

St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian Church

Parish Assembly Minutes

February 24, 1985

The Parish Assembly of the St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian Church was called to order by Parish Council Chairman, Vahe Soghomonian at 1:00 p.m. The opening prayer was offered by The Very Reverend Nourhan Manougian, visiting pastor. Attending were 94 voting members out of a total of 445 dues-paying members for 1984.

Verification of eligible voters was the first order of business. The Chairman asked if all had signed the registration book and received their ballots.

Election of Assembly Officers. George Devletian was elected Chairman of the 1985 Parish Assembly. Minutes of the 1984 Assembly were read by Sonia Hagopian, who was elected Secretary of the Assembly.

Election of Parish Council. Additional nomination from the floor was Sonya Bulkey. Nominations were closed.

Election of Nominating Committee. There being no additional nominations from the floor, nominations were closed.

Election of Auditing Committee. There being no additional nominations from the floor, nominations were closed.

All of the nominees present were introduced to the Assembly, after which voting took place. Ballots were counted by Elizabeth Boyajian, Florence Kazanjian and Aram Fayda.

Parish Council Report

Vahe Soghomonian, Parish Council Chairman, read the Parish Council annual report. The major renovations completed this year include Hayatian Hall and its new kitchen, ACYQA Room, choir vestrys, a new heating system, new outdoor floodlights, and the painting of the church interior. Special thanks were extended to the members of the Rentals Committee for the outstanding job they did, which played a major part in offsetting the church's expenses. Recognition was given to Negdar Aijian's donation to the Permanent Memorial Fund, in memory of her mother. Mr. Soghomonian stated that in appreciation for the bequest from the estate of the late Berjouhi Berberian, the renovated passageway from the Church to Hayatian Hall is a memorial in her honor. He also thanked Mr. & Mrs. Dyran Emuryan for their donation of the mural of Mt. Ararat, and Miss Mary Doshian for her donation of the stained glass window over the main entrance, of the Battle of Avarair.

All of the church organizations were thanked for their contributions during the year.

1985 Parish Budget. Questions submitted from the floor on line items in the budget were answered by the treasurer, George Stapan. Point of information was made that in order to become a Life Member of the church, a one payment of \$1104 was necessary. Also the total cost of supplying and mailing dues envelopes in 1984 was \$684. A motion was made to accept the 1985 proposed budget in the amount of \$220, 650. Seconded and passed.

A motion was made that Bruce Baltaian be reimbursed for his generous donation of portable basketball poles. Seconded and passed.

New Business:

Sonia Hagopian, past president of the Young Ladies Guild, gave a \$500 check to Parish Council as the initial profits from sales of the St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian Church Cookbook.

George Mangigian, choirmaster, announced that he is willing to organize a Junior Choir that would meet once a week for rehearsals.

A motion was made that the plaque entitled Conference Room be changed to read ACYOA Room. Seconded and passed.

The Assembly thanked Vahe Soghomonian, president of Parish Council, and all members of Parish Council for their dedication, time and efforts during this especially difficult year without a permanent pastor in our church.

Election results are as follows:

Six elected to Parish Council

1. Edward Ounjian 79
2. Claudette Sarian 77
3. George Hagopian 70
4. Richard Boyajian 55
5. Zabelle Zarmanian 51
6. Louis Karagulian 43

Alternates: Peter Seropian 39
Jack Hajinian 33

Four Elected to Nominating Committee

1. George Stapan 58
2. Noubar Karagulian 49
3. John Alabalikian 44
4. Florence Kazanjian 44

Alternate for Nominating Committees:

Adrienne Riser 39

Three Elected to Auditing Committee

1. John Eskandarian 70
2. George Stapan 56
3. Diran Shakarjian 55

Alternate: Edward Kazanjian 41

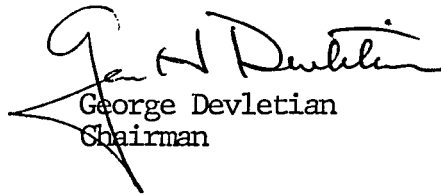
A motion was made that all duly elected members of Parish Council (male and female) share equally in the Trustees' duties, during church services, upon approval of Archbishop Torkom Manoogian.

There being no further new business on the agenda, a motion was made and passed that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by The Very Rev. Nourhan Manougian at 3:30 P.M.



Sonia Hagopian
Secretary



George Devletian
Chairman