzakian. Correction. From January

through August, Robert Borzakian was Chairman and Richard Mouradjian was Vice Chairman. Comment: Robert Borzakian asked Father Mampre if he would attend the General Assembly of the A.C.Y.O.A. Seniors this year which is to be held in Watertown, and the answer was "Yes".

A.C.Y.O.A. Juniors - Richard Zeytoonjian, Jr.

Erevan Choral Society - Mrs. Zabel Odabashian.

Trinity Couples Club - Mr. Bruce Ohanian.

Friends of Holy Trinity 1000 Club - Mr. Richard Zeytoonjian.

At this time, suggestion was made by Mrs. Grace Kaprielian that each organization give a preview of the following year instead of repeating the content of the Annual Report. The Chairman concurred and will forward this suggestion to the Parish Council.

Old Business:

Mrs. Arshalous Bogosian requested that the Church acoustics be improved. Since many of the parishioners feel the same about this, it will be referred to the Parish Council for consideration.

New Business:

It was pointed out that the Nominating Committee should have a Chairman to organize the counting of the ballots, and upon motion duly made by Mr. Diran Zahigian and seconded, it was

VOTED: That the candidate with the highest number of votes on the Nominating Committee will become Chairman.

Proposals for the Diocesan Assembly:

None.

Now Father Mampre expressed his gratitude and appreciation toward the outgoing Parish Council Member, namely Dr. Paul Barsam, and outgoing Diocesan Delegates and the Officers of the Day. Thanks were given to Marty Haroutunian, photographer, and all the people involved in collating the Annual Report.

Mr. Peter Talanian, representing the Ballot Committee, presented the new slate of Officers, as follows:

Parish Council

1. Anita Hedison
 2. Donald J. Tellalian
 3. Charles Nahabedian
 4. Joseph Haroutunian
 5. Barbara Hagopian
- Robert Borzakian, Jr. - Alternate

Nominating Committee

1. Diran Zahigian
 2. John Davagian
 3. Haig Jangochian
 4. Ardashes Der Ananian
 5. Gregory Tashjian
- Mrs. Ann Hintlian (Mrs. Aram) - Alternate

Auditing Committee

1. Gertrude Nahigian
 2. Armine Der Hagopian
 3. George S. Alexander
- Maryann Soursourian - Alternate

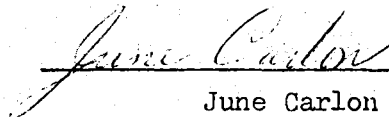
Diocesan Delegates

1. George D. Hagopian
 2. Diran Zahigian
 3. John Soursourian
 4. Archie Kolligian
 5. Daniel Dorian, Sr.
 6. George Haroutunian
 7. Robert P. Proodian
- Ann Hintlian (Mrs. Aram) - Alternate

A total of 168 ballots were cast. Father Mampre congratulated the newly elected officers.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 P.M. following the closing prayer by Rev. Mampre Kouzouian.

Respectfully submitted,



June Carlon
English Recording Secretary

Enclosures