

The Annual Parish Assembly of the St. John the Baptist Armenian Church of Miami was held March 7, 1979. The meeting was brought to order 7:35 P. M. Mr. John Baldadian welcomed the members. Rev. Guregh Kalfayan, the pastor, offered opening prayers.

The business of the Assembly followed the Agenda, with a variance of order, which was submitted previously; the change is detailed later in the minutes.

VERIFICATION OF THE DUES PAID MEMBERS AND ROLL CALL -

It was reported that the parish has 107 voting members...42 were present. This figure constituted a quorum.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR PARISH ASSEMBLY - CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY -

In the absence of Arlene Amato, Mary Kulhanjian was appointed secretary until a new secretary is elected. Sarkis Manoogian was nominated for Chairman, from the floor. The election of Chairman was as follows: Harry Pilafian (32 votes) - Sarkis Manoogian (7 votes) - Harry Pilafian elected. Rose Reynolds was unanimously elected secretary - she was unopposed.

READING THE MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH ASSEMBLY AND SPECIAL ASSEMBLY AND APPROVAL.

Mary Kulhanjian read the minutes of the previous Parish Assembly. The minutes were accepted as read by Carl Zeytoonian and seconded by Irene Atamian.

Mary Kulhanjian read the minutes of the Special Parish Assembly which was held June 20, 1978. The minutes were accepted as read.

Sarkis Manoogian made a motion to have the elections of Parish Council, Auditing Committee and Nominating Committee precede Items #5 & #6 on the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Aram Brazilian and passed by majority vote.

ELECTIONS: PARISH COUNCIL, AUDITING COMMITTEE, NOMINATING COMMITTEE -

The nominees were introduced and voting by secret ballot proceeded.

Carl Zeytoonian made a motion to unanimously elect ^{Naomi} ~~Naomi~~ Pilafian, Naomi Davitian and Harry Pilafian for the Auditing Committee; removing his name from the ballot. Sarkis Manoogian seconded the motion - approved unanimously.

Sarkis Manoogian proposed to add the following to the Nominating Committee: Manoog Kulhanjian & Aram Brazilian.

Mrs. Brazilian moved to close the nominations for the Nominating Committee. John Baldadian seconded the motion.

Roll call and voting by secret ballot proceeded.

REPORTS OF THE PASTOR, PARISH COUNCIL, DELEGATE AND THE
SUBSIDIARY ORGANIZATIONS OF OUR CHURCH. ALSO INCOME AND
EXPENSES OF PARISH COUNCIL -

Harry Pilafian asked to accept all the reports, as published in the Annual Report for 1978. Mr. Brazilian moved to accept the reports. Mrs. Tarpinian seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Louise Mahakian reported that the amount of \$132.82, for Gas Bill (Disbursement - Schedule B) was omitted and should be added to the page. This amount was included in the total, as shown.

Kay Bayman questioned several items in the accounts - the questions and replies are as follows:

(Question) The financial statement was not signed by John Baldadian of the Auditing Committee. Did he review the records?

Harry Pilafian replied that Baldadian had reviewed the records but could not sign as he was out-of-town.

(Question) If annual dues are \$52., why 1978 total is \$4962.? (not a multiple of \$52.)

L. Mahakian replied that some members paid in advance and some later - there were no dues outstanding - 107 members paid \$52. each.

(Question) Since there was a healthy balance in the bank, why the Building Committee was refused to receive \$500. for their expenses?

H. Pilafian replied that this question should be brought up later in the meeting.

(Question) The Diocese Assessment is \$424. monthly; \$5208. yearly. Why was \$2968. paid? Is there a balance owing them? If so, why wasn't the balance included in the Projected Expenses for 1979?

L. Mahakian replied that a balance is owed to the Diocese because of low funds in the Treasury. C. Zeytoonian said the Diocese had approved of the late payments to them.

(Question) \$240. was paid as a Christmas gift to the Pastor. Is it customary? How about a better way to compensate him and others?

L. Mahakian replied it is customary and we do not compensate any one else.

(Question) Ladies Auxiliary's year ended November 1977, instead of December. Why \$6000. assessment reported by Parish Council, is not on their statement? What is the base of 60%.

L. Mahakian replied that the Ladies Aux. accounts go from December 1, to November 30. Mrs. ~~Kalfayan~~⁶⁵⁸⁷ Kalfayan stated when she took the accounts over from the previous treasurer, \$6000. was from the 1977 income. 60% was not received to date. 60% of 1977 will be turned over in 1978. The money was for 1978 but received in 1979.

Harry Pilafian stated that when the Auditing Committee examined the books, they recommended that the Ladies Auxiliary have a more orderly financial report.

Rev. Kalfayan ~~recommended~~^{commented that} all organizations to close their accounts on November 30. The Parish Council is the only organization that closes on December 31. The Parish Council passed this recommendation and the Parish Assembly approved of this method four years ago.

Mrs. Tarpinian questioned the Building Fund receipts (Sch. A)= The amounts \$9922.52 under Bldg. Fund and \$2803. in lieu of flowers be placed in a savings account under the supervision of a committee chosen by this assembly. L. Mahakian replied that the people requested their contributions be placed in the General church funds and not in the Building Fund.

C. Zeytoonian moved to accept the auditor's report - seconded by James Pilafian - unanimously approved.

Mrs. Tarpinian asked that all expenses relating to the Pastor be shown as gross salary for the Pastor. L. Mahakian read a clarifying letter from the Diocese re. the stipends schedule for the pastor. Mr. Momjian recommended that a copy of the letter be sent to all parish members.

Mr. Brazilian asked whether the \$5200. mentioned in the Budget for 1979 under "Projected Income" was the decision of the church or the Diocese. Mrs. Kulhanjian replied it was the decision of the Parish Assembly.

Mr. Bayman commented that the 100 members, estimated under Projected Income, showed "no ambition".

Mr. Bayman made a motion to provide for a Secretary in 1979 and this salary must be incorporated when tabulating the new budget. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Tarpinian - approved unanimously.

The Budget, with modifications, was approved.

NEW BUSINESS -

Sarkis Manoogian stated that the Miami parish is the first he knows of that has two separate accounts. There should be one account and the Parish Council delegates where the funds should be allocated. Mrs. Kulhanjian replied that the procedure was to give 60% of funds to the Council at the end of each fiscal year.

Sarkis Manoogian made a motion, as of 1979 all church organizations turn their money over to the Trustees in it's entirety and into a savings account.

Rev. Kalfayan replied that each church has it's own rules and regulations. He recognizes the reason for the Miami church organizations' method of distribution of funds, at the end of each year. Rev. Kalfayan stated that we should table this problem until our other problems are resolved. We will then be in a position to put the distribution of funds in order.

Mr. Bayman took ^{exception} acceptance to referral of "Miami" in Rev. Kalfayan's 25th Anniversary celebration report. Mr. Bayman feels that "South Florida" should be used instead of "Miami". Mrs. Kulhanjian replied that the name of the church, in it's entirety, as deeded is "St. John the Baptist Armenian Apostolic Church of Miami".

C. Zeytoonian wanted (1) subsequent annual reports have the pages numbered, (2) full financial statements, (3) include the Proposed Budget in the Annual Report so that people can have ample time to study same.

Deran Momjian made a motion to designate three people to be sole trustees for the Building Committee funds and the funds used only at their descretion. These funds shall be in the Trustees' custody until needed by the Building Committee. This motion was opposed by the majority.

Mrs. Tarpinian made a motion to change the time and day of future Assembly meetings to Sunday afternoons. The motion was un-animously approved.

RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS -
PARISH COUNCIL

Mary Kulhanjian	18 votes	
Zaroohi Kasparian	11	
Akaby Vartabedian	5	
Sarkis Manoogian	25	(Elected)
John Baldadian	34	(Elected)
Bedros Azarian	22	(Elected)
Kerope Bayman	9	
George Davitian	27	(Elected)
Rose Reynolds	10	

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

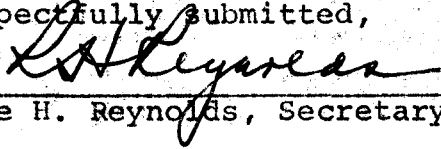
Adrine Mooradian	9	
Clara Nenezian	12	
Belle Chamian	10	
Mary Boyajian	4	
Audrey Pilafian	30	(Election)
Mary Bovi	0	
Manoog Kulhanjian	23	(Elected)
Aram Brazilian	21	(Elected)

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Marni Pilafian		(Elected)
Naomi Davitian		(Elected)
Harry Pilafian		(Elected)

Rev. Kalfayan gave the benediction. Meeting adjourned 10:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Rose H. Reynolds, Secretary

Rev. Guregh Kalfayan, Pastor

Harry Pilafian, Chairman