

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

1965

Following the parish assembly, the first meeting of the new parish council was held on February 24, 1965. The following executive committee was elected: Haig Basdekian, chairman; George Juskalian, vice chairman; Caspar Kasparian, secretary; Jack Andonian, treasurer; Vartkes Broussalian, assistant secretary; Philip O'Gulian assistant treasurer; and Ray Babigian, Haig Kafafian, and Ed Onanian, advisors.

Hayr Soorp submitted the names of the newly elected parish council to the diocese in his annual report which also included the names of executive committees of all other church bodies and a report about the parish assembly. Confirmation of the parish council was received from the primate.

PARISH COUNCIL AFFAIRS

The first function sponsored by the parish council was the testimonial dinner given for Mr. Mihran Mosrobian in May. It was a significant success and the whole parish paid tribute to our Church Architect, who richly deserved it, Dr. Broussalian was chairman of this dinner.

In June a church picnic was held in the picnic grove at Jack's Restaurant. The day was beautiful, the crowd congenial and the shish kebab delicious. Chairman of this affair was Mr. O'Gulian.

In October a Cultural Day Dinner was sponsored jointly with the Ladies Auxiliary. The dinner was well attended and an excellent program was presented. Mr. Haig Kafafian was chairman of this event.

In November the annual church bazaar was held. The Ladies Auxiliary as usual did yeoman work in the kitchen and in the booths. The bazaar was a resounding success and the profits exceeded our most optimistic estimates. Mr. Jack Kazanjian was chairman of the bazaar.

A New Year's Eve party was held in the church auditorium. An enjoyable evening was spent and the parishioners present welcomed the new year with a joyous spirit. I undertook the chairmanship of this affair.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The church heating system was reworked and adjusted and a water cooler installed in the church hall. Both of these accomplishments were indeed welcome since the sanctuary now

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can be heated and thirsty parishioners need no longer trudge to the kitchen. The costs for this work were met by the Building Fund Committee.

The church auditorium layout was modified, with the wall adjacent to the stage re-aligned, the side entrance relocated, and a utility room constructed. The church hall was painted; the ladies room remodeled, the stairwells painted, the stage front constructed, coat racks made and hung and kitchen doors were hung. Most of the above work was done by parish council members who spent many long hours working. Help was given by some other parishioners also.

At this point a word must be said concerning Mr. Askenaz Hatchigian. We all know the selfless devotion of this man to the church; this past year he spent many hard hours scraping, patching, painting and cleaning. Our thanks go to him.

The Ladies Auxiliary donated the new kitchen equipment and cabinets. Mr. Andonian removed and relocated the old cabinets and hung the new ones. The kitchen has taken on a welcomed new appearance. Our thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary and to Jack.

New ceilings were hung in the parish council office and the Sunday School room located near the vestibule of the sanctuary.

A membership committee was formed under the chairmanship of Colonel George Juskalian. The work of this committee is to increase and maintain our membership, a worthy task.

Due to the efforts of Hayr Soorp and in recognition of the prompt payment we have made of our dues to the diocese in the past few years, including payment of back dues, the diocesan council has cancelled the remaining back dues which were owed by our parish. This amounted to well over a thousand dollars and we are indeed appreciative of the efforts of Hayr Soorp and the consideration given by the diocesan council.

COMMENTS

Although most of the accomplishments noted above pertain to the building renovation and additions, the parish council has given much time and thought to the activities of the church. As the parish grows larger, the problems connected with the operation of the church naturally increase and need more and more of our time and attention.

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I wish to thank our Hayr Soorp, Very Rev. Kazanjian, for his continuing efforts in his work as our priest and leader of our parish. Our thanks also go to all the executive committees of the auxiliary church bodies and their membership for their cooperation and good works. As much as possible the parish council has attempted to maintain close liaison with all the church organizations. The parishioners who have helped make all the year's successes possible are certainly too numerous to mention.

In closing I want to thank the fellow members of the parish council for their hard work and counsel. And on behalf of the parish council I want to thank all the parishioners for their help and contributions which have made the operation of the church possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Haig Basdekian
Parish Council Chairman