

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1973  
THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 1973

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman, John Esayian at 7:25 p.m.  
Those attending were:

Harry Akgulian  
Harry Armaganian  
Harry Boranian  
John Esayian  
Chuck Garbedian  
Dan Mikaelian  
Humaz Hazarian

Der Hyre was attending a meeting with the Women's Guild and Women's Auxiliary.  
George Stevoff had mentioned he would arrive late for the meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer reported there is a balance of \$44,757.79 in the check book.

Harry Boranian reported Flash Bus would be willing to make up a routing for picking up people at 3 or 4 stops. The cost involved would be \$28.00 for round trip. Harry Akgulian suggested that the use of a car would be much cheaper. It was noted that Mrs. Veron Chobanian and Mr. Toros Koroghlanian are in need of rides. John Esayian requested that Dan Mikaelian make up a list of the people who need rides and also ask Der Hyre to make an announcement in the church bulleting asking parishoners to notify the parish council if rides are needed on Sundays.

Chuck Garbedian reported that Sam Kaprelian had requested two inside keys for the church for Steve Barootian. After further discussion it was decided by the Parish Council to deny this request. Churck Garbedian will advise Sam Kaprelian of this decision.

Dan Mikaelian reported he had contacted Mesag Vidian with regard to individual mail boxes for the organizations and that this is being worked on.

It was brought to the attention of the parish council that the AGBU has not compensated for the use of the church hall on two occasions. Harry Boranian will render an invoice to this organization.

At this point the Parish Council Meeting was adjourned - and a combined Parish Council - Organization meeting was held.

The following organizations and personnel were involved in the meeting:

ACYOA	Harry Cherkinian, Jr.
ARMENIAN SCHOOL	Tarquin Andekian Virginia Musurlian

ALTAR SOCIETY	Mary Chardukian Charles Hardy
CHOIR	Pat Balian Margaret Dadian
SUNDAY SCHOOL	Sam Kaprelian
WOMEN'S AUXILIARY	Arpine Yetenekian
WOMEN'S GUILD	Catherine Mikaelian

It was announced to the organizations that Chuck Garbedian was assigned as liaison between the various organizations and Parish Council.

Discussion was held as to who can join organizations. Again, it was announced that anyone serving on the altar, choir, deacon or organizational officers must be dues paying members of the church. Mrs. Musurlian suggested that possibly when new elections are going to be held that the Nominating Committee submit the list of possible officers to the Parish Council for verification as dues paying members. In this way embarrassment could be avoided.

John Esayian asked that each organization submit a copy of their by-laws and constitutions to the Parish Council for their information.

Tarquin Andekian asked if it would be possible to have a copy of the by-laws and constitution of our church available for new members and possibly old members who are interested. The Parish Council will obtain extra copies of the by-laws and constitution.

John Esayian advised that the next meeting with the organizations and parish members would be held Wednesday, March 14. Since Lenten Services will be held at 7:00 p.m., it was decided this meeting would take place at 8:00 p.m. for all interested parishoners.

Tarquin Andekian asked if it would be possible to have more lights in the church yard. It is quite dark and complaints have been received. The parish council will take this under advisement.

Sam Kaprelian asked if the duplicating equipment could be moved to the storage room used by the Sunday School and have the materials in the storage room moved to another area, so another Sunday School classroom would be available.

Altar Curtain - John Esayian advised that the Godske Company is working on a more feasible method of opening and closing the curtain.

The Armenian School representatives advised they had written to the Diocese asking for information on financial aid for the school - they in turn were advised that the Gulbankian Foundation in Portugal might be of assistance. Der Hyre is working on a letter - however, information is needed from both the Armenian School and Sunday School with regard to the equipment needed. Both groups will get together and discuss this. The Parish Council would like to see the contents of the letter addressed to the Gulbankian Foundation before it is forwarded.

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The question of having a parish newspaper was brought up. This is being taken under advisement by the parish council.

Sam Kaprelian requested that the Parish Council number the classrooms.

At this point, George Stevoff, chairman of the Parish Council attended the meeting. He announced to the group the 75th Anniversary of the Diocese would be held for the Wisconsin parishes in Racine on October 27 and 28. On October 27 sports activities would be held for the young members of the church (Greenfield, South Milwaukee and Racine) - and on Sunday, the Divine Liturgy would be celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, assisted by our parish priest and the priests from Greenfield and South Milwaukee. A banquet is also being planned.

Mr. Stevoff also advised that all organizations must alert John Esayian of any meetings that are scheduled for the year and also for any activities scheduled so that the calendar can be marked accordingly.

Margaret Dadian asked if it would be possible to have 4 men appointed for one month periods to aid the Parish Council on Sundays during Badarak. This would enable the Parish Council to carry out their own duties. These men would offer the Kiss of Peace, usher people into church and also assist in the dismissal at the end of services. This will be taken under consideration by the Parish Council.

Harry Boranian advised the organizations that their "books" would be audited quarterly instead of every half year.

George Stevoff announced that all appointive positions in the church organizations, etc. would be reaffirmed each year.

It was also announced to the organizations they are to alert Der Hyre of any meetings which are to be held so he may be in attendance.

The meeting with the organizations adjourned at 9:30 p.m., at which point the Parish Council reconvened with their meeting.

Der Hyre advised the Parish Council that a picture of the church altar and outside view of the church was needed for the 75th Anniversary Booklet. John Hacherian will see that the altar picture is taken and give it to Der Hyre on Sunday.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m. and rescheduled for the next evening, March 1, 1973.

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Meeting reconvened at 7:05 p.m., Thursday, March 1, 1973. Chuck Garbedian was absent because of illness.

Der Hyre submitted his weekly report, attached.

#### AGBU Donation

The parish council agreed to accept the donation of a library from the AGBU with the following stipulations:

1. The books would become the property of the church.
2. Book list must be submitted before books are put into library. Books will be cleared through the Diocese.
3. Clarify what type of furniture and layout of library.
4. Special low fee for rental of conference room for meetings, etc. will be under consideration.

#### Fee Schedule

It was decided by the Parish Council that three Armenian organizations would have special fees for the use of the church hall or conference rooms. These are: the Knights of Vartan, AGBU and the Tomarza Organization, since members of our parish are involved in these three particular organizations.

Attached is the proposed fee schedule.

#### Catering

John Esayian will set up a list of questions and bring them up for review at the next parish council meeting. These questions will be directed to caterers when they are interviewed. As of this date the following caterers will be interviewed:

Mrs. Iselin  
Mrs. Johnson  
John Kashian

#### Madagh

The Madagh Committee has recommended that two separate celebrations be held, per the attached report. It was decided by the Parish Council that June 10 would be the date for the Madagh to be held on the church premises. July 1 will be the date for the Armenian Picnic to which the public is invited.

A communication will be sent to all parishoners explaining the change in the procedure for the Madagh and Church Picnic.

Invitations will be sent to all parishoners announcing the Madagh and inviting them to bring along their families. This will be discussed in detail at the informal parish assembly on March 14.

#### Church Sign

Harry Akgulian advised that the Building Committee will be taking care of this.

#### Church Procedure and Policy Booklet

John Esayian was appointed to head this committee. He will appoint the committee in the near future.

#### Membership Committee

Chuck Dadian will be in attendance at the next parish council meeting to discuss this.

#### Appointive Positions To Have Expiration Date

The appointive positions within the parish will be reviewed at the end of June.

George Stevoff will draft a letter and present it to the Parish Council with regard to the above decision to be directed to those persons having appointive positions.

Church Workers Dinner

Harry Akgulian will report on this at the next meeting. The Parish Council gave approval to go ahead with the price of \$4.00 per person (at the most) for the dinner.

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Harry Akgulian will make a sign to put in front of the church property stating "Clean Fill Dirt Wanted".

Diocesan Assembly

George Stevoff will draft a letter to the ACYOA, Armenian School, Sunday School, Ladies Organizations and Choir advising that the Parish Council encourages each organization to send 1 delegate to the Diocesan Assembly, for which they will pay expenses to the extent of 50% of the actual expense, not to exceed a total of \$150.00.

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It was decided that the Parish Council members would take turns opening the church on Sundays, starting with March - Harry Akgulian.

The Parish Council meetings would not start until 8:00 p.m. during the Lenten period because of Lenten services.

John Esayian asked Der Hyre why the weekly Lenten Services were starting a week late. Der Hyre explained that the books being prepared in English would not be ready. George Stevoff asked if the services for the first week could not be done in Armenian, and also if the books were ready if the Lenten Services could not start Wednesday, March 7. Der Hyre explained he did not want to confuse the people since it had been announced in the church bulletins Lenten Services would begin March 14.

Athletic Director

Nishan Hacherian has been appointed to this position. The Parish Council is urging that this activity start as soon as possible.

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John Esayian was approached by Var Cherkinian of the Women's Guild with regard to having a "Fun" night after Armenian School on Fridays. This would be for the parish as a whole. This will be taken under advisement.

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Harry Armaganian will write to the various organizations in the parish asking for a list of current officers.

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John Esayian will contact Catherine Mikaelian, chairman of the Women's Guild, asking them to serve coffee and rolls after the weekly Lenten Services.

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The Altar Society submitted a list of Altar needs to the Parish Council.

Sunday School

George Stevoff commented that several complaints have been received from teachers and parents of Sunday School children with regard to the quality of education within the Sunday School.

Questions were raised with regard to the assembly program, qualifications of teachers, etc.

George Stevoff again recommended that representatives of the CRE come to Racine and help coordinate activities within the guidelines set forth by the Primate.

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Harry Boranian requested permission to purchase the office equipment as presented at the last Parish Council meeting. George Stevoff advised there was one more outlet to check in Milwaukee and if this was not what was needed, then to go ahead and purchase the needed equipment. Harry Boranian and Harry Armaganian advised they would go to Office Supply, Friday, March 2 and firm up the needed equipment.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

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Hunaz Hazarian  
Parish Council Recorder

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Harry Armaganian  
Parish Council Secretary