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February 19, 1989

The annual Parish Assembly meeting opened at 11:50 a.m.

Parish Council Chairman Mel Hagopian called to order and invited Der Hayr to open the meeting with prayer. Thereafter he invited Charles Hardy, Chairman of Nominating Committee to conduct elections for the Chairman and Secretary of the day. It was moved by Murad Gengozian that all present constitute a quorum. Paul Tewagian seconded. The 69 ballots were cast comprising the quorum at the beginning of the meeting and the meeting recessed for lunch at 12:00 noon.

Meeting reconvened at 12:45 with 77 members attending. Dn. Charles Hardy announced the results of the Tivan of the Day -- Sarkis Cherkinian as Chairman and Mary H. Akgulian as Secretary.

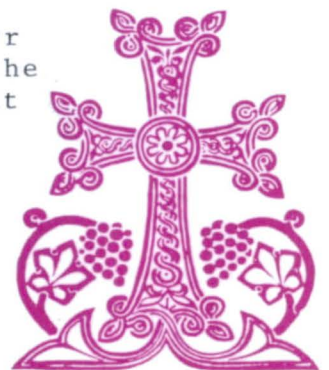
The Parish Assembly minutes were read silently. Nancy Cherkinian, a member of the Auditing Committee, made a motion to correct the sentence that we borrowed \$10,000.00 from the Permanent Trust fund, deleting the remainder of the sentence. The motion was seconded by Harry Boranian and was passed. Perry Paragamian asked for a clarification of the sentence re: Elsie Garoukian's questioning of the special committees. After clarification, Lisa Akgulian made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. It was seconded by Mel Hagopian and passed.

Adoption of Agenda - Lauren Chalekian asked to be placed on the Agenda under New Business. A motion was made to adopt the agenda by Yeretzgin Roberta. This was seconded by Ardis Cherkinian and passed.

Mel Hagopian moved to deviate from the agenda in voting process in order to expedite the elections. Bonnie Hagopian seconded this. Motion carried.

At this time the ballots were passed out for the voting of the new Parish Council members.

We went on to agenda item #5, the Pastor's Report. Der Hayr read his report. Murad Gengozian then made a motion that the Pastor's Report be received and made a part of the permanent record, Alice Hazarian seconded it. Motion passed.



Charles Hardy then came forward and announced the results of the Parish Council elections as follows: George Stevoff, Sam Kaprelian (re-elected), Claire Kadamian and Gary Vidian. Our outgoing trustees are: Harry Akgulian, Goldie Roy, Sarkis Cherkinian. Remaining are: Mel Hagopian, Tom Janikian, Adam Chalekian.

Ballots were then passed out for the Auditing Committee. Mel Hagopian was called on for the Parish Council Chairman's Report which he read. Murad Gengozian moved to accept the report. Sam Akgulian seconded it. Motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report - Sam Kaprelian, Parish Council treasurer came forward to present report. Nancy Cherkinian of the Auditing Committee reported all bills have been paid up at the end of the year. There was some discussion relative to our priest celebrating services in other churches. Fr. Garabed celebrates services for both Waukegan and South Milwaukee. It was clarified that when services are celebrated on a Saturday or on a day that we are not deprived of our own services, our parish does not receive any payment for such services; this is the directive of the Primate regarding such visitation. Only if it is a day when our pastor is not present, the visited parish pays us \$125.00 for that day.

Mike Garoukian questioned whether or not dues paid by students and retirees are part of Diocesan. Sarkis Cherkinian verified the fact this was correct. Margaret Armaganian then moved to accept the treasurer's report. Pat Balian seconded it. It passed by majority vote.

Nancy Cherkinian, Auditing Committee Chairperson commended for her scrutiny in auditing the books.

Charles Hardy of the Nominating Committee came forward again to announce the new Auditing Committee as follows: Lisa Akgulian, Nancy Cherkinian, Eileen Kamakian and then passed out ballots for the Nominating Committee elections.

Auditing Committee - Nancy Cherkinian thanked her committee, then stated they recommended assets in the Permanent Trust Fund be reviewed and changes be made such to receive higher interests. Nancy also stated they have been working with the treasurer and changes have been instituted so all statements are made with greater accuracy. They have been working with the Parish Council to give organizations guidelines so as to have more uniformity.

Permanent Trust - Sam Kazarian, Chairman began by thanking Sam Akgulian for his assistance. There was a question of the Dime (Albany) account. Sam stated CD's were transferred there because of higher interest. A recommendation was also made that names of the stocks be listed on the report. The motion was then made by Yerezgin Roberta Kochakian to accept the report. Pat Balian seconded it.

Dn. Charles Hardy announced the results of the Nominating Committee elections; they were Elsie Garoukian, Dan Hagopian and Alice Hazarian. Ballots were then passed out for the Permanent Trust Fund Committee.

A discussion about the 1989 Budget ensued. A clarification was requested about the category -- designated gifts. Margaret Armaganian making the motion to accept the 1989 budget as printed. Sam Akgulian seconded it. A vote was taken and the budget was then accepted.

Charles Hardy of the Nominating Committee announced that Arthur Musurlian was elected to the Permanent Trust Committee. He then thanked his committee which also consisted of Judy Petersen and Mary Ann Injasoulian.

Organizational Reports were presented. St. Mesrob Choir Organ Fund -- A question arose as to why the account has not been closed as the organ has been purchased and the remainder should have been turned over to the Parish treasury. Mary Ann Injasoulian indicated they are to use the money for the enhancement and repairs of the organ, also for any necessary training. In the discussions, it was suggested that the Parish Council which authorized the committee should make the final decision as to the excess funds. Elsie Garoukian moved that when a church committee is formed and their specific job has been executed and completed then the committee shall be dissolved and all remaining funds shall be turned over without restrictions to the Parish treasury. Catherine Mikaelian seconded it. Motion passed.

St. Mesrob Choir -- Mary Tewagian motioned to accept the choir report. Sam Kaprelian seconded it and it was passed.

Women's Guild - Byds Musurlian questioned the checking account. Nancy Cherkinian informed us that Heritage Bank has free checking with the minimum of deposit. Organizations should put their funds there instead of elsewhere. As there was no further discussion, Mel Hagopian made a motion to accept the report. Bonnie Hagopian seconded it. Motion was carried.

Sunday School - There was a question regarding the amount \$2,551.70. Lauren Chalekian, Sunday School Superintendent requested that Sunday School be permitted to keep \$2,000.00 and put it into the Permanent Trust Sunday School Fund rather than turn it over to the general treasury. She stated the Sunday School's curriculum is very costly and operating expenses are averaging \$1,000.00 annually. Whereas they are not an organization but a parochial institution and school of the parish, Lauren indicated they feel monies "in lieu of" should stay with the Sunday School. Mel Hagopian assured Lauren that the Sunday School will not be refused when materials are needed. Harry Boranian suggested the Parish Council invite each group to discuss their needs. Lauren then motioned that the Sunday School be allowed to keep their \$2,000.00 CD and transfer it into the Permanent Trust Fund Sunday School account upon maturity and when added to the Sunday School account that the Sunday School receive the interest derived from that account. Robert Akulian seconded it. Motion carried.

Educational Committee - Father Garabed reported that there was a general apathy and lack of interest regarding Armenian language school and cultural enrichment. Aside from the adult class which he alone instructed - not one person in the entire congregation expressed any concern, interest, desire or assistance to him. He suggested that the community participate and be active in the promotion of Armenian culture and language.

Armenian School - Hourig Tcheurekdjian inquired about the \$155.00 disbursements in the Armenian School report. Charles Hardy stated this was for books and tapes for the adult class. Nancy Cherkinian moved that next year the chairmen of each organization submit narratives as to what has been done during the year to the Parish Council along with a treasurer's report because presently there is no reflection of any activity or life in the groups other than money being raised. Sam Akgulian seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACYOA Juniors - Murad Gengozian motioned to accept the report. Sam Akgulian seconded it. Motion passed.

ACYOA Seniors - Mel Hagopian motioned to accept the report. Sam Akgulian seconded it. Motion passed.

Armenian Fest Committee - Mel Hagopian made a motion to accept the report. Ardis Cherkinian seconded it. Motion carried.

Stained Glass Window Committee - There was some discussion regarding publication of the book. 500 books are to be printed and sold with all proceeds going to the general treasury; the present account will be closed approximately April of this year 1989. 22 books will be given out, one book for each window donated. Mel Hagopian motioned to accept the report. Arthur Musurlian seconded it. Motion passed.

St. Mesrob Retirees - Rose Kaprelian corrected the report to read "savings account" instead of checking account". A motion was then made, seconded to accept the report. Motion carried.

Projects Committee - Motion made and seconded to accept the report. Motion carried.

Proposal for Diocesan Assembly - There were none made.

Tom Janikian inquired whether or not there is a limited amount organizations are able to donate to other groups without asking permission of the Parish Council. Sarkis Cherkinian indicated there are no guidelines. Tom then made a motion that any donation from an organization cannot be made in excess of \$100.00 for an outside (non-church related) purpose without the approval of the Parish Council. Mel Hagopian seconded it. Motion passed.

Ardis Cherkinian then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Robert Akulian seconded it.

Der Hayr closed the meeting with the benediction at 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully,

Mary H. Akgulian

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Secretary Parish Assembly

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