

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1973

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chairman, George Stevoff.

Those attending were:

Harry Akgulian  
Harry Armaganian  
Harry Boranian  
John Esayian  
Chuck Garbedian  
Dan Mikaelian  
George Stevoff  
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Der Hyre was absent because of illness.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Harry Armaganian reported that there is a balance of \$41,741.19 in the check book. Several large bills relating to the church construction had been paid.

The secretary was instructed to write a "thank you" letter to Carl Ammeian, of Ala Rug, for the courtesies extended to us.

Harry Armaganian reported paying the architect fees of \$17,000. George Stevoff will write to the architect listing several areas that need looking into.

Parish Priest Report

Because of Der Hyre's absence his report was not given. George Stevoff commented he had talked to Der Hyre by phone and asked him to take into consideration the tone of his sermons, as for the past several Sundays complaints had been received by the parish council with regard to the many criticisms directed to the parishoners by Der Hyre.

Correspondence

George Stevoff commented that the 75th Anniversary of our Diocese will be celebrated this year throughout the Diocese. The main theme for the Diocesan Assembly to be held in Worcester, Massachusetts in May will be the celebration of the 75th Anniversary. His Holiness, Vasken I, Supreme Catholicos of All Armenians, will be attending the Assembly and will meet with delegates representing the various organizations within our parishes - ACYOA, Choir, Women's Organizations, Sunday, School, etc.

The 75th Anniversary celebration in the Wisconsin parishes will be held in Racine, tentatively October 13 and 14.

George Stevoff read a letter from the Archbishop regarding the St. Nersess Summer Study Seminar to be held at Elberon, New Jersey the week of June 24 - July 3 and August 19 - August 28. Minimum age requirement is 16. The chairman urged that if possible some of our young people make an attempt to attend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sam Kaprelian, Superintendent of the Sunday School, met with the parish council to go over new equipment for the Sunday School. After some discussion, Mr. Kaprelian was asked to submit a comprehensive study as to the needs of the Sunday School - this would include tables, chairs, cabinets, black boards, bulletin boards, etc.

Questions were also raised as to the length of time of classes - relationship of Sunday School with the church, etc.

George Stevoff mentioned it would be a worthwhile consideration to have two representatives of the CRE to come to Racine for a weekend and help coordinate the activities of the Sunday School in line with the recommendations of the CRE.

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Building Committee

Motion was made by Chuck Garbedian and seconded by John Esayian to have Kay Mikaelian appointed as a permanent member of the Building Committee. Motion carried.

AGBU

The AGBU offer of establishing a library in one of the conference rooms or classrooms consisting of English written books on Armenian history was discussed. Mrs. Rose Akgulian, representing the AGBU, appeared before the parish council to further clarify this offer. The AGBU would be willing to furnish the library with books and furniture, depending upon the decision of the parish council. In return the AGBU might possibly use meeting rooms (once a month) or use the main hall for an event (once a year) - again depending upon the decision of the parish council. This matter will be discussed at the next parish council meeting.

George Stevoff reported that the AGBU works closely with our Diocese and per a directive received last year from the Diocese, the Archbishop urges the parishes to support the AGBU.

Fee Schedule

The fee schedule for the hall and conference rooms was discussed. Several changes were made - as listed on the attached sheet. This matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Catering

Three caterers were noted as being interested in using our facilities. They are:

John Kashian (Greenfield)  
Mrs. Iselin  
Mrs. Johnson

George Stevoff will prepare a questionnaire for use in interviewing these caterers. He will also appoint a committee to interview these caterers and submit this information to the parish council for final approval of one.

Church Sign

Harry Akgulian will advise the Building Committee that this is their responsibility.

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Dan Mikaelian will take care of installing the mail boxes for the various organizations.

Communications with Parish Members

George Stevoff will set up an open panel discussion every other month with parish members who may have questions, criticisms, etc.

Consecration Booklet Sales

Harry Boranian will set up a meeting with the committee to bring this matter up to date.

Policy Booklet

A committee will be appointed to work on this project, selected by George Stevoff and submitted to the parish council for approval. This committee would make up a booklet containing *donation for* baptism fees, hall rental fees, wedding fees, who is eligible for membership in various church organizations, etc.

It will be necessary to obtain copies of the by-laws and constitutions of the Choir, Young Women's Guild, ACYOA, etc.

Question was raised as to who can join organizations within our parish. In the past "only members of the church can serve on the altar, be in the choir or hold any organizational office".

A letter from a parishoner was read with regard to non-members joining the Young Women's Guild - their by-laws show that only members of the church are eligible to join. The by-laws of the Young Women's Guild will be obtained and this will be looked into.

Another question raised was the appointment of a non-member as a Sunday School teacher.

Membership Committee

John Esayian will contact Charles Dadian and ask him to be present at the parish council meeting on March 7 to bring the council up-to-date on the functions of this committee.

Church Workers Dinner

Harry Akgulian will formulate plans for this dinner. Those organizations involved are:

- Choir
- Acolytes
- Old Trustees & New Trustees
- Deacons
- Chorale Group - Consecration Dinner
- Sunday School Teachers

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George Stevoff reported he and Der Hyre, along with John Esayian, met with the ACYOA and the incident mentioned in the previous minutes were brought to the attention of the ACYOA chairman.

Acolyte Practice

George Stevoff reported that only two acolytes showed up for practice. It was noted that personal notifications had not been received by the acolytes - practice was mentioned only in the weekly church bulletin.

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John Esayian reported telephone jacks would cost \$5.00 a piece - plus an additional \$17.00 service charge. The cost for an additional phone would be \$1.40 per month. The cost involving pay phones was too high. This will be dropped.

John Esayian reported a street light would be put up by the church driveway. The cost involved would be \$5.50 per month.

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Pat's Rubbage will pick up the rubble once a week at a cost of \$3.50 per month - for which we will be billed every three months.

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John Esayian showed two samples of (glass) candle holders for the acolytes to use. This would stop the excess candle wax from dripping on the carpeting. These would cost \$10.00 a piece. Deacon Charles Hardy is in favor of using these; however, this will be cleared with Der Hyre.

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Harry Boranian has distributed all keys, with the exception of Arpine Yetenekian for the Women's Auxiliary. A Key Policy will be distributed to all involved.

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Several of our older parishoners are in need of rides to church on Sundays and per the promise made to them by the parish every consideration will be made to take care of this. Harry Boranian will contact Flash Bus to see if it will be feasible to have a routing established to pick these people up on Sundays and also take them home. There are approximately 10 people involved.

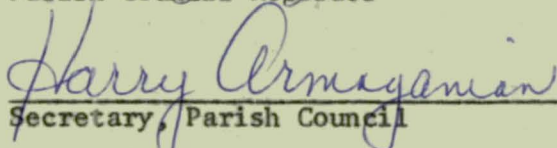
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Harry Boranian reported that the approximate cost for office furniture would be \$1,000. After some discussion George Stevoff asked for permission to check with a concern in Milwaukee who deals in used office furniture. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

The following items were tabled until the next parish council meeting:

Split Madagh  
Consecration Procedure Booklet  
Thank You Letters  
Appointive Positions to have Expiration Date  
Open House

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

  
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Parish Council Recorder

  
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Secretary, Parish Council