

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
Meeting Minutes
February 11, 1996

St. Mesrob Armenian Apostolic Church
Racine, Wisconsin

After the opening prayer led by Fr. Yeprem Kelegian, Parish Council Chairman Thomas Gengozian called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m.

According to Diocesan By-Law #17, there was a quorum. There were 68 members of the total membership of 231 present. Mike Garoukian moved that the number of members did indeed constitute a quorum; Tom Janikian seconded. Motion passed.

Parish Council Chairman Tom Gengozian turned the meeting over to Judy Hachikian-Peterson, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, for election of Chairman of the Assembly and Secretary of Assembly: Chairman of the Day - Elsie Garoukian and Ed Kargenian. Secretary of the day: Marge Korakian and Lisa Mahnke.

A recess was called for lunch by Parish Council Chairman Tom Gengozian.

The meeting reconvened at 12:00 noon.

Chairman of Assembly and Secretary of Assembly Election Results: Chairman of the Assembly: Ed Kargenian (52). Elsie Garoukian (16). Secretary of the Assembly: Marge Korakian (35). Lisa Mahnke (33).

Approval of Minutes of Previous Assembly: The minutes of the Special Parish Assembly, May 17, 1996, were reviewed and it was moved that they be accepted by Murad Gengozian; seconded by Claire Kadamian. The meeting minutes were approved.

Adoption of Agenda: Sam Akgulian moved that the Agenda be approved and adopted; seconded by Sam Garabedian. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report: Fr. Yeprem asked that all organization reports be kept to a short 30 to 60 second synopsis and statement of that organization's vision. Fr. Yeprem stated his vision includes (1) Pastoral Duties, (2) Teaching, (3) Youth Work and (4) Worship.

Parish Council Report: Tom Gengozian reported on his past year of being the St. Mesrob Parish Council Chairman, and thanked everyone for their input and support. Tom referred the assembly to the Parish Council report, and asked that all families focus on those areas listed.

Nominating Committee Report and Elections: Nominating Committee Chairman Judy Hachikian-Peterson. Judy announced that members of the present Parish Council who will be staying on to finish their term include Mary Janikian, Jack Kazarian, Sue Nersessian and Michelle Sahagian.

Nominations for Parish Council: Nominations were called for from the floor for Parish Council. Adam Chalekian nominated Ed Kargenian, seconded by Martha Kargenian. Sarkis Cherkinian was nominated by Martha Kargenian; seconded by Catherine Mikaelian. Seta Andekian nominated Onnig Katerjian; Martha Kargenian seconded. Nominees on the ballot: Sarkis Andekian, Carol Kazarian and Art Musurlian.

Auditing Committee Report: Pat McConnell reported that the books are in order. Murad Gengozian moved that the report be accepted; seconded by Claire Kadamian. Motion Passed.

Parish Treasury and Financial Report: It was suggested that a Stewardship Committee be formed. Parish Council will take this under advisement. Carol Kazarian moved that the Treasury and Financial report be accepted; seconded by Murad Gengozian. Motion passed.

Permanent Trust Report: Ardis Cherkinian reported that the figures speak for themselves. The 1995 fiscal year showed significant gains on investments -- a good year. Sam Akgulian moved the report be accepted; seconded by Rick Kadamian. Motion passed.

Parish Council Election Results: Elected: Art Musurlian (49), Carol Kazarian (40), Ed Kargenian (38). first alternate Sarkis Cherkinian (32). Also on ballot: Sarkis Andekian (29), Onnig Katerjian (11).

Nominations for Nominating Committee Members: Nominations were called for from the floor. Sam Akgulian moved that nominations be closed; seconded by Pat McConnell. Motion passed.

Nominations for Permanent Trust Member: Nominations were called for from the floor by Ed Kargenian. Sam Kaprelian nominated Sarkis Kazarian; seconded by Adam Chalekian.

Nominating Committee Election Results: Elected: Mike Garoukian (50), Mary D. Akgulian (40), Tom Janikian (37). Also on ballot: Catherine Mikaelian (31), Kai Kazarian (28), Claire Kadamian (18).

Review and Acceptance of Organizational Reports:

Choir Report: Sam Kaprelian asked about a missing expense from the Choir Report. This expense was for Assembly expenses.

Women's Guild: Elsie Garoukian reported a very active year for the Women's Guild, who once again donated over \$6000 to the church. The vision of the Women's Guild is to have more young women join.

Sunday School: Lauren Chalekian reported there were no funds to turn over this year from the Sunday School. Sunday School had a very active year. Lauren feels the vision of the Sunday School is best described by Proverbs, chapter 22, verse 6, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Heritage Committee: A discrepancy of \$5 was noted in the report. Mary Cherkinian reported this was for a bank service charge.

Youth Ministry: Melanie Gregorian reported a very active year. The Youth Ministry has one social and one service event per month.

Armenian Fest: Gary Vidian reported things are moving along for Armenian Fest 1996. This year the committee is adding Saturday to the event, making it a two-day festival, with Saturday having a down-scaled food menu and being more youth oriented. Information is forthcoming in the Messenger. The Festival Committee's vision is to "Make money, and make more money in 1996."

Retiree's Club: Paul Tewagian referred the assembly to the Retiree's Annual report.

Projects Committee: Sam Akgulian reported that there are major expenditures coming up in the next few years. The rental property is going to require quite extensive updates/repairs. Also, grounds maintenance is once again being done primarily by the same people. Younger people are asked to please consider contributing some of their time.

Bookstore: A written report was submitted by Ann Cherkinian and Mary Sahakian, stating their purpose or vision is to serve the cultural needs of the members of the church.

Perry Paragamian moved that the organization reports be accepted; seconded by Paul Tewagian. Motion passed.

Auditing Committee Election Results: Elected: Noubar Tcheurekdjian (40). Alternate: Dan Korakian (27).

Permanent Trust Election Results: Elected: Tom Gengozian (40). Also on ballot: Frank Vidian (17), Sarkis Kazarian (12).

Proposals: Proposal to the Parish Assembly from the Parish Council was approved (see attached proposal).

Review and Adoption of 1996 Budget: It was moved that the 1996 budget be accepted by Mike Garoukian; seconded by Michelle Sahagian. Motion passed.

New Business:

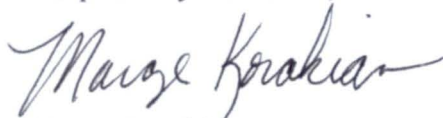
A motion was made by Catherine Mikaelian that a committee be formed to go door-to-door asking parishioners for pledges. Motion did not carry.

Much discussion was held about publishing a list of those who pledge, and a list of current dues-paying members. A motion was made by Sam Akgulian, and seconded by Mary K. Akgulian, that a list of those pledging be displayed. A vote was taken with 14 in favor, 33 opposed. The motion did not carry.

Shake Gengozian moved that a list of names be published of dues-paying members; seconded by Tarquin Andekian. A vote by the assembly was taken with 16 in favor, 18 opposed. The motion did not carry.

Adjournment: Mike Garoukian moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by the assembly. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m. with Fr. Yeprem sharing a few thoughts about St. Mesrob's. The meeting was concluded with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Marge Korakian
Secretary of the Assembly



Ed Kargenian
Chairman of the Assembly



Fr. Yeprem Kelegian
Pastor