

St. James Armenian Church
Richmond, Virginia

General Membership Meeting ----- February 15, 1970

The general membership meeting of St. James Armenian Church was called to order by the chairman, Peter Greene who then called upon Dr. Arsen Barsamian for the opening prayer. Nominations were made from the floor for officers of the day. Dr. George Vranian was elected chairman and Virginia Greene, secretary.

The minutes of the 1969 general membership meeting were read by Virginia Greene and were approved as read.

Dr. Vranian read that portion of the by laws pertaining to the amount of members necessary to conduct a meeting.

Barkev Baronian, Treasurer of the parish council then took roll call and announced that 33 members were present.

Der Arsen gave his report on his pastoral duties of the past year. He told of his working with various church organizations, training three altar boys and attending various meetings. He also mentioned that three committees were necessary for the betterment of the church, namely, a financial committee, general maintenance, and a membership committee.

A discussion was made on this subject and was decided that the trustees should be in charge of forming these committees with a trustee serving on each one with other church members.

Vahe Garabedian gave a report on the Parish Council and also announced the various functions held during the year.

The following all gave reports on their organizations; Mrs. Nectar Kantarjian and Mrs. Veron Lachowski, Ladies Aid; Mr. Joseph Lachowski, ACYOA Srs.; Patty Papazian, ACYOA jrs.; Alice Darhanian, Choir; and George Papazian, Sunday School. Detailed reports are included with these minutes.

Dr. Jack Garian gave a building committee report with a special word of thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Næck Baronian who had both worked so hard on this project.

A financial report was given by Barkev Baronian who also presented the proposed budget for 1970. A motion was made by Nebe Boyajian to accept the financial report and also the proposed budget and was seconded by Dianne Greene.

A report on the nominating committee was given by Peter Greene who stated that out of 28 persons contacted only 5 had accepted. The nominees were Dr. George Vranian, John Baronian, Charles Dedeian, Nebe Boyajian and John Ashjian.

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A motion was made by Gerry Sharigian that the slate be accepted as read and the vote was unanimous.

George Papazian, superintendent of the Sunday School mentioned that prospective Sunday School teachers and superintendent be considered for the coming year.

Mrs. Arhsalous Darhanian suggested that the same staff be retained for another year to which everyone agreed.

Also under new business, Mrs. Elizabeth Baronian suggested condensing the Sevan newsletter into a smaller publication since it was stated that in its present form it was very time consuming to publish.

Peter Greene made a suggestion that a special envelope be provided into the members pledge envelopes for Diocesan Dues.

Susan Eramian questioned about what procedures to follow in having to use the church hall to which Dr. George Vranian replied that all organizations should consult their liason officers at such times.

Mrs. Nazeny Euksuzian requested that by laws of Ladies Aid Organizations be presented to all Ladies Aid members.

A motion was made by Harry Darhanian that the meeting be adjourned and was seconded by all.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Der Hayr.

Respectfully submitted
Virginia Greene