

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY**  
**St. Mesrob Church, Racine, Wisconsin**  
**Sunday, February 21, 1999**

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The meeting opened at 12:00 p.m. with a prayer by Fr. Yeprem Kelegian.

A quorum was reached after verifying that 71 of 234 dues paying members were in attendance.

Election of Chairman and Secretary of the day was held. Candidates for Chairman of the Day were Sarkis Cherkinian and Lauren Chalekian. Candidates for the Secretary of the Day were Carol Cariello and Judy Hachikian Petersen. Sarkis Cherkinian was elected Chairman; Judy Hachikian Petersen was elected Secretary.

Mike Garoukian moved, and Perry Paragamian seconded, to accept the minutes of the previous meeting (special assembly of May 27, 1998). Motion passed.

Mike Garoukian moved, and Perry Paragamian, seconded, to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion passed.

Nominating Committee presented slate of committee candidates for 1999 followed by nominations from the floor. Mike Garoukian moved, and Claire Kadamian seconded, to close of the nominations. Motion passed.

Elections were held as follows:

**PARISH COUNCIL**

<b>Candidates</b>	<b>Elected</b>
1. Nicholas Akgulian	1. Nicholas Akgulian
2. David Azarian	2. Edward Kargenian
3. Edward Kargenian	3. Kai Kazarian
4. Kai Kazarian	4. Irene Nahabedian
5. Irene Nahabedian	
6. Mark Kaprelian (nominated from floor)	
7. Abe Ouzoonian (nominated from floor)	
8. Sarkis Cherkinian (nominated from floor)	

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Candidates	Elected
1. Mary Akgulian	1. Hourig Tcheurekdjian
2. Pam Kazarian	2. Claire Kamadian
3. Hourig Tcheurekdjian	3. Art Petersen
4. Claire Kamadian	
5. Art Petersen	
6. Susan Torosian	

### AUDITING COMMITTEE

Candidates	Elected
1. Philip Gafka	1. Philip Gafka
2. Sue Nersesian	
3. Mary Ann Injasoulain	

### PERMANENT TRUST

Candidates	Elected
1. Margaret Armaganian	1. Eileen Kamakian
2. Eileen Kamakian	

*For the annual meeting, it was suggested that outgoing members' names of the various committees be published alongside those who remain on the committees.*

Father Yeprem presented his Pastor's Report. His sole recommendation to the parishioners was to urge them to bring in new members to church. The membership of St. Mesrob is not growing fast enough; it's a constant concern for him. Murad Gengozian moved, and Martha Kargenian seconded, to accept the Pastor's Report. Motion passed unanimously.

The **Parish Council Report** was accepted by a motion by Murad Gengozian and second by Mike Garoukian.

Minor corrections were made to the **Income Statement for Year Ended December 31, 1998:**

Line 58: Added \$7,000 to the “over” budget column

Line 60: Changed \$16,965.25 to \$16,968.25 and added that number to the “over” budget column.

Line 61: Changed total expenditures from \$162,179.04 to \$162,182.04

Line 61: Changed total “over” budget from \$27,379.04 to \$27,382.04

Murad Gengozian moved, and Rick Kadamian seconded, to accept the Parish Treasury and Financial Report for 1998 with adjustments. Motion passed.

The **Permanent Trust’s** report was accepted by motion made by Kai Kazarian and seconded by Sam Akgulian. (SCRIP monies will be reported as an addendum to the financial statement for the 1999 year-end report.)

The **Audit** Committee’s report was accepted by motion made by Art Petersen and seconded Hourig Tcheurekdjian.

The **Choir’s** report was accepted by motion made by Claire Kadamian and seconded by Sam Akgulian.

The **Women’s Guild** report was accepted by motion made by Martha Kargenian and seconded by Mary Akgulian.

The **Sunday School’s** report was accepted by motion made by Murad Gengozian and seconded by Sam Akgulian.

The **Armenian Heritage** Committee’s report was accepted by motion made by Sam Akgulian and seconded by Murad Gengozian.

The **Armenian Fest’s** report was accepted by motion made by Murad Gengozian and seconded by Martha Kargenian.

The **ACYOA Jrs.** report was accepted by motion made by Claire Kadamian and seconded by Mary Cherkinian.

The **Retiree’s** report was accepted by motion made by Martha Kargenian and seconded by Mary Akgulian.

The **Projects’** Committee report was accepted by motion made by Pat Paragamian and seconded by Andre Antreassian.



The **Gift and Book Store** report was accepted by motion made by Ardis Cherkinian and seconded by George Kadamian.

The **Scholarship Fund's** report was accepted by motion made by Martha Kargenian and seconded by Pat Paragamian. (It was suggested that the monies in this fund go through the general treasury or that if they stay in a separate fund it should be re-named. To formally make this a separate "fund," would need an assembly motion.)

### **Air Conditioning**

Ed Kunesh presented research and diagrams made to date regarding the air conditioning proposal. Myron Topalian moved and Jack Kazarian seconded the proposal as stated on a written ballot:

"The Parish Council proposes to install air conditioning in the Church sanctuary as a first phase.

"We have already raised over \$17,000. We propose to raise the remainder needed for the project through special drives and donations. Only after the needed funds are received will we proceed with this project.

"Further, we intend to continue fund raising toward the air conditioning of the hall."

Motion passed with 46 voting yes; 24 voting no; 1 amended ballot stating hall should be air conditioned first.

*Once the financials are in place for the first part of the air conditioning project, there will be a special parish assembly to take a vote on the the specific details of the air-conditioning proposal.*

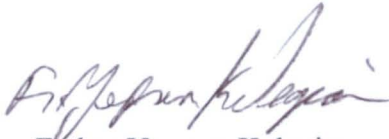
### **1999 Budget**

On a motion by Sam Akgulian, the Budget for 1999 was adopted.

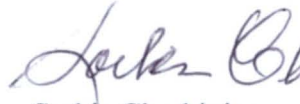
### **NEW BUSINESS**

After discussion regarding the way our permanent funds are invested, it was moved by Michelle Ouzoonian and seconded by Mary Janikian that: The Parish Council form an investment committee to act as an advisory group to the members of the Permanent Trust. Motion was defeated on a 24 to 21 vote. On a recount vote requested by Murad Gengozian, the motion was left defeated on a 33 to 23 vote.

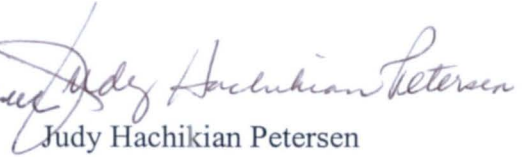
The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. on motion and second by Mike Garoukian and Catherine Mikaelian, respectively. Father Yeprem closed the meeting with a prayer.



Father Yeprem Kelegian  
Pastor



Sarkis Cherkinian  
Chairman of the Day



Judy Hachikian Petersen  
Secretary of the Day

February 22, 1999