



St. Mesrob Armenian Church

Annual Parish Assembly

January 25, 1970

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
OF
ST. MESROB ARMENIAN CHURCH

will be held

Sunday, January 25, 1970

Place: Church Hall

Meeting Chairman: Mike Garoukian

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Secretary: Rose Akgulian

Agenda

1. Opening Prayer
2. Reading of Minutes previous Parish Assembly Meeting
3. Elections: Parish Council Members (3 members)
Auditing Committee (3 members)
Diocesan Delegates (3 delegates)
4. Report of Church Organizations
5. Auditing Committee Report
6. Report of the Parish Council:
Chairman's Report
Treasurer's Report
7. 1970 Budget
8. Proposals from the Assembly for future consideration

NOTE: Voting will begin only after the meeting is officially opened. All ballots must be cast in person. Those who are paid-up members of the Parish through 1969 will be eligible to vote.

St. Mesrob Parish Council

Ladies Auxiliary - 1969-70

Officers:

Chairman: Miss Agavanie Keishian
Secretary: Mrs. Mary (Mark) Akgulian
Treasurer: Mrs. Mary Janikian
Mrs. Araxie Borian
Mrs. Araxie Pehlivanian
Mrs. Mary Thomas
Mrs. Zabell Levonian

Financial Report:

Total Income	\$1,571.49
Disbursements	<u>886.33</u>
Net Profit	\$ 685.16
Balance from 1968 Board	<u>100.80</u>
	\$ 785.96
Belle City Savings and Loan	<u>\$5,946.58</u>
Total Assets as of 1/5/70	\$6,732.54

Mary Janikian, Treasurer

SAINT MESROB WOMEN'S GUILD
1969 ANNUAL REPORT

A. Officers

Elsie Garoukian	Chairman
Tarquin Andekian	Vice-Chairman
Pat Paragamian	Corresponding Secretary
Claire Kadamian	Recording Secretary
Catherine Mikaelian	Treasurer
Virginia Musurlian	Assistant Treasurer
Mary Koleske	Advisor
Var Cherkinian	Advisor

B. 1969 Activities

1. Money Making
 - a. March 2 Lavash bake sale
 - b. May 3 Card party
 - c. Sept. 7 Carnival
 - d. Oct. 11 Card party
 - e. Three (3) coffee socials
2. Service Activities
 - a. Provide altar flowers for church
 - b. Quarterly visits to County Home & Lincoln Lutheran Home
 - c. Assist at communion breakfasts
 - d. Assist at madagh
 - e. Represented our church at United Church Women at their meetings. Also took active part in World Day of Prayer on March 7 and Quiet Hour programs on WRAC on March 11 for that organization

C. Miscellaneous Information

1. 11 monthly membership meetings
2. 8 executive meetings
3. Membership count as of January 11, 1970 - 33
4. Officers for 1970 are:

Tarquin Andekian	Chairman
Joan Gengozian	Vice-Chairman
Helen Minasian	Corresponding Secretary
Mary K. Akgulian	Recording Secretary
Mary D. Akgulian	Treasurer
Margaret Antreassian	Assistant Treasurer
Virginia Musurlian	Advisor
Elsie Garoukian	Advisor

WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. MESROB ARMENIAN CHURCH

1969 Financial Report

General Fund

\$ 127.59

Receipts

Dues	\$	172.00	
Flowers		165.00	
Projects			
Trading Stamps	\$	19.30	
Bake Sale - 1968		20.12	
Card Parties		60.70	
Lavash Sale		68.20	
Coffee Hours		19.00	
Carnival		<u>611.75</u>	799.07
Petty Cash (For Carnival)			25.00
Miscellaneous		<u>8.85</u>	\$1,169.92

Disbursements

Sunshine		11.99	
Altar Flowers		126.24	
Refreshments		48.85	
Communion Breakfasts		34.94	
County Home Visits		9.64	
Postage and Supplies		32.48	
Petty Cash (For Carnival)		25.00	
Donations			
Church Women United		14.00	
Quiet Time		21.00	
Goodfellers		15.00	
Packages to Servicemen		<u>35.23</u>	85.23
Program and Mother's			
Day Expenses		21.07	
Project Expenses		27.10	
Carnival Expenses		189.68	
Miscellaneous Expenses		<u>36.85</u>	<u>649.07</u>
Net Income Over Expenses			<u>\$ 648.44</u>

Racine Junction Savings & Loan
(Interest for 1969 \$233.86)

\$5,099.69

Catherine Mikaelian
Treasurer

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL
Racine, Wisconsin

Activity and Financial Report for the Year - 1969

Checking Account Balance, December 31, 1968
Farmers & Merchants Bank, Racine, Wisconsin \$331.81

CASH RECEIPTS

Class Collections	\$199.71	
Trustee Checks	300.00	
Donations	3.00	
Young Women's Guild	25.00	
Christmas Pageant	4.50	
Miscellaneous	1.05	
		\$533.26

CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Class Books (For 3 years)	\$544.46	
Supplies	133.96	
Supplementary Books and Training Aids	7.96	
Christmas Pageant	28.95	
Madagh - Prizes for Children's Games	22.88	
Shelving	11.32	
Attendance Awards - Pilgrim Bibles	32.50	
Miscellaneous	10.00	
		792.03
		<u>258.77</u>
Balance - December 31, 1969		<u>\$ 73.04</u>

1. Enrollment for 1969 - 68 children

2. Average attendance for past years

1969 - 62	1967 - 72	1965 - 86	1963- 82
1968 - 66	1966 - 80	1964 - 84	1962 - 71

3. Faculty:

Mrs. Goldy Roy - Kindergarten	Mrs. Donna Barootian - 7th grade
Miss Sarah Minasian - 1st grade	Miss Lucy Dorderian - 8th grade
Mrs. Ann Akgulian - 2nd Grade	Miss Laura Akgulian - Pianist
Mrs. Mary Akgulian - 3rd Grade	Miss Margie Garbedian - Ass't Teacher
Mrs. Nancy Kazarian - 3rd Grade	Mr. Stephen Barootian - Ass't. to Supt.
Mrs. Vartine Cherkinian - 4th Grade	
Mrs. Claire Kadamian - 5th Grade	
Mr. Sam Kaprelian - 6th Grade	

4. Additional Projects:

Christmas Pageant
UNICEF Collection - \$67.00
Madagh Children's Games

1969 St. Mesrob Church Choir Report

Officers:

Chairlady	Janet Cherkinian
Vice Chairlady	Natalie Minasian
Sec'y/ Treas.	Kay Minasian

Bank Balance
(As of 1-1-70) \$153.47
with our major expenditure of \$168.21 for new choir
books, already deducted

Membership:

D. Vidian	K. Vartanian	M. Garoukian
L. Akgulian	C. Azarian	N. Charderjian
D. Janikian	A. Hazarian	Mr. Charderjian
V. Cherkinian	P. Balian	K. Mikaelian
M. Lebon	J. Lebon	T. Minasian
N. Minasian	K. Minasian	M. Akgulian
M. Injasoulian	H. Hazarian	

Activities: None recently

ST. MESROB ARMENTAN CHURCH
 RACINE, WISCONSIN
 WISCONSIN A.C.Y.O.A. COMBINED
 FINANCIAL REPORT
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1969

INCOME

BAKE SALE	\$ 35.00	
DANCE	<u>257.00</u>	\$292.00

DEBITS

DANCE		
BAND	\$165.00	
FOOD	15.00	
DECORATIONS	<u>10.00</u>	
		\$190.00

MISCELLANEOUS

A.C.Y.O.A. DELEGATE TO ASSEMBLY	\$30.00	
CAMP RAVENSWOOD (RETREAT)	25.00	
MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES	<u>15.00</u>	\$ 70.00

Balance December 31, 1968	300 0.00	
1969 Income	<u>292.00</u>	
	592.00	
Less: 1969 Disbursements	260.00	
Balance December 31, 1969	\$ 32.00	

WISCONSIN A.C.Y.O.A. COMBINED INCLUDES RACINE, SOUTH MILWAUKEE, WEST ALLIS OFFICERS:

CHAIRMAN	JANET AKULTAN
VICE-CHAIRMAN	Mary Kaprelian
RECORDING SECRETARY	KAREN KAPRELIAN
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY	NATALIE MINASTAN
TREASURER	JOHN KALASHTAN

PRESIDENT OF GROUP: VERY REVEREND VASKEN KESHISHAN OF SOUTH MILWAUKEE

A.C.Y.O.A Jr's.

Chairman: Jeanette Lebon
Vice Chairman: Mike Vartanian
Treasurer: Steve Barootian
Secretary: Diane Vidian

Members: Laura Akgulian
Sara Minasian
Garo Injasoulian
George Kadamian
Marty Kargenian
Kirk Buchaklian
John Buchaklian
Debbie Janikian

January 18, 1969 Racine Jr's. attended an A.C.Y.O.A. Dance
in South Milwaukee

February 22, 1969 Rose Kaprelian, Mary Kaprelian and Jeanette
Lebon attended a constitutional meeting in
Waukegan

March Delegates attended Constitutional Assembly
in Detroit

April 13, 1969 A.C.Y.O.A Rollerskating Party at Douglas
Community Center

May 10, 1969 Jr's attended a dance in South Milwaukee

May 23-25, 1969 Racine Jr's. attended A.C.Y.O.A Conference
in South Milwaukee

June 21, 1969 Jr's. had a car wash at 3-mile Citco from
9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and raised \$34.05

September 20, 1969 A.C.Y.O.A Jr's attended Hales Corner Stock
Car races.

October 12, 1969 Jr's. attended a dance in South Milwaukee

October 31, 1969 Jr's. helped Srs. with Sunday School
Halloween Party

December 14, 1969 A.C.Y.O.A Jr's. went bowling at 2:00 p.m.
at Douglas Bowl

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A.C.Y.O.A. JR's. Jan. 1, 1969 - Dec. 31, 1969

Bank Balance: January 1, 1969. \$163.08

Total Income \$70.95
Total Expenditures . . . \$91.00

Bank Balance: December 31, 1969 \$143.03

ST. MESROB RESERVE FUND

1969 Financial Report
12-31-69

The St. Mesrob Reserve Fund is supervised by three members elected at large. The committee consists of:

Frank Vidian
John Keishian
Sam Akgulian

The financial statement below shows the value of the Fund as of December 31, 1969. Values for stock holdings reflect the market price on 12-31-69.

Savings Account	\$ 1,577.91
Savings Certificate	20,000.00
44 Shares ATT@ 50 (American Telephone & Telegraph Co.)	2,200.00
132 Shares Wis. Electric Power Co. @ 22	<u>2,904.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 26,681.91

ST. MESROB BUILDING COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT
(1969) Report by Sam Akgulian

The St. Mesrob Building Committee is composed of the following members.

(1969 OFFICERS AND MEMBERS)

Sam Akgulian (Chairman	John Esayian
George Stevoff (V. C.)	Al Topalian
Frank Vidian (Secr.)	George Sahagian
Mike Garoukian (Treas.)	Ira Eland
Mark Akgulian	Mike Janikian
Sarkis Kazarian	Dick Vartanian
Joe Yahnian	Harry Cherkinian (Parish Council Chairman)

Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. The Committee had a total of 14 regular and special meetings in the year 1969.

(PLEDGES)

The 1969 year closed out our 3-year pledge drive for payment of the Erie St. Property. Our goal was to raise \$72,000 by 1969, and we fell short by about \$13,000 of the goal.

PLEDGE BREAK-DOWN FOR (3) YEAR PERIOD

1967 year--Amt. Rec'd	\$21,000	--or	Approx.	87%	of Pledged Amt.
1968 " -- " "	\$20,000	--	" "	83%	" " "
1969 " -- " "	\$18,000	Est.	" "	78%	" " "
Totals - - - -	\$59,000	Approx.		80%	Average of promise

(ERIE ST. PROPERTY)

Mortgage payments on the Erie St. Property were complete in April 1969. The surplus balance received from pledges is now being turned into short term C.D. notes.

(HIGHWAY 31 PROPERTY)

The committee tried to sell this 40 acre parcel on its own by running advertisements in various newspapers. Having no success on this procedure, the committee agreed to list the property with the N. Christensen Real Estate Agency on April 10, 1969 for a (6) month period. After the expiration date we contacted other agencies for possible listing; however, an offer was received from the Cape Construction Company for \$50,000. This offer was accepted at a Special Parish Assembly Meeting held in Dec. 1969. ✓

(ARCHITECT)

The committee made a preliminary outline on expectations for our future building program. These outlines were submitted to the architectural firm of Al J. Seitz Associates L'td., and on August 29, 1969 and a formal contract was signed.

We are presently working with the architect in the preliminary design stage.

(PROJECTIONS FOR 1970)

Because our pledge system is the only basis we have for raising funds, the committee felt the best method for increasing our capital position was to purchase material, design our own material, and attend special seminars on different means to employ in raising pledges for 1970. Since up-grading of pledges is the most important part of any building program, it was agreed that future pledge drives be for a one year period.

The committee will evaluate the 1970 Pledge Drive and determine which path to follow for its future building projects.

The committee will continue working with the architect and will take a second look to see which part of our program we can afford. Adjustments may be required to reduce our plans to coincide with future earning potentials.

In conclusion the year 1970 is a year of many "if's". Many questions must be answered before we can come up with the actual building program. If we receive enthusiastic commitments in 1970 we should be able to break ground late this year.

St. Mesrob Church Building Committee

FINANCIAL REPORT

ANALYSIS OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1969

CASH RECEIPTS:

Pledges	\$20,161.18	
Racine Saint Mesrob Senior		
ACYOA Donation	66.96	
Miscellaneous Donation	3.00	
Interest Income on C. D.	50.00	
In Lieu of Flowers Contributions	<u>1,065.75</u>	
		\$21,346.89

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Mortgage Payments	\$ 5,000.00	
Interest on Mortgage	243.69	
Mortgage Recording Fee	2.00	
Advance to Trustees	3,000.00	
Postage, Envelopes, Pledge Cards, etc.	148.33	
Advertising - Sale of H31 Property	25.35	
Stewardship Seminar Fee	70.00	
Stewardship Seminar Travel, etc.	16.00	
Stewardship Promotional Material	77.25	
Purchase of Certificates of Deposit	<u>13,000.00</u>	
		<u>\$21,582.62</u>

Net Disbursements in Excess of Receipts \$235.73

ASSETS & LIABILITIES:

	<u>1-1-69</u>	<u>12-31-69</u>
Farmers & Merchants Bank Checking Account	\$ 1,267.89	\$ 1,032.16
Certificate of Deposit - F & M Bank - 5%	1,000.00	14,000.00
Erie Street Property	57,500.00	57,500.00
Mortgage Payable - Erie Street Property	(5,000.00)	None
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NET WORTH	\$54,767.89	\$72,532.16

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1970 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Ira Eland (Chairman)
Sam Akgulian (V.C.)
Joe Yahnian (Secr.)
George Sahagian (Treas.)

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN CHURCH
RACINE, WISCONSIN

FINANCIAL REPORT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1969

INCOME

MEMBERSHIP DUES \$3,886.00

PLATE COLLECTIONS 1,682.81

SACRAMENTS & CEREMONIES 565.00

DONATIONS

Christmas \$282.00

Easter 501.00

Other 182.00

965.00

AFFAIRS

Madagh \$7,180.98

Rev. & Mrs. Dajad

Davidian Dinner 1,024.80

8,205.78

RENTALS

4551 Erie St. 1,415.00

4535 Erie St. 720.00

Garage & Shack 440.00

Highway 31 650.00

3,243.00

MISCELLANEOUS

167.40

\$18,714.99

TRANSFERRED FROM BUILDING FUND

3,000.00

\$21,714.99

Balance December 31, 1968

690.53

1969 Income

21,714.99

22,405.52

Less: 1969 Disbursements

19,361.93

Balance December 31, 1969

\$3,043.59

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN CHURCH
RACINE, WISCONSIN

FINANCIAL REPORT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1969

DISBURSEMENTS

STIPENDS AND SALARIES

Rev. Dajad Davidian		
Salary	\$4,270.00	
Housing	1,000.00	
Clergy Insurance	431.29	
Sister Parishes	1,090.00	
Diocesan Dues	1,652.00	
Sunday School	210.00	
Armenian School	200.00	
Janitorial Services	<u>1,260.00</u>	
		\$10,113.29

AFFAIRS

Madagh	2,461.71	
Rev. & Mrs. Dajad		
Davidian Dinner	902.50	
Gifts - Rev. & Mrs. Davidian	<u>273.45</u>	
		3,637.66

ADMINISTRATION

Office Supplies	410.03	
Telephone	282.75	
Postage	138.95	
Church Supplies	306.92	
Insurance	<u>413.50</u>	
		1,552.15

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Repairs	384.69	
Utilities	<u>972.41</u>	
		1,357.10

TAXES

Erie Street	1,222.20	
Highway 31	<u>420.79</u>	
		1,642.99

OTHER EXPENSES

Diocesan Delegates	360.00	
Diocese	333.00	
Racine Council of Churches	30.00	
Birthday Gift - HIS HOLINESS	25.00	
Ball Team	99.15	
Miscellaneous	<u>211.59</u>	
		<u>1,058.74</u>
		\$19,361.93

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN CHURCH
1970 Budget

Income

Membership Dues	\$ 4,000
Plate Collections	800
Sacraments and Ceremonies	600
Donations	1,000
Affairs (Social Functions/Madagh)	8,000
Rentals	2,600
Miscellaneous	200
Building Fund (Pledge)	21,000
	<u>\$38,200</u>

Disbursements

Stipends and Salaries	\$10,200
Affairs (Social Functions/Madagh)	3,000
Administration	1,600
Building Maintenance	1,500
Taxes	1,300
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,100
	<u>\$18,700</u>

Comparison of Income and Expenditures

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
*1969	\$40,052	\$19,362
*1968	33,141	17,864
*1967	36,091	17,662
1966	23,691	15,654
1965	18,191	14,941
1964	19,263	14,417
1963	16,442	11,473
1962	15,867	15,277
1961	12,929	11,457
1960	16,028	14,757
1959	16,122	14,642
1958	13,580	13,951
1957	17,098	15,297

* 1969 - 1968 and 1967 figures adjusted to include combined General and Building Fund

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
by Harry Cherkinian

This past year has truly been a time for change, not only throughout our nation, but on a parish level as well. Under the direction and guidance of Der Dajad Davidian, we have enjoyed seven "fat years" of progress and achievement. It is this Parish Council's intent as well as yours, we're certain, that we continue to move forward in unity. The goals we have set for our future must be met. Because we lack a shepard to guide our flock does not necessarily mean we are doomed to "lean years" ahead. Now more than ever we must drive apathy from the minds and souls of our parishioners and weld ourselves into a driving force to build our parish spiritually as well as physically.

The foundation for success was well laid. It is up to all of us now to keep our goals high and give of ourselves when and where needed.

Our church organizations for the most part are progressing and have capable leadership. A few groups appear to have lost the vitality shown in the past and will require our assistance. It will be my recommendation to the 1970 Parish Council that church organizations be given all material and physical assistance to prosper and grow.

Your 1969 Council, while operating in a vacuum during part of the year because of the uncertainty of the services of Der Dajad, made many important decisions. With the cooperation of the Building Committee and Parish approval, we were instrumental in consumating the sale of our Highway 31 property for \$50,000. Also looking forward to our goal of a new church facility, we hired an architect to formulate plans for our new house of worship.

This past year we even took a new approach to the conduct of our annual madagh. By enlisting the support of the entire parish with the raffle, we enjoyed tremendous financial success. We hope with the 1970 madagh to break the \$5,000 profit barrier. 1969 also saw a re-activation of a fee schedule for church sacraments and services. Your Council felt a moral obligation to all parishioners to institute these fees. We further felt an important source of revenue was being ignored.

Of course, of prime concern to all of us is the search for a new parish priest. Unfortunately, we have nothing tangible to report. While we have contacted a number of clergymen, none of our contacts has materialized into anything worth reporting. We will continue to make every effort to find a clergyman adequate for our needs. In the meantime we have made arrangements with our neighboring parishes to provide for our spiritual needs.

In reviewing the past year there appear to be many areas which require our immediate attention. Your Parish Council during 1970 wish your assistance should give thought to the following:

1. Membership We have in excess of 50 members more than two years behind in dues. Letters directed to these individuals in 1969 met with little success. It is our recommendation a Membership Committee be

organized to pursue this area in depth.

2. Communication We require an active communications program to keep our parishioners informed on all phases of parish life. Without the services of a full-time priest it is essential people be informed to retain interest in church activities. Serious consideration should be given to re-instate the monthly Varak Parish Newsletter.
3. Cultural & Social Activities. . . . Our organizations should include more cultural programs into their 1970 agendas. This year more than before, we will require more social activities to keep up our spirits and maintain an active and lively parish.
4. Leadership Responsibility There appears to be a certain amount of apathy not only within our organizations, but also in individual members. While we have many qualified people, few seem willing to accept committee appointments or positions of responsibility. If our parish is to grow all of us must share parish duties. Search your conscience carefully this year. If you're asked to help, do your share accept willingly.

Finally, in summation, let me add that your 1969 Parish Council is very appreciative for the cooperation and assistance given by all of you. While this has been a very trying year for us, all of you have been very considerate for our short-comings. For your understanding we are truly thankful. To our Council members who have concluded their two year terms of office, Robert Akgulian, Sam Garabedian and Paul Buchaklian, our most sincere thanks for giving of your time and efforts. Also to our regulars, Deacons, altar servers, choir and Sunday School teachers God bless you, for without your perseverance and selfless efforts we'd fail. My personal thanks to the many others who have willingly given of their time to help us carry out our tasks. Thanks to all of you for your faith and confidence. We shall endeavor during 1970 to maintain your trust.

Election Results

Parish Council (Elect Three)

Adam Chalekian	- 29 votes	(Elected)
Peter Gengozian	- 39 votes	(Elected)
Tony Minasian	- 11 votes	
SARKIS Kachichian	- 17 votes	
Andre Antreassian	- 11 votes	
BEN Kamakian	- 31 votes	(Elected)
Charles Garabedian	- 27 votes	

Auditing Committee (Elect Three)

Mary Janikian	- 28 votes	
Mary (Mork) Akgulian	- 43 votes	(Elected)
Lucy Nield	- 27 votes	
Paul Minasian	- 33 votes	(Elected)
Sam Akgulian	- 37 votes	(Elected)

Diocesan Delegates (Elect Two)

Mike Garoukian	- 54 votes	(Elected)
Rose Akgulian	- 30 votes	(Elected)
Murad Gengozian	- 14 votes	
Robert Akgulian	- 9 votes	
Sam Kaprelian	- 8 votes	