

ST. SAHAG AND ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
WYNNEWOOD, PENNSYLVANIA
PARISH ASSEMBLY MINUTES

FEBRUARY 27, 1994

The Annual Parish Assembly was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Noubar Karagulian, Parish Council Chairman, and opened with a prayer from The Rev. Dr. Patee Metjian, Pastor.

There were 52 eligible voters when the meeting began. The number increased to 55 when voting took place.

The chairman asked for nominations for Assembly Chairman and Secretary. By a voice vote, George Devletian was elected Chairman, and Louis Karagulian, Secretary. The meeting was then turned over to the Assembly Chairman.

The Minutes of the 1993 Assembly were approved as submitted without any changes or additions.

Report of the Nominating Committee by Marie Hoplamazian, who presented the ballot and asked for nominations from the floor.

Additional names for Parish Council were: Paul Meshejian, Papken Megerian and Malena Sarrafian; Auditing Committee: Esahag Gurenlian; and Nominating Committee: Rose Arpajian.

Pastor's Report: Fr. Patee reviewed his report for 1993 stating that we must address the needs of all groups and segments of our parish, and that the theme for 1994, our 30th Anniversary, be a time for renewal and regeneration.

Reports of Parish Council and Church Organizations:

A question regarding \$25,968 in renovations to Memorial Hall. 50% of this cost was shared by Finley Catering to remodel and convert the storage room into a reception room.

A question was asked why two (2) members of Parish Council resigned in November 1993.

A major reason was that funds raised for 1993 Armenian "Operation Winter Rescue" was directed to the HAVAD Fund for evangelistic work in Armenia. This was done against the decision of the Parish Council.

After discussions with the Primate, Pastor and Parish Council, a letter was sent to the Primate signed by the Pastor and Lisa in November 1993 asking that the funds be re-directed.

Sunday School:

Pamela Kitabjian asked that Yeretzgin Angel Metjian be included in the report for her help and conducting of Sunday School Assemblies during the year.

Women's Guild Certificate Sales:

Millie Barsamian stated that the sale of certificates is a good way to raise money for the parish. It needs to be promoted to more members.

Adoption of 1994 Budget:

After a discussion of reasons for a decline of income and suggestions for ways to increase revenue, a motion was made and passed to accept the budget showing a deficit of over \$28,000.

Election Results:PARISH COUNCIL

(7 elected)

Dr. Vartan Igidbashian	(52)	Karnig Torossian	(41)
Noubar Karagulian	(47)	Paul Meshejian	(41)
David Nalbantian	(46)	Malena Sarrafian	(40)
Papken Megerian	(47)		

Alternates: Krikor Lussinian (37); Esahag Gurenlian (29);

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

(3 elected)

Rose Arpajian	(44)	Elizabeth Boyajian	(28)
George Devletian	(39)		

Alternates: Papken Megerian (20); Aram Fayda (17)
Richard Shakarjian (16)

AUDITING COMMITTEE

(3 elected)

John Eskandarian	(54)	Daniel C. Takoushian	(26)
Shant Kehyayan	(43)		

Alternates: Louis Karagulian (25); Esahag Gurenlian (17)

New Business:

Motion made by Jovia Keytanjian; seconded by Hrant Torunyan; and passed unanimously that the Parish Council prepare and mail a survey to parishioners to stress problems, and the need for input. Council needs to act quickly upon survey's results.

Permanent Endowment Fund (PEF):

Kevin Leszczynski reported a Fund balance at year end of \$921,986.

Kevin asked that a vote of confidence be given to the PEF to find and present a new investment approach utilizing Mutual Funds.

Der Paree:

That the money raised for Armenia "Operation Winter Rescue" was redirected and will only be used for this purpose.

He stressed the need for standing permanent committees for:

1- Membership; 2 - Maintenance, and 3 - Finance.

People asked for someone to approach them in order for them to give or volunteer their services.

The feeling was that not enough credit is given for good works performed.

We accept blame for any deficiency together with parish members. A cooperative effort is needed to fulfill the needs of our parish.

The meeting was closed with a prayer at 4:30 p.m.



Fr. Paree Metjian
Pastor



George Devletian
Assembly Chairman



Louis Karagulian
Assembly Secretary