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St. Mesrob Armenian Church

Annual Parish Assembly

January 24, 1971



NEW

Parish Council Chairman's Report by Harry Cherkinian

The past year has been a year of trial for our Parish. We have had to rely upon our own resourcefulness and initiative to make our organizations and Church prosper and progress. I'm certain all of you feel the loss of a full-time pastor. It hasn't been easy and this coming year may be equally difficult. We have no promise from the Diocese for a new pastor in the near future.

Yet, this is no time to feel sorry for ourselves. As a parish, we have a great deal of pride in ourselves and our ability to keep things going under adverse conditions. The past year is ample proof of what we can do. Listed below are some of the more important areas of concern to our Parish:

1. MEMBERSHIP - From the standpoint of membership, we were able to increase our paid membership from 186 to 221. There is still much room for improvement. We realize and also recommend that the Parish Council establish a permanent Membership Committee. It is very difficult under present conditions for your Parish Council to do an adequate job in this area.
2. ORGANIZATIONS - Our Church organizations for the most part are functioning well and are progressing under very capable leadership. There is some concern in our minds, however, whether our organizations can continue to progress without benefit of permanent spiritual leadership. While our older organizations are well established and self-sufficient, we seriously doubt if our youth groups can flourish and grow under present conditions. That they continue to function and stay together is a credit to our young people and their adult advisors.
3. COMMUNITY RELATIONS - We're sorry to report the lack of a pastor is hurting us in the community relations area. We are not participating in local activities as we did in past years. This is regrettable because both our Church and our image in the community had increased considerably during Der Dajad Davidian's time.
4. SPIRITUAL LIFE - Our spiritual life continues strong and undaunted. The monthly Badarak and sacramental services provided by the Very Rev. Vasken Tatoyan are sincerely appreciated. We also thank his Waukegan parish members for their thoughtfulness and understanding for our spiritual needs. Most of all, we must give credit to our Deacon, Charles Hardy, our Altar servers, acolytes and Choir members for their perseverance and faith. We are fortunate for people like those mentioned above, for they preserve our faith and keep the doors of our Church open.

5. **LEADERSHIP NEEDS** - We must still speak out to those parishioners capable of leading us to step forth and share their time and talents. Without the benefit of a permanent pastor, we need the services of all of our capable men and women. Now, more than ever, we must shed our cloaks of apathy. 1971 looms ahead as a year of many important decisions. We ask that all of you, if called upon, do your share. Give of yourself and your time.

As Parish Council Chairman, I'd like to express my personal thanks to all members of the Council for their fine cooperation and service this past year. To our out-going Council members, Perry Paragamian, Sarkis Cherkinian and Adam Barootian, our deepest gratitude for your two years of devoted service.

To all of our parishioners, sincere appreciation for your faith, confidence and trust in our guidance. We have endeavored to do our best. To our 1971 Parish Council we extend our best wishes for a successful year. May God grant to all of you the wisdom, health and the strength to keep us strong and steadfast in our faith and allegiance to our Church.

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN CHURCH
1971 Budget

Income

Membership Dues	\$ 4,000
Plate Collections	1,500
Sacraments and Ceremonies	550
Donations	2,000
Affairs (Social Functions/Madagh)	7,500
Rentals	2,600
Miscellaneous	200
Building Fund (Pledge)	<u>20,000</u>
	\$38,350

Disbursements

Stipends and Salaries	\$10,200
Affairs (Social Functions/Madagh)	3,500
Administration	1,300
Building Maintenance	1,500
Taxes	1,300
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>1,200</u>
	\$19,900

Comparison of Income and Expenditures

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
*1970	\$43,938 41,658	\$18,298
*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

* The 1970, 1969, 1968 and 1967 figures are adjusted to include the combined General and Building Fund receipts.

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN CHURCH
 RACINE, WISCONSIN

FINANCIAL REPORT
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1970

INCOME

MEMBERSHIP DUES \$3,551.00

PLATE COLLECTIONS 1,321.37

SACRAMENTS & CEREMONIES 535.00

DONATIONS

Anonymous	\$1,000.00	
Easter	418.00	
Christmas	325.00	
Other	<u>177.00</u>	
		1,920.00

AFFAIRS

Madagh	\$7,327.10	
Ordination Dinner - Charles Hardy	<u>848.50</u>	
		8,175.60

RENTALS

4551 Erie St.	\$1,625.00	
4535 Erie St.	720.00	
Garage	150.00	
Hall	35.00	
Highway 31	<u>50.00</u>	
		2,580.00

DIVIDENDS

American Telephone & Telegraph	\$114.40	
Wisconsin Electric	<u>187.44</u>	
		301.84

MISCELLANEOUS

53.00
\$18,437.81

Balance December 31, 1969	3,043.59
1970 Income	<u>18,437.81</u>
	21,481.40
Less: 1970 Disbursements	<u>18,298.18</u>
	<u>\$3,183.22</u>

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN CHURCH
 RACINE, WISCONSIN

FINANCIAL REPORT
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1970

DISBURSEMENTS

STIPENDS AND SALARIES

Diocesan Dues	\$2,227.00	
St. George Armenian Church	1,050.00	
Very Rev. Vasken Tatoyan	425.00	
Archbishop Torcom Manoogian	125.00	
Rev. Krikor Hairabedian	25.00	
Sunday School	300.00	
Armenian School	100.00	
Janitorial Services	<u>1,260.00</u>	\$5,512.00

AFFAIRS

Madagh	\$2,706.34	
Ordination Dinner - Charles Hardy	<u>1,255.09</u>	3,961.43

ADMINISTRATION

Office Supplies	\$118.52	
Telephone	253.13	
Church Supplies	480.85	
Insurance	<u>435.00</u>	1,287.50

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Repairs and Upkeep	\$869.65	
Utilities	<u>990.90</u>	1,860.55

TAXES

Erie Street	\$1,151.72	
Highway 31	<u>421.92</u>	1,573.64

OTHER EXPENSES

Diocesan Delegates	\$250.88	
Rev. M. Buttero	226.12	
Church Organization's Dinner	202.00	
Refrigerator	125.00	
St. Mesrob Ball Team	95.00	
Diocese	88.00	
St. John's Armenian Church	50.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>66.06</u>	1,103.06

TRANSFERRED TO BUILDING FUND

	<u>3,000.00</u>
	<u>\$18,298.18</u>

DEACON'S REPORT

From a check of the church records of the past year, 1970, the following facts are noted:

1. Attendance - 180 average (Sundays with priest)
75 average (Sundays with no priest)
2. Baptisms - 7
3. Funerals - 9
4. Weddings - 2

With the above records, it would seem that the work of the church is progressing well.

We would hope that during the following year, there would be more regular and better attendance each Sunday and other days when religious services are being held. Our church can progress much more with greater involvement by each individual member in the various activities of the church.

One area that needs immediate attention is that of an altar society. Those women who have the desire to serve the church in this capacity should contact the Chairman of the Parish Council. Some of the activities involved would be the sewing of vestments and altar furnishings, keeping the linens in order, and repairing or replacing worn-out altar materials. A list of additional altar items could be made available by the altar society for members who would like to purchase them as gifts for the church.

We hope that our church organizations will increase in number, strength, and activities during the following year. Let us work together with the help of God in whatever capacity we can be useful to advance the work of the church so that it will be able to be of greater spiritual service to us.

Respectfully,

Deacon Charles Hardy

ST. MESROB RESERVE FUND
1970 FINANCIAL REPORT
December 31, 1970

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

Mr. Frank Vidian
Mr. John Keishian
Mr. Sam Akgulian

The financial statement below shows the value of the Fund as of December 31, 1970. Values for stock holdings reflect the market price on 12-31-70.

Savings Account	\$ 3,274.83	
Certificate of Deposit	20,000.00	
U. S. Treasury Notes	50,000 .00	
44 Shares Am. Tel & Tel @ 50	2,200.00	
132 Shares Wis. Elec. Power @ 22	<u>2,904.00</u>	
	\$78,378.83	TOTAL

ST. MESROB BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

1970

Building Committee Members:

Ira Eland - Chairman
Sam Akgulian - Vice-Chairman
Joe Yahnian - Secretary
George Sahagian - Treasurer

Mark Akgulian
Harry Cherkinian
John Esayian
Mike Garoukian
Mike Janikian
Sam Kazarian
George Stevoff
Al Topalian
Dick Vartanian
Frank Vidian

New officers to be elected January 19, 1971 for the coming year.

In 1970 the committee accepted rough plans by Architect Al J. Seitz and submitted them to four local builders for preliminary estimates, which range from \$226,000 to \$295,000. These figures do not include the kitchen or pews. The pews will cost an additional \$8,000 and there will be an additional cost for landscaping and parking lot.

In October a meeting was held with the Archbishop, which included the entire committee and the Architect at which time all problems and changes were resolved in the building plans. The Archbishop has given his approval and blessings to our project.

The Architect believes he should have the plans completed for the hall section, available for competitive bidding by the end of March. The committee has tentatively agreed to work with a figure of \$250,000 based on the parish's ability to pay off the mortgage amount.

ST. MESROB BUILDING COMMITTEE
1970 FINANCIAL REPORT

Analysis of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for year ending
 December 31, 1970.

CASH RECEIPTS

Pledges	\$ 17,632.93	(approx. 75% of pledges)
Donation	100.00	
Interest on G.D.	350.00	
Lieu of Flowers	1,278.00	
Parish Council	3,000.00	
United Assoc. of Tomarza	<u>1,000.00</u>	
		\$ 23,360.93

CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Purchases of Certificate of Deposit	\$ 24,000.00	
Postage, envelopes, pledge cards, etc.	<u>181.91</u>	
		\$ 24,181.91

ASSETS & LIABILITIES

	<u>1-1-70</u>	<u>12-31-70</u>
Farmers & Merchants Bank Checking Account	\$ 1,032.17	\$ 188.18
Certificate of Deposit - P&M	13,000.00	37,000.00
Erie St. Property	<u>57,500.00</u>	<u>57,500.00</u>
	\$71,532.17	\$ 94,688. 18

ST. MESROB WOMEN'S GUILD
1970 ANNUAL REPORT

Officers:

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

Financial Profit and Loss Statement (attached)

1970 Activities

1. Money Making

- a. February 8, June 14 Bake Sales
- b. April 11 Card Party
- c. April 26, November 1 Roller Skating Parties
- d. Two (2) Coffee Socials
- e. Sale of spices throughout the year

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. Sent packages to servicemen
- f. Provide social hours for the elderly

Miscellaneous Information

1. 10 monthly membership meetings
2. 3 executive meetings
3. Membership count as of January 12, 1971 - 32
4. Officers for 1971 are:

Mary Kaprelian	- Chairman
Margaret Buchaklian	- Vice-Chairman
Joan Gengozian	- Recording Secretary
Mary Chardukian	- Corresponding Secretary
Mary Cherkinian	- Treasurer
Alice Vartanian	- Assistant Treasurer
Pat Paragamian	- Advisor
Tarquin Andekian	- Advisor

**ST. MESROB WOMEN'S GUILD
1970 FINANCIAL REPORT**

General Fund

\$648.44

Receipts

Dues		\$180.00	
Flowers		70.00	
Projects -			
Bake Sales	\$102.04		
Card Party	39.00		
Coffee Hours	18.00		
2 Skating Parties	79.50		
Sale of Vanilla	<u>73.00</u>	311.54	
Wig Raffle		15.00	
Miscellaneous		<u>9.45</u>	\$585.99

Disbursements

Sunshine	3.90		
Alter Flowers	96.01		
Refreshments	42.39		
County Home	13.28		
Postcards	26.24		
Donations -			
Church Women United	14.00		
Pkg. for Servicemen	34.32		
Mother's Day	22.00		
Project Expense	130.57		
Choir Books	50.00		
Christmas Party	27.04		
Miscellaneous	<u>1.46</u>	<u>\$461.21</u>	<u>\$124.78</u>

Net Income Over Expenses \$773.22

Plus amount deposited into checking
account when savings account was
changed to \$5,000 Savings Certificate \$163.43

\$936.65

\$5,000.00 Certificate of Deposit with Farmers & Merchants Bank
#5828 - Maturity Date 3-30-71 5-1/2 %
(in Church's Safe Deposit Box)

Mary D. Akgulian
Treasurer

**ST. MESROB SUNDAY SCHOOL
ACTIVITY AND FINANCIAL REPORT
1970**

Farmers & Merchants Bank
Checking Account Balance, December 31, 1969 \$ 73.04

CASH RECEIPTS

Class Collections	201.15	
Trustee Checks	300.00	
Donations	20.00	
Christmas Pageant	13.23	
Sunday School Picnic	<u>8.50</u>	542.88

CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Class Books	277.45	
Supplies	56.28	
Attendance Awards	65.01	
Christmas Pageant	24.00	
Sunday School Picnic	17.15	
Madagh Prizes-Children's Games	19.57	
Seminar with Constance Tarazar re Sunday School curriculum	14.22	
Sunday School 35th Anniv. Cake	7.15	
Miscellaneous	<u>5.82</u>	487.45

55.63

BALANCE - December 31, 1970

\$128.47

1. Average Enrollment in 1970 - 67 children

2. Average attendance for past years

1970 - 67	1968 - 66	1966 - 80	1964 - 84
1969 - 62	1967 - 72	1965 - 86	1963 - 82

3. Faculty:

Mrs. Goldie Roy - Kindergarten	Miss Hunaz Hazarian - 7th grade
Miss Sarah Minasian - 1st grade	Miss Lucy Dardorian - 8th "
Mrs. Ann Akgulian - 2nd "	Mr. Charles Dadian - 9th "
Mrs. Mary Akgulian - 3rd "	Miss Laura Akgulian - Pianist
Mrs. Nancy Kazarian - 4th "	Miss Margie Garabedian - Assistant Teacher
Mrs. Var Cherknian - 4th "	Mr. Stephen Barootian - Assistant to Supt.
Mrs. Claire Kadamian - 5th "	Mr. Sam Kaprelian - Superintendent
Mrs. Elsie Garoukian - 6th "	

4. Additional Projects:

Christmas Pageant
UNICEF Collection - \$79.34

Madagh Children's Games
Sunday School Picnic

ST. MESROB EDUCATION COMMITTEE
1970 - 71 School Year

Committee: Mrs. Virginia Musurlian - Chairman
Members Mr. Sarkis Kazarian - Treasurer
Miss Tarquin Andekian - Secretary
Mrs. Elsie Geroukian - Secretary
Mr. Andre Antreassian
Mr. Gene Chardukian

Teachers: Mrs. Mary Akgulian
Mrs. Mary Chardukian
Mrs. Vartouhi Abagian
Mrs. Anna Barootian

Students: First Year -13
Second Year -10
Third Year - 9
Fourth & Fifth Year - 9
 41 total

Activities of the committee include (1) four meetings to date in this school year (2) Christmas Party for students (3) Sponsor and participate in Martyrs Day Dinner.

All classes are held in the Jerstad-Agerholm Elementary School on Friday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Each class is held in a separate room.

Financial Report

Income

Balance from 1969-70 school year	\$ 152.80
St. Mesrob Trustees	100.00
Tuition, Donations and books sold	179.50
	<u>\$ 432.30</u>

Disbursements

Teachers' Salaries	\$ 220.00
Books, Christmas Party, etc.	51.70
	<u>\$ 271.70</u>

Balance - December 31, 1970	<u>\$ 160.60</u>
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Ladies' Aid Society of ST. MESROB CHURCH
Review of 1970

Officers: Chairman - Mrs. John Nahabedian
 Mrs. Gene Chardukian
 Mrs. Benjamin Kamakian
 Mrs. Sam Akgulian
 Mrs. John Topalian
 Mrs. Artin Balian
 Mrs. Vahan Oglanian

Membership: 120

Held two general membership meetings with attendance of 35 at each meeting.

Served at 7 funerals; 4 of which were Madagh dinners.

Held 1 Fish Fry and operated a year-long Perpetual Bake Sale, on an order basis, of Armenian Delicacies.

Sewed an inner vestment for the priest and a vestment and stole for the deacon.

Waxed pews and general cleaned the church and entire first floor.

Supervised and worked at the Shish-Kebab stand at Annual Church Picnic.

Donated \$100.00 to Armenian School.

Held a New Year's Eve Party in church hall, which proved to be a successful and appreciated event.

TREASURER'S REPORT

ST. MESROB CHURCH AUXILIARY COMMITTEE

(Financial report for period ending January 7, 1971)

INCOME

Brought forward from 1969 Board	100.96
Membership Dues	216.00
Funerals (7)	941.51
Projects - Fish dinner, 3 Bake Sales, New Years Eve Party	934.87
Dividends	<u>284.40</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,477.74

DISBURSEMENTS

Funerals (7)	473.84
Projects - Fish dinner, 3 Bake Sales, New Years Eve Party	308.81
Material for priest inner vestments and 2 Deacon's robes	58.66
Donation to Armenian School	100.00
Miscellaneous (stamps, cleaning supplies, staple goods, petty cash, Refreshments General Meetings, food tray - Madagh	115.10
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$1,056.41</u>

(Interest entered in passbook,
not reflected above -\$103.03)

TOTAL INCOME	\$2,477.74
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>1,056.41</u>
NET PROFIT	\$1,421.33
Transferred to Belle City Savings	<u>1,321.00</u>
Check Book Balance	\$ 100.33

Report submitted by Ann Akgulian,
Treasurer

CHOIR REPORT

January 1970	Balance	\$153.47
January 1971	Checking Account	\$ 54.64
	Savings Account	250.00
	Total Balance	<u>\$304.64</u>

Our basic duty is to sing for Sunday services, badaraks, holidays and feast days, and weddings (if desired). During 1970 we also had several bake sales, a successful dance, and sang for an ordination service and dinner.

NOTE: We had rehearsals and meetings once a month (the Wednesday before our Badaraks on Sunday).

ST. MESROB JR. A.C.Y.O.
1970 ANNUAL REPORT

The inception date of our group was September, 1970. There are presently 17 members.

The officers are as follows:

Debbie Janikian	-	Chairman
Garo Injasoulian	-	Vice-Chairman
Laura Akgulian	-	Secretary
Mark Akgulian	-	Treasurer

Mrs. Helen Minasian	-	Advisor
Mr. Robert Akulian		Advisor

Meetings are held twice a month. We have had joint activities with South Milwaukee and West Allis Chapters.

Activities since September:

1. We hosted a Halloween Party for South Milwaukee, West Allis and Waukegan juniors.
2. The juniors went to Waukegan to help organize a Waukegan Junior group.
3. Racine attended a Midwest District Committee Meeting of which the Chairman, Debbie Janikian, and representatives Mark Akgulian and Harry Cherkinian were present. Debbie Janikian was elected treasurer of the Executive Committee.
4. The Juniors went Christmas caroling to Armenian homes during the Christmas holiday.
5. A membership drive was held which brought our original 7 member chapter to 17.

Our goal for the summer of 1972 is a trip to the New York Cathedral. There was a candy sale for the trip and in four weeks time \$100.00 was made.

Money-making plans for the future will be a film club for children and the sale of buttons and tee shirts.

The Junior boys are planning a basketball game against the South Milwaukee Jr. boys, January 31st, at the Y.M.C.A. from 2:30 - 4:30. Tickets may be purchased from the boys at a price of 50¢. This is the first game of its kind and if it's a success, it will be continued with the other chapters of the Midwest District.

The beginning balance in the Junior treasury for September was	\$79.05
Money collected for dues was	16.00
Money collected for candy was	100.00
Balance to-date is	\$ 112.93

Debbie Janikian, Chairman