

1974 ANNUAL GENERAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

St. Mesrob Armenian Church
4605 Erie Street
Racine, Wisconsin
Sunday January 20, 1974

Meeting was called to order by Parish Council Chairman, George Stevoff.

Der Patee Metjian offered the opening prayers.

A motion was made by Mike Garoukian that those members present constitute a quorum. The motion was seconded by Var Cherkinian. Motion passed.

Mike Garoukian was nominated to act as Chairman of the Parish Assembly. His nomination was seconded and a unanimous ballot was cast.

Sue Esayian was elected as recording secretary of the Parish Assembly.

Mike Garoukian at 2:00 P.M. called the meeting to order and Harry Armaganian, parish secretary read the minutes of the preliminary parish Assembly meeting which was held December 19, 1974. Minutes were approved as read.

A vote taken and passed that the Parish Council retain funds in excess of \$500.00 rather than turn over the money to the Permanent Trust Committee. Monies to be used for completion of Building Project. A succeeding vote was taken and passed enabling the Parish Council to spend \$1,500.00 without prior Parish Assembly approval.

A vote on a resolution for dissolving the Membership Committee was also passed.

Harry Cherkinian made a motion which was seconded by Elsie Garoukian that an Open House Committee be formed by the acting Parish Council. Motion passed.

ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS

1. Building Committee:

Harry Cherkinian, Building Committee Chairman gave his committee report. He stated that the Building Committee acted as an advisory group to the Parish Council, no longer as an actual Building Committee.

List of Projects to be Completed:

- a. Steeple
- b. A public address system in the Parish Council office and the baptismal room.
- c. Cabinets in the choir room and the vesting room.
- d. A sign outside the church identifying our complex.
- e. Surfacing of parking area, either black top or cement.
- f. Cabinets in the storage area west of the kitchen.

Mr. Cherkinian also suggested that the Parish Council reconsider reorganizing the Building Committee, more people were needed as well as new people.

2. Parish Council Report

Parish Council Chairman George Stevoff reported on ten different items, concerning the church. See attached sheet page 1.

3. AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

Sarkis Cherkinian, Chairman of Auditing Committee approved the Parish Council treasurers books, stating that the bookkeeping was as excellent as any he had seen.

4. Parish Treasurer Report

Harry Boranian, Treasurer gave a brief of the financial report. This was approved. See attached sheets 2, 3, and 4.

5. George Stevoff went over the Status of the New Church Memorial Pledge Drive. See attached sheet 7.

6. George Stevoff went over the 1973 Weekly Pledge summary. See attached sheet 8.

7. ST. MESROB RESERVE FUND

Sam Akgulian reported on the St. Mesrob Reserve Fund clarifying points questioned by parishioners.

8. 75TH ANNIVERSARY - ARMENIAN DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA REPORT

Mike Garoukian reported on the 75th. Anniversary. A profit of \$671.81 was reported. When questioned as to the plans for the profit he said it will be up to the 75th. Anniversary committee to decide what will be done with these monies. See attached sheet 10 for financial report.

9. WOMENS GUILD REPORT

Catherine Mikaelian Chairman of Womens Guild reported, and Mary Cherkinian, Treasurer gave her report. See attached sheets 11 and 12.

10. LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT.

Ann Akgulian, Ladies Auxiliary Treasurer gave her report. Harry Boranian, Treasurer of Parish Council ammended the report to include a total of \$9,343.32 in D.D's turned over to the Parish Council, but not on the report because of late date of receiving information from Ladies Auxiliary.

11. ST. MESROB SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Sam Kaprelian, Superintendent of the St. Mesrob Sunday School Gave his report. A lengthy discussion was held on what to do with the Sunday School Children after Sunday School is over. Various opinions were expressed. Der Patee suggested that the children be taken into church by the Sunday School teachers. Superintendent Sam Kaprelian said it will be up for consideration and discussion with his Sunday School staff. See attached sheet 14.

12. A.C.Y.O. REPORT

Alice Hazarian, Advisor of A.C.Y.O. gave a report. See attached sheet 15.

13. EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

St. Mesrob Education Committee had submitted their report. It was noted that \$500.00 of the Educational Committees income was received from the A.G.B.U.

14. CHOIR REPORT

Pat Balian, reported on the choir. Cash on hand is \$200.00.

15. George Stevoff reviewed the 1974 Budget. A motion made by Harry Cherkinian and seconded by Pat Balian to accept the adopted 1974 budget. Motion passed. See attached sheets 5 and 6.

16. George Stevoff reported on the Status of a new Priest. The last letter written to the Parish Council dated January 6, 1974 stated that our problem will be first and foremost on their agenda.

17. There was no motion made concerning the acceptance of Racine as site for the 1975 Diocesan Assembly. Subject tabled with no conclusions.

18. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Sarkis Cherkinian, member of the Nominating Committee submitted these names for trustees. Harry Musurlian, Sarkis Cherkinian, Al Topalian, Charles Dadian, Harry Cherkinian and Paul Tewegian. A motion was made and seconded that Mike Janikians name be added to this list. A secret ballot was taken and those elected were Harry Cherkinian, Sarkis Cherkinian and Charles Dadian.

Harry Cherkinian
2715 LaSalle Street
Racine, Wisconsin 53402
639-0705

Sarkis Cherkinian
1906 Saturn Avenue
Racine, Wisconsin 53404
633-4234

Charles Dadian
826 Berkley Drive
Racine, Wisconsin 53402
639-8807

19. A slate of Diocesan Delegates nominees were presented. They were Charles Hardy, Murad Gengozian, George Stevoff, Sarkis Cherkinian and Rose Akgulian. A motion was made and seconded that Shockey Gengozians name be placed on the ballot. A secret ballot was taken and those elected were Charles Hardy, Sarkis Cherkinian and George Stevoff.

George Stevoff
3451 Ruby Avenue
Racine, Wisconsin 53402
639-7881

Charles Hardy
420 Walton Avenue
Racine, Wisconsin 53402
632-1406

Sarkis Cherkinian
1906 Saturn Avenue
Racine, Wisconsin 53402
633-4234

20. A resolution to send three Delegates to Diocesan Assembly was shelved at this time.

21. A slate of Candidates for the Auditing Committee was presented. They were Catherine Mikaelian, Frank Vidian, Sam Kachichian, Joe Yahnian, Marty Nersessian and Arthur Musurlian. A secret ballot was taken and those elected were Marty Nersessian, Frank Vidian and Catherine Mikaelian.

Marty Nersessian
8810 Maple Crest Drive
Racine, Wisconsin 53406
886-4262

Frank Vidian
5401 Valley Trail
Racine, Wisconsin 53402
639-2385

Catherine Mikaelian
3664 Charles Street
Racine, Wisconsin 53402
639-4591

22. A lengthy discussion of serving liquor on the church premises, was discussed. Pros and Cons were stated by different people attending the assembly meeting. After some time had lapsed George Stevoff made a motion that liquor be permitted as decided by the 1973 Parish Council, this being Wine and/or Wine Cocktail. A second was made by Mary Kamakian. A secret vote was taken as requested by George Stevoff.

38 voted in favor of George's motion
41 voted against the motion

The motion was defeated.

23. Harry Cherkinian at this point made a motion that liquor to be served as well as sold be with the approval of the Parish Council or Committee appointed by the Parish Council, which would take each situation into account and make a recommendation for each such case. A second was made by Tony Minasian. A count was taken by showing of hands and 34 voted for the motion and 28 voted against.

24. George Stevoff gave an evaluation on the Madagh and Picnic. The two events again will be seperated, with improvements along the way.

25. A number of unused church property items are up for bid. Those interested in any of the items are to have a written bid to be submitted to the Parish Council. Alice Hazarian stated there might be some churches in the process of formation who might be able to put some of the articles to good use.

26. George Stevoff brought to the attention of the Parish Assembly the unused accessory pieces to the "Karazmon". It was suggested that these items be held for one more year and then disposition considered again.

27. Rev. Parea Metjian, the visiting clergy gave a report on his activities in the parish. One of the activities being the Bible Study group, which meets on Thursday.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted.

Sue Esayian

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Secretary to Parish Assembly Meeting