

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT - 1996

February 2, 1997

As we all know, 1996 was a very difficult year for this parish. We lost Deacons Charles Mazadoorian and Sarkis Davoudlarian to very serious illnesses. Charles and Sarkis have been sorely missed for their major contributions to our Sunday services and church.

Father Michael Buttero retired after 38 years of service. He was ordained in this church and served us for some 19 years, about half of them after ordination and half prior to his retirement. Under the direction of the Primate, we proceeded to seek new clergy and have been fortunate to secure the services of Deacon Hamlet Mehrabian as Deacon-In-Charge, a young dynamic leader for our church staff.

We started the year with 8 Parish Council members rather than 9 with the resignation of Nshan Der Bagdasarian, due to health reasons. We were never able to fill the vacancy from unelected candidates. Further, with the passing of Sarkis Davoudlarian, we completed the year with only 7 members.

1. ELECTIONS AND POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY,

At the February 1996 Parish Council meeting the council members elected officers and established themselves as follows:

John Maljanian	- Chairman
Harry Der Assadourian	- Vice-Chairman
Michael Romano	- Secretary
Arthur Simonian, Jr.	- Treasurer
Levon Vatian	- Assistant Treasurer
Peter Bagdigian, Jr.	- Pledge Custodian
Sarkis Yirigian	- Assistant Pledge Custodian
Sarkis Davoudlarian	- Advisor

2. MEETINGS

The meetings of the Parish Council were held monthly on the second Monday and as necessary for special purposes. Meetings were also attended on a tri-city (Hartford, New Britain, Springfield) and regional basis as needed.

3. CHURCH ENTERPRISES

Events sponsored by the Parish Council, but executed with church membership support were as follows:

<u>FUNCTION</u>	<u>PROFIT (LOSS)</u>
Annual Picnic	\$ 2,619.00
Fr. Michael's Retirement (Anniversary Banquet)	(34.00)
Organization Donations	5,200.00

3. CHURCH ENTERPRISES (CONTINUED)

<u>FUNCTION</u>	<u>PROFIT (LOSS)</u>
Member Donations	380.00
Member Donations (Fr. Michael Trust)	3,155.00
Special Donations (Fr. Michael, Yeretzgin Patricia Trust)	1,000.00
Christmas Tree Sale	430.00
July 4th Parking	340.00

4. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Pledges and income for 1996 were down from the previous year. Also, past due pledge income from 1996 stood at \$5116.00. This includes past due from prior to 1996.

Our Pledge Custodian sends out quarterly statements and stands ready to work with those that have problems.

As you will note, when we get to the budget, we have reduced the pledge income for 1997. Please remember that the church requires this income in order to function.

5. CHURCH MAINTENANCE (\$5,098.00)

We had trees cut and brush removed during the early part of the year. The grounds are in the process of being cleared to the boundaries. Other work done is as follows:

1. Minor painting was done - office ceiling and hallway
2. Vents were installed behind the altar in attempt to prevent freezing of water pipes
3. New hot water heater for the sink behind the altar was installed
4. The refrigerator blower fan unit was replaced
5. Routine snow removal and grass cutting.

6. BAGDIGIAN COMMUNITY CENTER (\$13,391.00)

Many repairs were done on the building proper of the Bagdigian Community Center. The repairs and installations are as follows:

1. Furnace burners and circulating pumps were replaced
2. Completed installation of upper floor storm windows
3. Canopy over the rear stair well was installed
4. Installation is complete of lower floor storm windows and choir loft
5. The hole in the kitchen ceiling was repaired
6. Chimney cap was rebuilt and repaired
7. Many miscellaneous small jobs were completed by Emil Mosey.

7. BUDGET

A separate presentation will be made on a balanced budget by the Parish Council.

8. PERMANENT TRUST FUND

The balance of this fund has increased from \$22,020 to \$26,675 from additions of the Alice Simonian Fund and the Fr. Michael and Fr. Michael and Yeretzkian Patricia Funds.

9. ARMENIAN CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND

The ACEF was increased from \$15,500 to \$16,500 with \$1,000 added by Mr. and Mrs. John Maljanian.

10. CHURCH HANDBOOK

The handbook draft has been completed and will be printed as the 5th Edition after this Parish Assembly. We encourage all to read this book and learn how this church functions.

11. MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club endeavor with Emil Mosey and Berj Kallajian, if fully supported by our parish, could provide \$5,000 yearly income to our church. Currently it is only supported at the 50% level. We feel more people should be involved.

12. SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

This effort does not get 100% parish support. All families should join in and take turns. Help Angel Yirigian by volunteering to take a Sunday.

13. INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

A separate report will be presented today.

14. "LOOYS"

After 9 months of stagnation, Adrienne Damian and Paula Ohanian have started publication again. Please support them with timely news events and articles.

15. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The Parishioner-of-the-Year Committee guidelines have been revised as agreed at last year's Parish Assembly.

Dana Hoosigian has been appointed by Sarah Yagoobian to replace Cheryl Grasso, who moved to Florida, on the Sarah Yagoobian Scholarship Committee.

16. ITEMS FOR ACTION

- (a) Revise the By-Laws of the Permanent Trust Fund to reflect current practice
- (b) Re-elect Arthur Simonian, Sr. to 3 years on the Investment Committee

Peter Bogdikian Jr.

Arthur Simonian

Mikhail Romanov

Harry D. Asabourian

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Respectfully submitted,

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