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MEMBERSHIP MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 1989



St. Mesrob Armenian Church of Racine, Wisconsin

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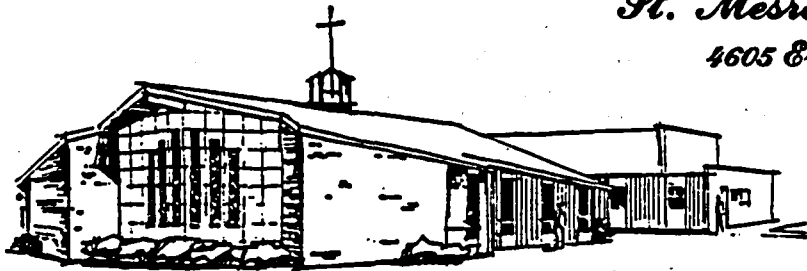
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February 2, 1989

Dear Member:

The Annual Parish Assembly of St. Mesrob Armenian Church will be held on Sunday February 19, 1989 at 12:30 p.m.

The meeting which will take place in the Church Hall will present the annual reports of the Pastor, Parish Council and all church bodies. Also the Nominating Committee will conduct elections for members to the 1989 Parish Council, Nominating Committee, Auditing Committee, Permanent Trust Fund Committee.

Enclosed is the proposed agenda for this meeting. Should you desire to add any further items which will be classified as new business, please contact any Parish Council member no later than February 12th. Also enclosed are the minutes of the last Parish Assembly which we ask you to read prior to the 19th for any questions you may have concerning them. We shall call for their approval and acceptance at the beginning of the meeting.

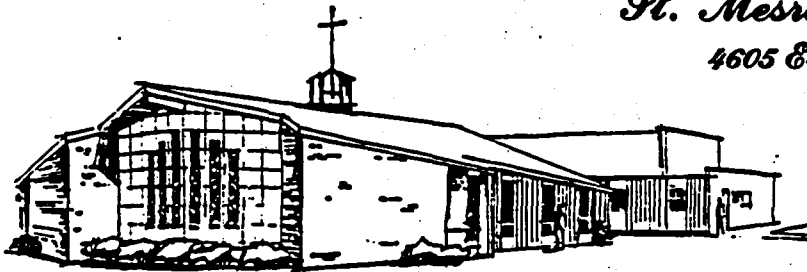
As a member of our beloved parish, we value your opinions, suggestions and ideas and we hope you will be present to share them.

In the event of inclement weather, Monday February 20th at 7:00 p.m. the meeting will be held.

Pastor and Parish Council

Enc.





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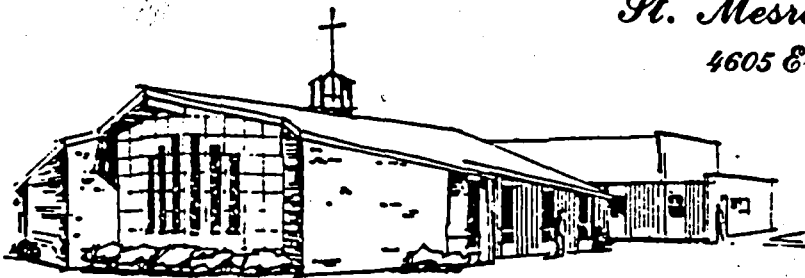
1. Opening Prayer
2. Verification of Eligible Voters
3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Parish Assembly
4. Adoption of Agenda
5. Pastor's Annual Report and Message
6. Parish Council Report
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Auditing Committee Report
9. Permanent Trust Fund Report
10. Review and Adoption of 1989 Budget
11. Review and Acceptance of Organizational Reports
12. Nominating Committee Report and Elections
13. Proposals to Annual Diocesan Assembly
(May 4-7, 1989 in Elberon, N.J.)
14. Report on Earthquake Situation
15. New Business
16. Benediction



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PARISH COUNCIL ASSEMBLY
Sunday October 9, 1988

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Chairman Mel Hagopian, with an opening prayer led by Der Hayr.

The Parish meeting minutes from May 29, 1988 was read and approved with 68 in attendance.

Mel Hagopian reported that from 1983 to the present we have been running \$3,000.00 a year in the red. As we do borrow from the Permanent Trust the said money is returned to the Permanent Trust and as a result we are always in a deficit. In 1988 we borrowed \$10,000.00 from the Permanent Trust in which we will not be returning so that we don't run in a deficit. Mel also pointed out that \$63.00 of the \$75.00 dues is sent to the Diocese. Some parishioners gave their opinions and disapprovals on the \$5.00 assessment and should not have taken place without a Parish Assembly. A letter that had been sent out to Parish members stated if they did not pay the \$5.00 they would not be eligible to vote at the Annual Parish Meeting. Mike Garoukian requested a clarification on the \$5.00 assessment to be presented at the next meeting. Mel reported he and his crew will again seek dues from parishioners and also the Ways and Means Committee will be helping to generate more funds.

Sam Kaprelian, Treasurer gave his report through October 1988. Out of the 250 members, 69 pledge on a weekly basis and 10 pledge a flat sum. The average weekly plate is \$55.00. Cash balance as of October 3, 1988 is \$6,749.43. Estimated expenditures for October 1988 will be \$8,000.00, November 1988 \$7,000.00, December \$8,500.00. Budget \$109,000.00, and will begin 1989 with \$5,000.00 cash. Sam then handed each member a copy of his financial report through October 9, 1988.

Sam Akgulian reported the altar curtain is now being operated manually and hopefully a permanent rod by November 1988.



With regards to the air conditioner, Sam Akgulian reported United Mechanical would install a 15 ton unit for \$14,100.00 for the Sanctuary only. This price does not include the electric power wiring. Mike Garoukian made a motion to take up to \$15,000.00 out of Permanent Trust and was seconded. Elsie Garoukian made a motion that members in attendance constitute a quorum and a secret ballot take place. This was done with 34 voted NO and 17 voted YES for the air conditioner.

Mel Hagopian announced February 19, 1989 the date for the Annual Parish Council Meeting in the church hall. All should have their budget completed and due by December 5, 1988.

July 9, 1989 is the date for the Festival on the Lakefront.

Elsie Garoukian questioned why special committees, i.e., stain glass, organ, do not turn in excess monies to the Parish Council. These special committees are appointed and not elected.

Mary Ann Injasouljian stressed and pleaded for members and workers for the Woman's Guild.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m. with a closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Goldie Roy, Secretary

PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

Let us choose what is right;
Let us determine among ourselves
what is good. (Job 34:4)

By God's grace as your spiritual shepherd, I have completed another year of ministry in our Lord's vineyard of the St. Mesrob Armenian Church of Racine. As the Church of Jesus Christ, we have endeavored to live out His message of good news and promise of salvation attempting at all times to choose what is right, seeking the wisdom to determine among you all what is good in the eyes of our Heavenly Father.

From the altar of God and fountain of worship where we weekly offer ourselves at prayer, it is my hope that we have hopefully found what we seek -- choosing what is right and understanding our mission as Christians -- that is to seek the good in this world. The Holy Eucharist - Holy Communion - Christ's very own Body and Blood is that 'food of heaven' which enables us all to discover, learn, grow and become 'Christ' to each other.

The year 1988 was an eventful one for us. It brought some growth and progress to our own parish - occasions of joy and happiness - but also it brought with us tragedy, sorrow and bewilderment as the year ended with the great devastation from the Earthquake in our ancestral motherland, Armenia. The moments of despondency and sorrow have passed into 1989 but with a new hope, new challenge and yet another opportunity to put to task and work our Christian Life. The ever mysterious hand of God and the power of His Holy Spirit has moved us all -- in spite of this tragedy -- closer together. As we continue to come together, I pray that Christ and His Holy Spirit inspire you to seek, choose and do that which you must for God's Glory and the edification of His Church, His Children.

As your priest I know that I have been called to fulfill in Christ your spiritual needs and I pray that by the Holy Spirit I have satisfied the desires of your hearts. However, in the flesh of my own body I am subject to failure, weakness and imperfection and knowingly or unknowingly I may have not been at all times what I should be. If I have failed you in any way, I ask for your prayers and patience and above all forgiveness of any offenses. The responsibilities placed upon my shoulders at ordination are the primary focus of my life and I seek to choose what is right -- as I pray weekly at the Badarak

"for (if) I have sinned in thought, word
or deed, with all the sins that men commit,
I pray you beg of God to forgive me."

Yes - with your prayers I am hopeful that my ministry to you and with you will glorify our creator.

Together we continue to pledge of fidelity to our Holy Father, Lord Vasken I, our Patriarch - Catholicos and our Primate Archbishop Torkom Manoogian. By their guidance and wisdom we are certain to remain faithful to the call of the Apostles. We pray for their well being and their prosperity of ministry to us.

Acknowledgment

I thank all who have in every way contributed to the life of our parish and their participation in being co-workers with me in the Lord's vineyard.

To: The Altar Servers and Caretakers
Choir
Our Parish Council and Diocese Delegates
Secretarial Assistants
Women's Guild
ACYOA Jrs & Srs
Projects Committee Members
Senior Citizens and especially our young children

I extend my gratitude and thanks. Without your help and willingness, discharging and fulfilling my duties would not be an easy task.

Worship

Each week and on Major Holy Days we have celebrated the Divine Liturgy (Soorp Badarak) and with joy have witnessed the fulfilling and satisfying presence of Heaven in the sharing of Christ's Body and Blood. We have delivered sermons (bilingually) to our adult and young community feeding their souls with God's wisdom and love.

The following Rites have been celebrated in 1988:

Funerals 1988

Haiganoush Bendian		
Mary Kaprelian		
Mary Yahnian		
Betty Eland		
Ester Margosian		
Mike Manogian		
Hunaz Hazarian		
Mary Ammeian		
Aroosiag Vahradian (So. Milwaukee)		
Minas Hajinian		
Carl Ammeian		
Nooritzza Kachichian		
Harry Daynian (Waukegan)	1987	1988
	(4)	(13)

Weddings 1988

Antreassian	(Performed Out of Town)		
Azarian			
Roy	Barsamian		
Bishop	Sahakian		
Sparks	Kheboian		
Paragamian	Christianian		
Topalian		1987	1988
	Racine	(14)	(7)
	Out of Town		(4)

Baptism & Chrismation 1988

Rasmussen			
Zarian		1987	1988
Semonian			
Topalian		(9)	(4)

Chrismation

Azarian	(2)		
Kaprelian	(5)		
Bishop	(2)		
Barootian	(1)		
Sparks	(1)	1987	1988
Stockdale	(3)		
Weber	(2)	(6)	(16)

New Sacramental Members (20)

Communion Calls	22
Home Blessings & Visitations	52
Nursing Home Visitations	6

Visitations/Ministries

We continue to offer God's love in the ministry of visitations to the ill, hospitalized and confined; reminding you all that such a visit is the moral duty of every caring Christian.

St. Mesrob's Church has enjoyed the presence of many Armenian and non-Armenian clergymen and lay guests who have celebrated services and participated in special programs at our parish.

To highlight our guests:

Northside Clergymen - Jan. 24th - Service of Christian Unity
Prof. Thomas Samuelian - Feb. 14th - Vartanantz Speaker
Valerie Goekjian Zahirsky - Feb. 19-21 - Speaker at
Women's Retreat
Sub-Deacon Michael Findikyan - Holy Week - March 31-April 3
(Student from St. Nersess Seminary)
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate - Divine Liturgy April 16-17
(Dedication of Windows and Ordinations)
Rev. Fr. Yeghia Hairabedian - Divine Liturgy - Sept. 24th
(Newly Ordained)
Rev. Joseph Alexanian - Oct. 20th - Program on Holy Land

Rev. Fr. Douglas Papulis)
Rev. Fr. David Wagner)
Rev. Fr. John Ambelang) December 18th
Rev. Fr. Jerry Schmitz) Participants in Ecumenical
Rev. James Peters) Requiem for Earthquake Victims
Rev. Fr. Tateos Abdalian)
Rev. Fr. Hrand Yeretzian)

Rev. Fr. Mardiros Chevian - Homilist on Western Christmas Eve -
Dec. 24th (Rector of St. Nersess Seminary)

Deacon Serop Aljalian - Served Christmas Eve - Dec. 24th
(St. Nersess Seminarian)

I continue my visitations, as assigned by our Primate, to the St. George Church of Waukegan and Holy Resurrection Church of South Milwaukee as visiting pastor in the absence of a permanent priest.

This year I had the privilege to join the volunteer staff at St. Luke's Hospital as an 'On Call Chaplain'. I have offered and received as well many blessings through this ministry.

Educational

We have been invited to address and speak to various non-Armenian groups about our church, culture and people.

Our Church School in their weekly classes and on going religious programs continues to provide and teach our youth the essential building blocks of our Orthodox Faith. In May we were saddened with the death of our dear friend and former co-ordinator Ms. Hunaz Hazarian in May of 1988. She truly left an indelible mark and spirit with

both the students and staff members and that spirit lives within our hearts always. Replacing her is the present Co-ordinator Lauren Chalekian who served as assistant with Hunaz. Lauren's expertise and sound capabilities has enabled a smooth transition. To her and her dedicated staff of teachers and workers, we extend our sincere thanks. The Christian education no doubt is 'the foundation' of the future of our parish here in Racine.

Bible Study sessions are still conducted under our guidance, twice a month. We encourage all who wish to learn more of Holy Scripture as understood in the Armenian Orthodox Tradition to attend.

We conducted a successful Adult Armenian Language semester for 3 months. With an enrollment of 14 students much progress was made in teaching the basics of conversation.

Eleven of our young boys were prepared for service in the Armenian Church as Altar Servers. Twice a month they gathered to learn the fundamental rubrics of serving as acolytes and were subsequently ordained by the Primate Abp. Torkom on April 16th. Ordained to the holy order of Sub-deacon was James Hardy, son of Deacon Charles and Araxie Hardy. Also to the rank of TBIR (Acolyte) -

Mark & Timothy Hammes	son of Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Hammes
Adam Buchaklian	son of Mr. & Mrs. George Buchaklian
Aaron Chalekian	son of Mr. & Mrs. Adam Chalekian
Ryan Weber	son of Mrs. Janet Weber Mrazek Mr. Robert Weber
Chad Vartanian	son of Mr. & Mrs. David Vartanian
Peter Korakian	son of Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Korakian
Joseph Gabrielian	son of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Gabrielian
Haig Tcheurekdjian	son of Mr. & Mrs. Noubar Tcheurekdjian
Mark Nersesian	son of Mr. & Mrs. Mardy Nersesian
Paul Barsamian	son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Barsamian

I extend my appreciation to Proto-Deacon Charles Hardy for the preparation and educating of our young acolytes as well. He has met with them diligently and has taught them the proper readings in

Armenian for the special feasts of Easter and of Theophany. He is one of our community's worthy teachers and to him we all offer our thanks. On the occasion of the Primate's visit in April, Deacon Charles Hardy was awarded by the Diocese the St. Vartan Award, for his many years of dedicated service to the St. Mesrob Community.

On the same occasion, Ms. Janet Cherkinian was presented by the Pastor and Primate the "ST. MESROB MASHDOTZ" Award for 25 years of dedicated service as our parish organist. To both Dn. Chuck and Janet we offer our prayers and good wishes.

Our young adults have had the opportunity to once again attend the summer sessions of the St. Nersess Seminary Summer Studies Conferences held at our Seminary in New York. Attending this year were:

Christine Hardy
Tamar Kazarian
Chad Buchaklian
Lucine Tcheurekdjian

This year Christine completed her 4 year course of study and was graduated from the program.

ARMENIAN EARTHQUAKE AND RELIEF EFFORTS

On December 7, 1988, 4 major cities and 158 villages and towns were devastated in Armenia by the worst earthquake to strike since the 15th century (1400's). The world Armenian and non-Armenian communities and nations were truly numbed and paralyzed by the loss of life which numbers in the 10's of thousands and the unimaginable destruction. Major relief efforts have taken place in every corner of the earth to come to the aid of the survivors. Virtually, every nation has participated with financial and physical assistance. The responses both monetarily and with supplies has truly been overwhelming. Already worldwide, one billion dollars collectively in money and supplies has been given; but this is only a fraction of what it will take to recover the physical restructuring of Armenia -- not to mention the long range recovery of physiological and emotional trauma; but at least it is a beginning.

Locally Armenians of SE Wisconsin have collaborated efforts to continue our tasks in a humanitarian way. In Racine alone over \$40,000.00 has been realized in cash contributions. Both St. Mary's and St. Luke's hospitals have sent medical supplies. Milwaukee area residents have contributed in excess of \$75,000.00 in cash, plus supplies. The area Armenian Church communities and philanthropic groups have formed a coalition to continue relief efforts gaining the support of Governor Thompson and all assistance the State of Wisconsin can provide.

This is a satisfying beginning, but only a beginning. The work and needs will continue 5 to 10 years down the road. We must stand ready and respond to every form of assistance necessary, whenever and however possible.

In Conclusion

As the year begins we are confronted with such pressing problems as a church faced with:

- a) The shortage of priests
- b) The lack of adequate teachers and leaders
- c) The ever existing indifference to our Christian call and ethnic roots and identity.
- d) The declining interest and involvement of so many in the Armenian Church communities.

Let us not lose sight that for almost 1700 years we have lived as a Church under oppressive forces and have survived. Our survival for tomorrow depends upon knowledge, knowledge of who we are, what we have offered to the world and what we have yet to give. As an Armenian Church community, we can only bear fruit if the tree of life is a healthy one nourished by our faith. Let us reflect on the words of scripture wherein we read.

"Build yourselves up on your most holy faith,
Pray in the Holy Spirit;
Keep yourselves in the Love of God
Wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ
unto eternal life."

(Jude: 20-21)

With Prayerful Hopes & Blessings for 1989,

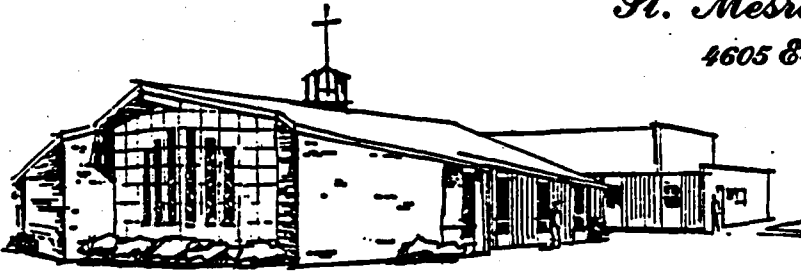
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PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

During the year 1988, one major project was completed. A new altar curtain rod and track and motor was installed. We now have a permanent track that was made for our heavy curtain and a motor that opens and closes the curtain very smoothly.

When the year 1989 began, the Parish Council was over \$10,000.00 in debt. We had to borrow from the Permanent Trust Fund to keep our church operating. I am pleased to report that after spending around \$3,800.00 for the track and motor, we now owe the Permanent Trust Fund just under \$10,000.00. We are looking forward to our projected budget for 1989, and cutting this deficit in half.

Our Festival Committee should be given a large "Thank You", for their many hours of labor. They have gained some very valuable experience this first year "downtown", and are also looking forward to Armenian Fest 1989.

It is also with sincere gratitude that our Parish Council acknowledge all of our dedicated church organizations, who have contributed so much for the success and operation of our church.

Our Projects Committee, though small in number, really do a Herculean job of keeping our church clean and up-to-date.

We on the Parish Council are eagerly looking forward to 1989, and the challenges before us. We know with the love and help of our parishioners, our Christian commitment will continue to grow.

It has been an extreme pleasure to serve as your Parish Council Chairman, and I want to thank my colleagues on the Council for their support and help.

Melcon Hagegjan
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Parish Council Chairman



ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1988

	ACTUAL		BUDGET 1988	OVER (UNDER)	PERCENT	BUDGET 1989
	1987	1988				
RECEIPTS						
MEMBERSHIP DUES						
FUTURE YEARS	\$2,100.00	\$900.00				
CURRENT YEAR	9,625.00	14,975.00				
PRIOR YEARS	1,790.00	1,810.00				
	<u>\$13,515.00</u>	<u>\$17,685.00</u>	<u>\$16,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,685.00</u>	10.53%	<u>\$18,000.00</u>
STEWARDSHIP	\$22,930.25	\$21,674.75	\$25,000.00	(\$3,325.25)	-13.30%	\$24,000.00
PLATE COLLECTIONS	\$2,844.45	\$3,017.35	\$3,000.00	\$17.35	0.58%	\$3,000.00
DONATIONS						
CHRISTMAS	\$875.00	\$685.00				
EASTER	901.00	929.00				
REQUIEM	485.00	395.00				
IN LIEU OF FLOWERS	1,558.00	8,295.00				
CANDLES	215.00	204.00				
DESIGNATED GIFTS	4,403.30	575.00				
GRAPE/WATER BLESSING	190.00	245.00				
OTHER	830.00	511.95				
	<u>\$9,457.30</u>	<u>\$11,839.95</u>	<u>\$11,000.00</u>	<u>\$839.95</u>	7.64%	<u>\$12,000.00</u>
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS (3)						
SISYAN CHURCH FUND		\$250.00				
SACRAMENTS AND CEREMONIES	\$990.00	\$840.00	\$1,000.00	(\$160.00)	-16.00%	\$1,000.00
AFFAIRS						
FESTIVAL (NET)	\$17,920.97	\$19,019.72				\$25,000.00
MADAGH (NET)	719.46	1,189.41				1,050.00
DINNERS (NET)	466.10	61.83				(400.00)
	<u>\$19,106.53</u>	<u>\$20,270.96</u>	<u>\$19,062.00</u>	<u>\$1,208.96</u>	6.34%	<u>\$25,650.00</u>
RENTALS						
CHURCH HALL	\$470.00	\$520.00				\$500.00
PARISH HOME	6,207.08	6,187.50				7,500.00
	<u>\$6,677.08</u>	<u>\$6,707.50</u>	<u>\$7,000.00</u>	<u>(\$292.50)</u>	-4.18%	<u>\$8,000.00</u>
OTHER RECEIPTS						
NOW ACCOUNT INTEREST	\$237.01	\$259.39				
BOOK SALES	970.00	199.00				
CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS	2,296.57	4,135.81				
CLERGY SERVICES	250.00	125.00				
GIFTS, ESTATES	816.97	200.00				
ESCROW-PARISH HOME		\$625.00				
	<u>\$4,570.55</u>	<u>\$5,544.20</u>	<u>\$5,500.00</u>	<u>\$44.20</u>	0.80%	<u>\$6,000.00</u>
RESERVE FUND	\$5,339.67					
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>\$85,430.83</u>	<u>\$87,829.71</u>	<u>\$87,562.00</u>	<u>\$267.71</u>	0.31%	<u>\$97,650.00</u>

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
 INCOME STATEMENT
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1988

	ACTUAL		BUDGET	OVER	PERCENT	BUDGET
	1987	1988	1988	(UNDER)		1989
DISBURSEMENTS						
STIPENDS & SALARIES						
RESIDENT CLERGY						
STIPEND	\$21,564.96	\$22,420.00	\$22,420.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$23,985.00
HOUSING	6,000.00	7,020.00	7,020.00	\$0.00	0.00%	7,020.00
MEDICAL INSURANCE	4,028.16	2,930.94	4,000.00	(\$1,069.06)	-26.73%	3,000.00
IRA	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	1,000.00
UTILITIES	2,677.44	2,390.70	2,500.00	(\$109.30)	-4.37%	2,500.00
	\$35,270.56	\$35,761.64	\$36,940.00	(\$1,178.36)	-3.19%	\$37,505.00
VISITING CLERGY						
VISITING CLERGY	519.94	484.56	200.00	284.56	142.28%	400.00
CUSTODIAN	2,080.00	2,120.00	2,080.00	40.00	1.92%	2,080.00
CLERICAL	2,712.50	3,030.00	3,000.00	30.00	1.00%	3,000.00
	\$40,583.00	\$41,396.20	\$42,220.00	(\$823.80)	-1.95%	\$42,985.00
DIOCESAN DUES (4)	\$11,360.00	\$17,010.00	\$12,500.00	4,510.00	36.08%	\$14,000.00
ETCHMIADZIN LOOMA (5)	\$236.00	\$418.00	\$192.00	226.00	117.71%	\$200.00
ORGANIZATIONS						
SUNDAY SCHOOL (6)	\$149.00	\$2,534.00	\$200.00	2,334.00	1167.00%	\$200.00
ARMENIAN SCHOOL			200.00	(200.00)	-100.00%	200.00
CHOIR			200.00	(200.00)	-100.00%	200.00
ACYOA JUNIORS			200.00	(200.00)	-100.00%	200.00
SOFTBALL TEAM	233.00	219.00	200.00	19.00	9.50%	200.00
WOMEN'S GUILD			200.00	(200.00)	-100.00%	200.00
VARAK	641.40		0.00	0.00		0.00
	\$1,023.40	\$2,753.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,553.00	129.42%	\$1,200.00
UTILITIES						
GAS	\$4,387.45	\$4,395.56	\$5,400.00	(1,004.44)	-18.60%	\$4,500.00
ELECTRIC	3,950.34	3,745.41	4,300.00	(554.59)	-12.90%	3,900.00
WATER & SEWER	236.05	212.12	300.00	(87.88)	-29.29%	250.00
	\$8,573.84	\$8,353.09	\$10,000.00	(\$1,646.91)	-16.47%	\$8,650.00
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES						
TELEPHONE	\$1,040.98	\$1,160.35	\$1,000.00	160.35	16.03%	\$1,200.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	428.36	1,424.24	500.00	924.24	184.85%	1,500.00
COPIER	1,775.53	2,989.02	1,800.00	1,189.02	66.06%	3,000.00
CHURCH SUPPLIES	1,127.38	2,505.23	1,150.00	1,355.23	117.85%	2,600.00
KITCHEN SUPPLIES	68.50	507.05	100.00	407.05	407.05%	600.00
POSTAGE	1,054.01	786.96	900.00	(113.04)	-12.56%	800.00
PRINTING	687.50	781.15	250.00	531.15	212.46%	600.00
CHURCH INSURANCE	3,291.00	3,112.10	4,000.00	(887.90)	-22.20%	3,200.00
PARISH AUTO	1,048.29	1,524.13	500.00	1,024.13	204.83%	1,600.00
OTHER		673.97	0.00	673.97		800.00
	\$10,521.55	\$15,464.20	\$10,200.00	\$5,264.20	51.61%	\$15,900.00

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1988

	ACTUAL		BUDGET	OVER	PERCENT	BUDGET
	1987	1988	1988	(UNDER)		1989
BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE						
BUILDING EXTERIOR	\$5,496.74	\$96.50	\$2,500.00	(2,403.50)	-96.14%	\$1,000.00
BUILDING INTERIOR	7,667.00	321.36	1,000.00	(678.64)	-67.86%	1,000.00
NEW EQUIPMENT	1,679.55	1,408.00	1,000.00	408.00	40.80%	1,000.00
BUILDING SUPPLIES		874.53	1,000.00	(125.47)	-12.55%	1,000.00
RUBBISH PICKUP	203.40	234.78	250.00	(15.22)	-6.09%	300.00
SNOW PLOWING		360.00	500.00	(140.00)	-28.00%	600.00
OUTDOOR EQUIP. MAIN.	741.99	553.98	500.00	53.98	10.80%	500.00
	<u>\$15,788.68</u>	<u>\$3,849.15</u>	<u>\$6,750.00</u>	<u>(\$2,900.85)</u>	<u>-42.98%</u>	<u>\$5,400.00</u>
MISCELLANEOUS						
PARISH HOUSE	\$344.49	\$2,655.69	\$2,000.00	655.69	32.78%	\$2,400.00
DESIGNATED GIFTS	4,403.30	575.00	0.00	575.00		
PROJECT COMMITTEE	1,386.31		500.00	(500.00)	-100.00%	
BOOKS	684.40	178.10	0.00	178.10		150.00
DONATIONS - OTHER	452.85		0.00	0.00		
DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY	905.68	1,966.61	1,500.00	466.61	31.11%	2,300.00
ST. NERSES CONFERENCE	400.00	100.00	500.00	(400.00)	-80.00%	
COPIER ESCROW		210.00	0.00	210.00		
OTHER	45.94	405.60	0.00	405.60		150.00
	<u>\$8,622.97</u>	<u>\$6,091.00</u>	<u>\$4,500.00</u>	<u>\$1,591.00</u>	<u>35.36%</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
TRANSFER-PERMANENT TRUST	\$7,251.93					
REPAY 1987 LOAN-P. TRUST		\$4,000.00				
REPAY 1988 LOAN-P. TRUST						\$4,315.00
						<u>\$4,315.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$103,961.37</u>	<u>\$99,334.64</u>	<u>\$87,562.00</u>	<u>\$11,772.64</u>	<u>13.44%</u>	<u>\$97,650.00</u>
NET INCOME (LOSS)	<u>(\$18,530.54)</u>	<u>(\$11,504.93)</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>			<u>\$0.00</u>

NOTES

- (1) The Parish Council borrowed \$9,300.00 from the Permanent Trust in 1988 and has not paid it back by December 31, 1988.
- (2) There was \$685.00 in unpaid bills relating to 1988 expenses at December 31, 1988.
- (3) During 1988 and 1987 \$641 was collected by special collection and paid to St. Nerses in 1988. Also, \$1250 was collected for the Sisyan Church Fund of which St. Mesrob was required to pay \$1,000.
- (4) \$3,090 was 1987 expense paid in 1988.
- (5) \$226 was 1987 expense paid in 1988.
- (6) During 1988 \$2,534 was received "In Lieu Of Flowers" and turned over to the Sunday School
- (7) The balance in the General Fund checking account at December 31, 1988 is \$5,613.06.

**ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
PERMANENT TRUST STATEMENT OF CONDITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1988**

BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1987	\$223,266.82
INCOME	14,910.31
STOCK MARKET VALUE CHANGE	4,263.88
LOSS ON REDEMPTION OF AMF STOCK	<2,200.69>
ADDITIONS (OTHER THAN INCOME)	2,700.00
DEDUCTIONS	<13,218.00>
LOANS RECEIVABLE	9,300.00
 BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1988	 <u><u>\$239,022.32</u></u>

ADDITIONS :

Rose Akgulian (Sahag Akgulian Memorial Fund)	\$ 200.00
Ardis Cherkinian (Ardis Cherkinian Family Cultural Fund)	2,500.00
TOTAL	<u><u>\$ 2,700.00</u></u>

DEDUCTIONS:

Safe Deposit Box Rent	\$ 18.00
St. Nerses Student (Sahag Akgulian Memorial Fund)	200.00
Altar Curtain Rod	3,700.00
Loan To Parish Council	9,300.00
TOTAL	<u><u>\$ 13,218.00</u></u>

ASSET COMPOSITION:

STOCKS:	\$ 24,463.88
PASSBOOK SAVINGS:	142.94
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT:	158,668.27
Heritage Bank	\$85,081.68
North Shore	\$57,934.85
Dime (Albany, NY)	\$15,651.74
RESTRICTED FUNDS:	36,471.39
Sahag Akgulian Memorial Fund	\$3,107.61
Ardis Cherkinian Family Cultural Fund	\$33,363.78
LOANS: To Parish Council	9,300.00
IN TRUST ON BEHALF OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:	9,975.84
Organ Fund	\$3,695.55
Sunday School	\$4,005.66
Choir	\$2,274.63

TOTAL	<u><u>\$239,022.32</u></u>
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TREASURER Sarkis Kazarian



**ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1988**

ORGANIZATION ST.MESROB CHURCH CHOIR

CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1987	\$ 832.87
INCOME RECEIVED	769.71
TRANSFER FROM SAVINGS ACCOUNT TO CLOSE ACCOUNT	172.11
DISBURSEMENTS PAID	1,046.19

CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1988	\$ 728.50
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FUND RAISING EVENTS:

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PROFIT/<LOSS></u>
Katah Sale	\$199.30

ASSETS:

Checking Account Cash \$728.50
 Permanent Trust Certificate of Deposit \$2,274.63

LIABILITIES (unpaid bills at 12-31-88): \$226.70

TREASURER: Pat Balian

Pat Balian

ORGANIZATION ST.MESROB CHURCH ORGAN FUND

CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1987	\$ 384.76
INCOME RECEIVED	18.73
DISBURSEMENTS PAID	NONE

CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1988	\$ 403.49
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FUND RAISING EVENTS:

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PROFIT/<LOSS></u>

ASSETS:

Checking Account Cash \$403.09
 Permanent Trust Certificate of Deposit \$3,695.55

LIABILITIES (unpaid bills at 12-31-88): None

TREASURER: Janet Cherkinian

Janet Cherkinian

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1988

ORGANIZATION ST. MESROB CHURCH WOMEN'S GUILD

CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1987	\$ 500.00
INCOME RECEIVED	7,242.19
DISBURSEMENTS PAID	7,242.19 *
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CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1988	\$ 500.00
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FUND RAISING EVENTS:

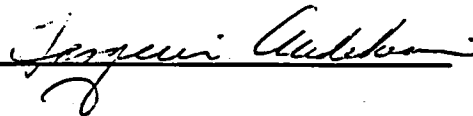
<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PROFIT/<LOSS></u>
Style Show	\$ 468.07
Holiday Fair	\$1,476.52

ASSETS:

Checking Account Cash \$ 500.00

LIABILITIES (unpaid bills at 12-31-88): None

TREASURER: Tarquin Andekian



* \$2,684.60 turned over to Parish Council (Dec. 1988)

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1988

ORGANIZATION ST. MESROB SUNDAY SCHOOL

CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1987	\$ 470.27
INCOME RECEIVED	4,755.58
PRIOR YEAR CHECK VOIDED IN 1988	380.32
DISBURSEMENTS PAID	1,536.63
ASSET PURCHASE	1,049.98
FUNDS TRANSFER TO CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT	2,000.00
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CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1988	<u>\$1,020.06</u>

FUND RAISING EVENTS:

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PROFIT/<LOSS></u>
Afgan Raffle	\$75.00

ASSETS:

Checking Account Cash \$1,020.06
Savings Account Cash \$31.64 (closed 1-9-89)
Certificate of Deposit \$2,000.00
Permanent Trust Certificate of Deposit \$4,005.66
Television and VCR (purchased in 1988, value \$1,049.98)

LIABILITIES (unpaid bills at 12-31-88):

Due Parish Council \$2,551.70

TREASURER: Sue Esayian

Sue Esayian

Educational Committee

The Educational Committee though inactive has been fortunate to retain the services of its treasurer Deacon Charles Hardy. Presently we are searching for individuals who would be willing and interested to serve on this committee. The work of the Educational Committee is to oversee and implement Armenian Language instruction for all ages, to promote and plan programs on Armenian Culture, Music, Arts and Literature to the community for their cultural enrichment and developmental appreciation of their Armenian Heritage. With the acquisition of a new VCR and screen we have begun to build a resource of educational videos on Armenian topics. These goals can only be successfully achieved by the active participation of our community.

During this past year from January to April, Fr. Garabed conducted weekly Adult Armenian language class centering on conversation with some attention given to grammar and vocabulary building. There was an enrollment of 14 students who faithfully attended and strengthened their knowledge of the Armenian language. It was our hope to continue this during the following year; however, the services of a teacher could not be successfully procured. This "extra ministry" of the pastor indeed has been appreciated, however, he only or alone cannot do everything. He must have help! If there is anyone who cares to come forward to teach Armenian, please let that person approach the pastor or any parish council member.

The status of Armenian language education and cultural development is very weak here in this parish and in general throughout the midwest. There are presently NO Armenian Schools or programs of any sort being conducted within any of our midwest diocesan parishes. This is an alarming factor. In claiming Armenian ancestry as a prideful quality at the same time becomes an embarrassment when we ourselves know little about who we are.

This report has been presented to stimulate our thoughts and hopefully arouse interest for future activity.

Fr. Garabed Kochakian

Fr. Garabed Kochakian, Pastor
Deacon Charles Hardy, Treasurer

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1988

ORGANIZATION ST. MESROB CHURCH ARMENIAN SCHOOL

CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1987	\$ 521.64
INCOME RECEIVED	24.13
DISBURSEMENTS PAID	155.00
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CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1988	<u>\$ 390.77</u>

FUND RAISING EVENTS:

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PROFIT/<LOSS></u>
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ASSETS:

Checking Account Cash \$390.77

LIABILITIES (unpaid bills at 12-31-88): None

TREASURER: Charles J. Hardy

Charles J. Hardy

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1988

ORGANIZATION ACYOA - JUNIORS

CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1987	\$ 326.87
INCOME RECEIVED	1,361.67
DISBURSEMENTS PAID	617.83
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CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1988	<u><u>\$ 1,070.71</u></u>

FUND RAISING EVENTS:

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PROFIT/LOSS</u>
Bake Sale	\$ 42.65
Christmas Fellowship for St. Nerses	45.75
Palm Sunday ACYOA Day Dinner	609.60
Car Wash	136.00
Cake Raffle	165.75

ASSETS:

Checking Account Cash \$1,070.71
Cash On Hand \$165.75 (deposited 1-4-89)
ACYOA Bookstore Savings Account \$221.68 (closed 1-6-89)

LIABILITIES (unpaid bills at 12-31-88): \$958.17 (includes
transfer to Parish Council)

TREASURER: Christa Chalekian

Christa Chalekian

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1988

ORGANIZATION ACYOA - SENIORS

CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1987	\$ 493.77
INCOME RECEIVED	295.50
DISBURSEMENTS PAID	425.18
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CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1988	\$ 364.09
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FUND RAISING EVENTS:

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PROFIT/<LOSS></u>
Bake Sale	\$ 150.50

ASSETS:

Checking Account Cash \$364.09

LIABILITIES (unpaid bills at 12-31-88): \$41.00

TREASURER: Brian Paragamian

Brian Paragamian

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1988

ORGANIZATION ST. MESROB ARMENIAN FEST COMMITTEE

CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1987	\$ 500.00
INCOME RECEIVED	58,036.52
DISBURSEMENTS PAID	58,036.52
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CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1988	\$ 500.00
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FUND RAISING EVENTS:

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PROFIT/<LOSS></u>
Armenian Fest	\$19,019.72

ASSETS:

Cash in Checking Account \$500.00

LIABILITIES (unpaid bills at 12-31-88): None

TREASURER Mary D. Akgulian

Mary D. Akgulian

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1988

COMMITTEE: STAINED GLASS WINDOW ACCOUNT

CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1987	\$19,147.08
INCOME RECEIVED	1,069.62
DISBURSEMENTS PAID	1,229.26
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CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1988	<u>\$18,987.44</u>

FUND RAISING EVENTS:

EVENT

PROFIT/<LOSS>

ASSETS:

Checking Account Cash \$18,987.44

LIABILITIES (unpaid bills at 12-31-88): None

TREASURER: Ardis A. Cherkinian



ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
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ORGANIZATION ST. MESROB CHURCH RETIREES

CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1987	\$	556.40
INCOME RECEIVED		830.03
DISBURSEMENTS PAID		1,140.99
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CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1988	\$	<u>245.44</u>

FUND RAISING EVENTS:

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PROFIT/<LOSS></u>
Dinner	\$432.97

ASSETS:

Checking Account \$245.44

LIABILITIES (unpaid bills at 12-31-88): None

TREASURER Rose Kaprelian

Rose Kaprelian

ST. MESROB PROJECT COMMITTEE
(1988 Annual Report)

Most of our progress this past year was directed to one major improvement. That being the finalization of a new motorized track system. For many years this project was curtailed due to one reason or another. After some embarrassing moments, complications in operations, and the final failure, did the matter get resolved. The decision by the congregation to allocate the monies, we feel, was money well spent.

Another project which was brought up to specifications was the addition of roofing and exterior painting to the garage on the tenant property. The project committee has devoted many hours of maintenance and care to the house for many, many years.

As you know by now the majority of the responsibilities of the committee is in taking care of God's property. For the past year we have tried repeatedly to recruit voluntary support. However, our plea for this additional help hasn't materialized, especially during the summer months. If it weren't for a few retirees and some limited help from other members we could have a very serious situation. We are looking for more support from some of our younger generation.

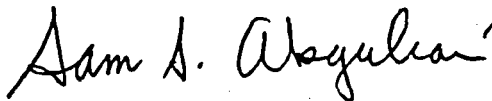
Because of the limited support, the committee acknowledges a special thanks to the women and men of the congregation for their assistances in planting of flowers. This addition gives beauty to various areas on the grounds.

The committee gives thanks to Sam Kazarian for his financial contribution. We are appreciative of his present and past donations.

The clearest measure of our success and how far we can progress can only be measured by the goals we set for ourselves. Your committee needs your support to meet these goals. With the right members, we could have every reason to be optimistic about the future.

Your supportive members for the 1988 year were as follows:

Sam Akgulian	Chairman
Mike Vidian	Vice Chairman
Harry Akgulian	
Sam Garabedian	
Mel Hagopian	



December 31, 1988

Report By: Sam Akgulian

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

We have reviewed the books and financial statements of St. Mesrob Armenian Apostolic Church and its supporting organizations and consider them to fairly represent their financial activities and position on December 31, 1988.

Audit Committee:

Nancy Cherkinian
George Kadamian
Eileen Kamakian