



HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF GREATER BOSTON

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His Eminence, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian
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Your Eminence:

We are forwarding to you the minutes of the Special Parish Assembly of the Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston held on Sunday, September 18, 1994, in Johnson Hall.

According to the By-Laws of our Diocese, the Pastor presided at the meeting, chaired by the Parish Council Chairman, and the Secretary of the Parish Council acted as secretary. The agenda of the assembly contained two items: 1. Renovation of the Rectory exterior and 2. Sale of two bequeathed parcels of land.

There were 91 dues-paying members present. Decisions were made with over two-thirds affirmative votes of the dues-paying members. We ask your blessings and approval of the decisions made at this assembly.

Respectfully yours,

Father Mampre A. Kouzouian
Pastor and Parish Council President

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Invitation & Minutes
of Special Parish Assembly



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INVITATION TO A SPECIAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

The Pastor and Parish Council invite all dues-paying members of the Holy Trinity Church to a special Parish Assembly which will take place on Sunday, September 18, 1994, at 1:00 p.m., in the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall.

A G E N D A *

1. Renovation of the Rectory exterior.
2. Sale of two bequeathed parcels of land.

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*As per the Diocesan ByLaws, Article #14.J. and #14.K., the agenda items above must be approved by the Parish Assembly and by the Primate and the Diocesan Council.

September 18 is also ***Family Reunion Sunday***. Following Church Services, and prior to the Special Parish Assembly, there will be a complimentary Brunch in the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We want to call your attention to Articles 7, 8, and 9 of our Diocesan By-Laws:

7. "Members in good standing of a Parish Church, who are 18 years of age or over may participate in the assemblies of the same Parish and may vote, provided that at least six months have elapsed since the date of their registration as members of the Parish and their dues have been paid. They may be eligible for office one year after becoming members, provided they have attained the age of 21."
8. "Members who fail to pay their dues for one or more years automatically forfeit their right to vote at Parish Assemblies, or to hold elective office within the parish. Such members may reinstate these rights by payment of their dues in arrears for at least the previous two years."
9. "No one may be a voting member in more than one parish at the same time."

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- 1.- Հովուատան նորոգութեան հարց, եւ պիւտճէի յատկացում:
- 2.- Արտօնութիւն ստանալ եկեղեցապատկան անշարժ կալուածներու - հողերու - վաճառման:

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Ծխական Խորհուրդ

Ըստ Թեմիս կանոնադրութեան յօդուած 14, հատուած Ժ-ԺԱ.ի, վերոյիշեալ հարցերը պէտք է ենթարկուին անդամական ժողովի որոշման եւ Առաջնորդի եւ Թեմական Խորհուրդի հաւանութեան:

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SPECIAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

September 18, 1994

A special Parish Assembly of the Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston was held on Sunday, September 18, 1994, with Father Mampre A. Kouzouian, Pastor, presiding. The meeting was chaired by George W. Haroutunian, Parish Council Chairman.

Father Mampre read the By-Laws to the Assembly, specifically that the Executive Committee of the Parish Council can run a Special Parish Assembly. Article 17 was also referenced which states the requirement for a quorum. Based on the registration, 91 members were present which gave us the required quorum.

George Haroutunian called the meeting to order and welcomed all attendees. He introduced the members of the Parish House Renovation Committee to include: Father Mampre A. Kouzouian, Gerald Boghosian, Sarkis Boghosian, George W. Haroutunian, Gregory Hintlian, Nancy D. Kasarjian, Dr. Michael Kolligian, Jr., William Martin, Albert Zouranjian, and Edmond Danielson (consultant and architect).

The Parish Council Chairman gave a brief history and description of the Parish House to the Special Assembly. The contractor chosen is Steven Panosian who has done very good work on the Church in the past. The estimate of the exterior work is \$288,000. This does not include the cost of any interior renovation which is the second phase of the project.

The building comes under the guidance of the Cambridge Historical Society. Our costs of renovation reflect to some extent the premiums of historical renovation.

The Committee's role is to bring the project, cost estimates, architect, and contractor to the Assembly for their consideration and approval. The final decision rests with the Assembly. Other committees, such as a Finance Committee, may be created in the future. George Haroutunian then turned the meeting over to Gregory Hintlian.

Greg explained the scope of the project. He began with a review of slides (prepared by Gerry Boghosian) depicting the poor condition of various sections of the building due to wood rot and decay. Greg then went through a concise overview of the various types of work that had to be done. The floor was open for questions.

Following responses to members' questions, it was stated that the project would start in the spring of 1995, giving us time to work on financing alternatives. The contractor will hold the price firm until April 1995.

A **motion** was made by Harry D. Hagopian that the Special Parish Assembly approve the historical restoration of the exterior of the Parish House as presented to the Assembly on September 18, 1994, and give the Parish Council the authority to seek financing. Such funding shall not exceed \$300,000. William Martin seconded the motion. The Parish Council

Chairman asked for discussion. There was none so the question was moved. Those in favor, 72. It was a unanimous affirmative vote to **APPROVE** the **MOTION**.

Sale of Two Bequeathed Parcels of Land:

One parcel is located in Tewksbury, MA, and the second in Volusia County, FL.

■ **Tewksbury, MA:** Robert Takvorian gave a presentation of the land which had been bequeathed to the Church by Megurdich Halassian.

Motion was made by Harry D. Hagopian that we sell the property for the offer of \$15,000. Seconded by Dorothea Piranian. **MOTION DEFEATED.**

Motion was made by Daniel Dorian that the Special Parish Assembly allow the Parish Council to sell the subject property located in Tewksbury, MA, at a time and price which realizes the best value for the Church in the judgment of the Parish Council. Seconded by Adrienne Favorito. **MOTION AFFIRMED** on 62 votes.

■ **Five Acre Parcel of Land in Volusia County, FL** (45 minutes outside of Daytona Beach, next to Lake Ashpee). The lot is separated from the water by one lot. It is land locked with a perpetual easement to access the property.

Land had assessed value of \$20,000. Tax bill was \$459. We have owned it for 19 years. Value by local realtor placed at \$45,000 gross. We believe that it can be sold quickly.

The property is owned jointly by the Church and Father Papken Maksoudian. A letter has been sent to the Honorable William Highgas, Fr. Papken's lawyer, asking for his consent to move forward on this project. The Church has paid the taxes over the past 19 years.

Recommendation was made that two other realtors be contacted. We should also get an appraisal on the property. We should place our own property ad in the local newspaper.

A **motion** was made by Helen Donabedian to proceed with the sale of the Florida property at the discretion of the Parish Council utilizing the services of a certified appraisal company to provide a written value. Seconded by Sarkis Boghosian. **MOTION PASSED** unanimously with 70 votes.

Amendment recommended by Robert Proodian that a certified appraisal be made on the property was also included in the motion.

The proceeds, less all expenses associated with the sale from the above date forward, shall be deducted from the sale price and then divided equally between the Church and Fr. Papken.

Motion was made by Martin Kalustian that the total proceeds from the sale of the Tewksbury and the Florida properties be utilized to defray a portion of the cost associated

with the renovation of the Parish House. Seconded by Gerry Boghosian. **MOTION PASSED** unanimously with 61 votes.

A **motion** was made and seconded to adjourn the Special Parish Assembly. **MOTION PASSED**. The closing prayer was offered by Father Mampre.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Robert Takvorian', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert Takvorian
Parish Council Secretary