

ST. JAMES ARMENIAN CHURCH

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING -----JANUARY 29, 1989

The 1989 General Membership meeting of St. James Armenian Church was called to order by Bedros Bandazian, Parish Council chairman, at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Der Arsen Barsamian who also asked for a moment of silence for those who had deceased during the year.

Roll was called by treasurer, John Ashjian, There were 38 members present. The total number of paid voting members on the roll is 71

Nominations were open for chairman and secretary for the day. Gerry Sharigian was elected chairman and Virginia Greene secretary.

It was brought to the attention of the chairman that since only 38 members were eligible to vote, why were there so many present. The chairman announced that all community members could be present and can voice an opinion but cannot vote. Bedros Bandazian, parish council chairman announced that all persons could express their opinions as a members of the Armenian community. Dianna DerHovhannessian brought up the fact that, at the 1988 Parish Assembly, she was a proxy for her father, George Euksuzian but was not allowed to voice an opinion.

The minutes of the 1988 Parish Assembly were read by Virginia Greene. A correction was made by Barkev Baronian that Paul Mazmanian was only elected as parish council member for one year in 1988. The minutes were accepted as corrected.

Sam Baronian Jr. made a motion to rearrange the agenda so that the financial report be discussed first due to the fact that many more are present at this time. Charlie Evranian seconded the motion and it was passed.

The chairman, Gerry Sharigian, then called on John Ashjian, treasurer to give his report. He mentioned various ways of raising membership and dues due to the fact that it is costing \$794.00 per person for expenses. He then presented the 1990 proposed budget. Barkev Baronian made a motion that the church adopt a budget of \$51,559.49, receipts of 1988 until the Parish Council and Parish Assembly approve a new budget for 1989. Jack Tootelian seconded it and the vote was 25 yes and 2 no. A motion was made by Roxie Kricorian and seconded by Donna Soghoian to request donations from all towards the publication of the monthly newsletter, Sevan. It was passed.

Reports from the following were given and all presented written fact sheets:

Pastor's Report was given by Der Arsen. He reported that he conducted 5 funerals and assisted in two; 4 weddings and assisted in one; and had two baptisms. He mentioned the various activities he was active in and the various projects he had undertaken during the year. Report enclosed.

Parish Council Report given by chairman Bedros Bandazian who inturn thanked all chairmans who had undertaken the responsibility of the various events throughout the year. He also gave an update on the earthquake situation.

ACYOA report was given by Judy Boyajian and who, in turn, donated a check for \$1,000.00 to the Parish Council She listed the activities for the year including a Spring Craft Fair headed by Marion Baronian; a Membership drive/cookout; and a Halloween Party.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT was given by Superintendent, Rob Norris. He thanked the teachers and urged all to bring children to Sunday School.

WOMEN'S GUILD REPORT was given by Stella Bandazian who mentioned the activities of the past year and the names of the four honorees for 1988. Activities included a meechnik dinner, picnic, etc. Also mentioned that no one was available to serve on the Women's Guild Executive committee and at present, there was no activity.

ARMENIAN SCHOOL given by Stella Bandazian. She announced that the Armenian School was being activated and a new Board was appointed. On February 12 there would be an orientation on adult conversation and an elementary class. Classes would be starting March 1st.

CHOIR REPORT given by Robert Thomas and he announced that rehearsals were being held periodically.

RUG SALE was given by Gerry Sharigian in the absence of Dr. Michael Vranian and thanked Dr. Vranian for all his efforts in this most successful project.

FOOD FESTIVAL report was given by Sam Baronian and was sorry to say that this year the festival was not as successful as previous years possibly due to the fact that it was held so late in the year. He then turned over a check for \$6,000. to the Parish Council.

BOY'S CLUB INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL report was given by Gerry Sharigian and stated that there was a break even point in the financial status of the festival.

ENDOWMENT FUND report was given by Peter Greene who announced that a certificate had been purchased at a higher rate of interest and also reported on the various additions to the fund.

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS were announced by Sam Baronian which include the Educational Fund, Cultural Fund, Vranian Fund and the Stewardship Fund, etc.

EARTHQUAKE FUND report was given by Stella Bandazian and quoted that thus far \$74,000. had been donated.

The election of officers for the various committees followed. The slate of officers for Parish Council were:

John Ashjian	(25)
Henry Magarian	(16)
George Sahhar	(7)
Linda Sharigian	(17)
Rose Soghoian	(13)
Jack Tootelian	(35)

Those elected to serve on the Parish Council for two years were John Ashjian, Linda Sharigian and Jack Tootelian.

Nominating committee members were:

Nebe Boyajian	(22)
Roxie Kricorian	(19)
Anne Norris	(26)
Joyce Soghoian	(11)
Elizabeth Tootelian	(23)
Dr. Michael Vranian	(14)

Those elected to serve for one year were Nebe Boyajian, Anne Norris and Elizabeth Tootelian.

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Auditing committee nominees were Azniv Amirkhanian (21)
Stella Bandazian (5)
Dale Baronian (22)
Ron Greene (27)

Those elected for one year were Dale Baronian and Ron Greene

Diocesan Delegate nominees were Alice Darhanian and Virginia Greene for a term of four years. Virginia Greene was elected delegate and Alice Darhanian, alternate.

Bedros Bandazian, called on Sam Baronian chairman of the Search Committee to give an update on Der Hayr's position. Sam thanked all who worked on his committee and said that there were no prospects available at this time.

Barkev Baronian requested to direct a question to Der Arsen. He asked what were his plans and is there a deadline for his departure? Der Arsen replied that there were no definite plans as yet and when the Primate approves his status, he will know.

Nebe Boyajian made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Dianne Velegris the time being 5:00 p.m. Der Arsen closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Virginia Greene
Secretary



Gerry Shorigian
Chairman of Day

Rev. Arsen Barsamian
President