

## Parish Council Report - 1993 6 February 1994

### 1. Elections and Positions of Responsibility

The results of elections of the new board along with assignments of responsibility for the various members of the Parish Council were as follows after the Parish Council elections were submitted to and approved by the Diocese.

Gary Hovhannessian	- Chairman
Grant Landsman	- Vice-Chairman
Sharon Landsman	- Secretary
John Maljanian, Jr.	- Treasurer
John Abrahamian	- Pledge Custodian
John Maljanian, Sr.	- Asst. Treasurer
Emil Mosey	- Asst. Pledge Custodian
Louis Steinke	- Advisor
Peter Bagdigian, Jr.	- Advisor
Peter Bagdigian, Sr.	- Emeritus

### 2. Meetings

Parish Council meetings are held regularly on a monthly basis presided over by our Pastor and President Fr. Michael Buttero. Council members with the Parish Priest also meet on a scheduled basis with our sister parishes, St. George's of Hartford and St. Mark's of Springfield, MA as well as regional meetings.

### 3. Church Enterprises

The Parish Council organized and conducted, with help from parish members and other Church Organizations, as required, several Church functions. New enterprises were explored in our attempts to generate flow of monies from other sources that would benefit our church. Some of these affairs were more successful than others. We have tabulated the results below:

Function	Profit (Loss)
Annual Church Picnic 8/23	\$3040.
Anniversary Banquet 10/17 Dinner	(200).
Donations	8075.
Red Sox Trip 7/24	(88).
Flea Market 10/2	494.
December Christmas Tree Sale	564.
New Year's Eve - Area Armenian Party	approx 400.

The Red Sox Bus Trip did not draw the expected support of the Parish.

The Flea Market was successful and drew from the outside. This will be considered for 1994.

The Christmas Tree Sale was also a success and will be considered for 1994.

A New Britain, Hartford, Springfield area Armenian New Year's Eve Celebration was planned and run by the five Armenian Churches of this area (SHISH Productions). The affair was very successful in terms of those that attended although we turned in only a small profit for the amount of planning and work necessary to make the event a financial success. All those involved feel that there should have been better support from the Armenian Communities. A repeat SHISH Production New Year's Eve Gala is in the tentative plans for 1994. There were two hundred attendees for the dinner/dance and another 100 attended the dance only.

#### **4. Church Membership**

We strongly urge parishioners to complete making their 1994 pledges, pick up their pledge envelopes and maintain payments on a current basis.

We currently have outstanding past due pledges in the amount of \$3582.00 for 1993 and prior years. We ask those who are behind to clear up their past due pledges. If you are unable to do so, please discuss this with the Pledge Custodian to allow resolution of these matters. In 1994 you will note from the Budget Summary to be presented later that we did not meet our 1993 Budget target by \$2331.00.

#### **5. Church Maintenance**

We are most fortunate to have Emil Mosey and Louis Steinke available to continually maintain, repair and update our facilities. We mention here some of their 1993 activity:

- a. Cabinets installed for the Choir and Priest (behind altar)
- b. Furnace room walls and ceilings finished
- c. Painted kitchen, hallway and auditorium
- d. Smoke detectors installed with alarm system
- e. Finished utility room walls
- f. Installed outside night light over kitchen door
- g. Repaired water leak from outside over Parish Council room
- h. Low price lights installed in choir loft and vestibule
- i. Mail slot and numbers installed on church (ending P.O. Box as of 3/94)
- j. Wheels installed to improve portability of advertising sign

#### **6. Budget**

This item will be discussed in a separate budget presentation by the Parish Council.

#### **7. Permanent Trust Fund**

The Permanent Trust Fund Balance stands at \$27,020.00 with an increase of \$2,500.00 at the passing of Given Hoosigian. The details of this fund are included in the Church Handbook.

## 8. Church Handbook

The handbook was updated in August, 1993 and copies are available in the vestibule. We encourage our membership to read, understand and abide by the policies where stated.

## 9. Men's Club Support

We encourage more of our membership to work and actively support the Men's Club endeavor which can realize \$5000.00 annual income for the church. We achieved approximately 50% of this potential in 1993. Please see Emil Mosey or Berj Kallajian to aid this endeavor.

## 10. Community Center

The report of the Committee handling the possible sale of of the Center will be presented today. We urge all to participate in the discussions following this report.


## 11. Sunday Coffee Hour

We request that all parishioners participate in hosting one coffee hour per year. In this manner we may continue fellowship and welcome new visitors and old friends. Angel Yirigian requests your help and support by advising her of the week you or your family can host the social hour.


## 12. Areas of Concern

- a. Fr. Michael has initiated Armenian School on several occasions. The Parish does not provide support.
- b. We have had investment committees for several years that have not made investments with our Permanent Trust Fund and general Trust Fund.
- c. We have an inactive ACYOA Srs. group. Our youth need help being guided into this organization.
- d. We have allowed the Mr. & Mrs. Club and Cultural Committee to disband.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Parish Council Chairman



Fr. Michael Buttero  
Pastor/Parish Council President