

St. JAMES ARMENIAN CHURCH
RICHMOND, VA.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
JANUARY 17, 1987

The 1987 General Membership Meeting of the St. James Armenian Church was called to order by Charlie Evranian at 1 p.m.

The meeting was opened by a prayer by Reverend Arsen Barsamian.

Roll was called by Chairperson, Charlie Evranian. There were 37 members eligible to vote present.

The minutes of the 1986 Parish General Assembly were then read by Stella Bandazian. The minutes were approved as read.

Election of chairman and secretary of the day was then completed.

Charlie Evranian as chairman, and Stella Bandazian as secretary were respectfully selected. 118

Chairman, Charlie Evranian then proceeded with the business of the day according to the agenda. The following reports were then given:

Paster Report:

Reverend Arsen Barsamian gave his report. (see enclosed)

Parish Council Report:

Chairman, Bedros Bandazian gave his report. He stated that various committees were formed this year and various jobs were delegated, so that the parish council could devote their time to constructive duties, the overall managing of the church. Church involvement is still a problem. A cultural committee has been organized as an on going committee. A youth liason committee has been formed with parish council to make sure that youth activities are carried on. A senior citizens group has been formed which meets once a month. The rug sale was very successful. The bazaar was very succesful. Bedros recommended that a meeting be held soon with all church organizations to plan the curriculum for the year.

Women's Guild:

Azniv Amirkhanian, Chairlady, gave the organization's report. There are 36 paid members. There were 8 meetings, and 4 luncheons held throughout the year.

Sunday School Report:

Roxie Kricorian have the report for sam Baronian, superintendent. Attendance had dropped this year. There are 11 pupils, 3 teachers, and 2 classes. Roxie stressed the importance of supporting our youth activities since this is the future of our church.

ACOYA Report:

Chairlady, Shockey Boyajian gave this report. (see enclosed)
They have 11 members. 10 meetings were held. Up coming events are a

breakfast in February, and a Spring "Kef" in May. A check in the amount of \$300 was presented to Parish Council.

Armenian School Report:

School Superintendent, Murad Kerneklian gave this report. (see enclosed) Conversation class being held weekly with average attendance of 8-10. Two major functions were held, Mother's Day Hantes and Thanksgiving Dance. A scholarship fund is being established in the amount of \$250, for college bound students who have attended Armenian school for at least 2 years. More details to be presented later in the year.

Choir Report:

No report.

Cultural & Educational Report:

Chairlady, Melanie Kerneklian gave report. For the coming year committee will strive to teaching outsiders about culture and heritage.

Boys Club:

Chairman, Armen Melikian have report. (see enclosed) Largest attendance ever, averaged 30,000 per day. First meeting for planning next year's event will be January 27th. Recommendation was made to Parish Council to appoint new chairman, and to work on a new booth for next boy's club festival. An extra day is being added to the festival. It will now run from Thursday thru Sunday, and the location has been changed from coliseum to the Richmond Center.

Endowment Fund:

chairman, Peter Greene gave this report. Isabelle Vranian stated that in 1973 in memory of her husband an endowment fund was established. She stated that the original amount of this fund should be stated yearly to encourage others to contribute. Motion was made that an endowment committee investigate proper presentation of these funds.

Oriental Rug Sale Report:

Ronnie Greene have this report for Chairman, Michael Vranian. (see enc.)

Armenian Dance Group:

Co-chairpersons are Melanie Kerneklian and Margaret Boyajian. 8 members in group (adults) There are 6-7 younger children group. Three performances Boys club, Science museum, and a private affair.

Softball Team Report:

John Darhanian gave this report: There are 15 members. Problem this year was carrying out church league rule of attending church at least once a month. It was suggested that a separate schedule of games be sent out to congregation.

Food Festival Report:

John Baronian, chairman gave this report.

Senior Citizens Report:

Rose Soghoian had no written report, but group had been successful and they were having fun.

Special Funds Report:

Report was given by Der Arsen, headed by Samuel Baronian, Sr. There was a short discussion on the differences between educational and cultural funds

This concluded all the reports:

Next on the agenda was the election of officers for the following: Parish Council, Nominating Committee, and Auditing Committee.

Margie Baronian, Chairlady of nominating committee presented the following slates:

Parish Council: Virginia Abernathy
Alice Darhanian
John Ashjian
Margie Baronian

Nominating Committee:
Stella Bandazian
Becky Greene
Gerry Sharigian
Rose Soghoian
Elizabeth Tootelian

Auditing Committee:
Dale Baronian
John Baronian
John Darhanian
Ronnie Greene

Newly elected officers for Parish Council to serve a two year term are:

Virginia Abernathy
John Ashjian

Those remaining for a one-year term are Peter Greene, Nebe Boyajian, and John Giragosian.

Newly elected officers for the Nominating Committee are:

Stella Bandazian
Gerry Sharigian
Elizabeth Tootelian

Newly elected officers for the Auditing Committee are:

Dale Baronian
Ronnie Greene

Ronnie Greene, treasurer, then gave the Financial Report. Motion was made to accept report and seconded by Melanie Kerneklian.

The 1987 Budget Report was given by Ronnie Greene. Azniv Amirkhanian made a motion that \$2500 be allocated as a decon's stipend. Motion was seconded by Bedros Bandazian, and passed. Next order of business was to accept the 1987 budget as amended. Azniv Amirkhanian made a motion that the budget be accepted as amended and Roxie Kricorian seconded the motion.

Old Business:

Discussion was held in reference to the feasibility of purchasing a computer. A committee of three persons, namely, Azniv Amirkhanian, Diane Derhovannesian, & Ronnie Greene were appointed to make a feasibility report for purchasing a computer to the Parish Council.

Motion was made adjourn meeting and seconded.

Rev. Arsen Barsamian gave the benediction and asked for a moment of silence in memory of all who had passed away.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Stella Bandazian

Stella Bandazian,
Secretary of the Day

Charlie M. Evranian

Charlie Evranian
Chairman of the Day

Rev. Arsen Barsamian

President-Pastor