

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 1973

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, George Stevoff, at 7:35 p.m. and opened with a prayer by Der Hyre.

Those attending were:

Harry Akgulian  
Harry Armaganian  
Harry Boranian  
John Esayian  
Charles Garbedian  
Dan Mikaelian  
George Stevoff  
Rev. Guregh Yetenekian  
Hunaz Hazarian

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with one correction.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Charles Dadian, chairman of the committee reported that a mailing list of prospective members totaling 30 - 35 had been compiled. He mentioned that the status of paid members would be confirmed with the Parish Council.

Mr. Dadian asked the parish council what the requirements are as far as dues and reinstatement of back dues.

George Stevoff commented that the parish council would like to see the Membership Committee become very active this year. He also suggested that the committee submit written reports periodically to the parish council.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Nishan Hacherian, the appointed Athletic Director, advised that as soon as equipment is received he will be able to coordinate activities. He will submit a list of needed equipment to the parish council and they in turn, along with the Athletic Director, will purchase the equipment.

George Stevoff stated that the Athletic Director also work on other programs along with basketball, chess, volleyball, games, etc.

Harry Akgulian suggested that rules be established for sports activities. Another suggestion was that a parent-child meeting be set up to determine ground rules for activities.

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Deacon Charles Hardy requested permission to talk to the parish council regarding several matters. He brought to the attention of the parish council the fact that Der Hyre officiated at a wedding recently where the bride and groom took it upon themselves to write their own wedding vows - including the priest and deacon's parts.

When asked about this Der Hyre mentioned that the bride and groom had asked if discussion could be held regarding the ceremony. Der Hyre at this point advised them that the wedding could be celebrated in English. The bride and groom were given a copy of the wedding ceremony in English and later came back advising they did not understand the English translation and, therefore, had written their own vows. When asked why he allowed this, Der Hyre replied he did not want to alienate the feelings of the bride's family.

Der Hyre asked the parish council if he had the authority to disagree with parishoners on matters of this nature. The parish council at this point advised that the parishoners do not have the right to dictate to the priest how ceremonies or services should be changed to suit their needs - and if their requests are in direct opposition to our church canons his word would be acceptable. If at this point Der Hyre is not sure of what is proper, he should go directly to the Primate.

Deacon Hardy also requested that the parish council handle all fees with regard to the organist and/or deacons assisting at weddings, funerals, etc. This will be so noted.

He also requested that a bulletin be issued with regard to church etiquette.

#### Parish Priest Report

Der Hyre's report is attached.

The question of Mrs. Reitskettal being accepted as a member has not been resolved. Der Hyre will be talking to the secretary of the parish which she formerly attended, as the parish priest of this church is new and does not know her. Der Hyre will get background information at that time. The parish council will make a decision on Sunday, March 11, as to whether or not Mrs. Reitksettal will be accepted as a member of St. Mesrob.

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Dan Mikaelian is still working on the mail boxes.

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Der Hyre will put a notice in the church bulletin asking if anyone needs a ride to church on Sundays.

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Harry Akgulian will take care of having numbers assigned to the conference rooms, storage rooms, etc.

#### Catering

John Esayian will take care of interviewing the three caterers the week of March 12.

#### Furniture

Harry Armaganian reported filing cabinets had been ordered - there is a 14 week delivery date on this. Also, a desk for Der Hyre will be delivered soon.

John Esayian will order 10 tables needed for the church hall.

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John Esayian will advise the parish council each week of new dates assigned on the calendar.

Consecration Booklet Committee

George Stevoff reported that the committee had met and has compiled a mailing list of 450 people, who will be sent booklets, along with a return envelope, advising them the cost will be \$3.00 per book.

Fee Schedule

Harry Boranian made a motion to accept the fee schedule as printed 3/5/73 with the correction - Section A - to read:

"If food is catered, must use church furnished caterer"

Harry Akgulian seconded the motion. Motion carried. Corrected fee schedule is attached.

Church Workers Dinner

After much discussion and because of Lent, the above matter was tentatively put back to April 29. This will be discussed at a later date.

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George Stevoff asked Der Hyre to write a thank you letter to Alex Manoogian for his generous donation.

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The matter of having joint services with the people who have bought our old church was tabled.

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George Stevoff reminded the parish council that the "limitations" on the church abstract should be handled in the near future. He will contact attorney, Charles Pehlivanian, and work out the terminology, etc. George will write a "thank you" letter to Mr. Pehlivanian for his help in resolving some legal matters and at the same time will ask him to assist in the matter mentioned above.

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The following items will be discussed at the next meeting:

- Committee to be formed on Memorial Plaque
- Cleaning up of the church (altar)
- Acolytes
- Procedure for distributing Maas
- Telephone jacks
- Appointment of Madagh Committee

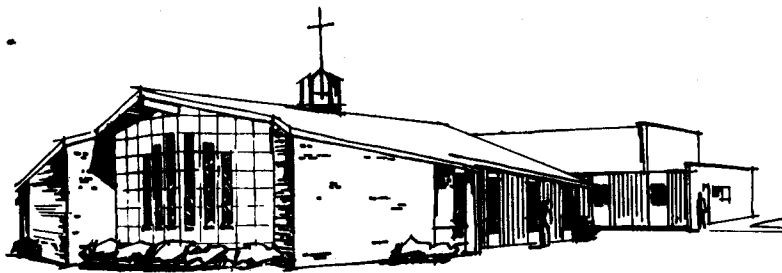
Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

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Hunaz Hazarian  
Parish Council Recorder

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Parish Council Secretary  
Harry Armaganian



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Priest's report: March 1 - 7.

Thurs. March 1 =

from 7 - 8.15 Pm. Adult Arm. Class.  
8.15 - 10.00 Pm. Attended Parish Council meeting.

Fri. March 2 =

Morning: Visitation to Hospitals. Sick were  
Charles Musurbian and Youghaper MiRaebian.  
from 6 - 7.30 Wedding rehearsal.  
Preparation of weekly bulletin.

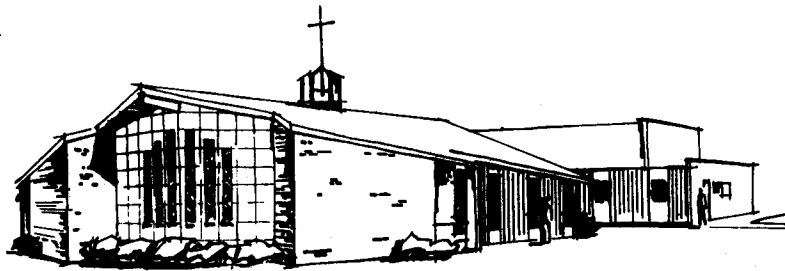
Sat. March 3 =

Morning: preparation and printing of  
weekly bulletin.

At 5. Pm. Minasian's Wedding.

Sunday March 4 =

Badarak, Sermon and Hokehankish  
in Waukegan.



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At 7 Pm. Funeral Service for the late Charles Musurbian.

Mon. March 5 =

Morning: At the Church. 10.30 Am. Funeral Services for Charles Musurbian. At. 12.30 Horejash at the Church hall. Called Rev. Greent about Our Rizekytl, who wants to become member of our church. Must call back on Thursday.

Tues. March 6 =

Morning: Visitation to Hospitals. Jougheper Imkacelian and Leron Davajian sick. In the afternoon, Midwest Clergy meeting in South Milwaukee.

Wedn. March 7 =

Visited Leron Davajian at the Hospital. I. 3 Pm. Bible study. 7.30 P. Council meeting.

HALL FEE SCHEDULE

	<u>ARMENIAN ORGANIZATIONS</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>NON-MEMBERS</u>
1. Conference Room	\$ 5	\$ 5	
2. Hall (w/o kitchen) used for meeting or program	\$20/*\$20	\$15/*\$15	\$50/*\$20
3. Hall (w/kitchen) used for meeting or program	\$30/*\$30	\$25/*\$25	Per caterer
4. Hall - Parties and/or receptions	\$30/*\$30	\$25/*\$25	Per caterer

\*Deposit - to be returned if premises are left in orderly condition

- A. When food is catered - must use church furnished caterer.
- B. Church Organizations - no fees, must clean facilities after using.
- C. Liquor rule applies.

Revised  
3/13/73

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 1973

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, George Stevoff, at 7:45 p.m.

Those attending were:

Harry Akgulian  
Harry Boranian  
John Essayian  
Charles Garbedian  
Dan Mikaelian  
George Stevoff  
Humaz Hazarian

Absent:

Harry Armaganian  
Rev. Guregh Yetenekian

Minutes of the previous meeting were not read, as the secretary was absent.

George Stevoff read the Parish Priest report, copy attached.

Correspondence

George Stevoff announced that Der Hyre had written a "thank you" letter to Alex Manoogian.

George Stevoff read an "anonymous" letter written to Alice Hazarian, advisor to the ACYOA relative to the "incident" which occurred in January. George Stevoff also read a letter directed to his attention from the AYP with regard to the identical incident. The Parish Council unanimously agreed that no replies would be directed to the writer of the letter to Mr. Stevoff, as it would only strain relations more and it would be better to let this die down.

A letter was read from the AGBU advising that the Central Committee of America had to reluctantly refuse our request for aid in constructing several classrooms.

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It was announced that the Parish Assembly would be held Wednesday, April 11 at 8:30 p.m. after Lenten Services. The mailing announcing this meeting would be sent out 10 days before the meeting.

Two items to be put on the agenda are:

Over \$500 expenditure for travel

Items for the attention of the delegates to  
the Diocesan Assembly

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The Church Workers Dinner has been tabled until after Lent.

It was announced that a movie projector was missing from the Sunday School and that word should be circulated to see if anyone knew of its whereabouts.

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It was announced that Mrs. DerHovsepien would no longer be cleaning the altar. Therefore, someone will have to be approached to take care of the linens for the altar, etc. John Esayian will take this up with Der Hyre.

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John Esayian mentioned that the priest's room is not being taken care of properly. Many things are laying on the floor, etc. George Stevoff asked John Esayian to work out a solution to this problem with Der Hyre.

Mention was also made that the Maas tray is usually left in the back room after Badarak with pieces of Maas left on it -- after this it will be necessary for the acolytes to bring the tray to the Trustee Room after Badarak.

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Athletic Director

A program has been set up by the Athletic Director, Nishan Hacherian. It was announced that no basketball would be allowed on Sunday mornings. The gym will not be open to any sport activities until Sunday afternoon.

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George Stevoff will contact Charles Pehlivanian, attorney, with regard to the change in the church abstract.

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The question of additional telephones will be tabled until a future date.

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Harry Boranian and George Stevoff will take care of ordering 10 tables for the church.

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Harry Boranian will take care of ordering a dozen waste paper baskets for the various meeting rooms and classrooms.

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New Member - Mrs. Reitskettel

It was reported that Mrs. Reitskettel had voluntarily dropped her membership in the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, according to the parish secretary. Therefore, the Parish Council felt there was no reason to refuse her membership at St. Mesrob. Der Hyre will inform Mrs. Reitskettel that her membership has been accepted and will handle any additional requirements necessary to receive the Sacraments with her. The Membership Committee will also be advised of Mrs. Reitskettel's membership.

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Membership Committee

It was announced that Mrs. Sue Esayian, Mrs. Altoun Taktakian and Mrs. Elsie Garoukian had resigned from the Membership Committee.

Sam Akgulian commented that he would be willing to work on this committee. George Stevoff will so advise Charles Dadian, Chairman of the committee. Two additional people are needed for this committee.



Gymnasium

After much discussion it was decided that the Sunday School will be responsible to see that chairs are set up and taken down in the gymnasium on Sunday mornings for Assembly. George Stevoff will contact Sam Kaprelian and advise him of this.

Rides to Church

Mike Garoukian and Charles Hardy will go over the membership list and see if they are aware of any people who are in need of rides to church. After much discussion it was thought that many of the older people will not alert the Parish Council of their need for a ride to church; therefore, the Parish Priest will contact them and ask them outright if they desire transportation to church. Chuck Garbedian will advise both Mike Garoukian and Charles Hardy that their help is needed.

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The Parish Council will advise the Armenian School that they will be allowed to sell tickets for the Martyr's Day Dinner to be held April 28 -- on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. However, it will be emphasized that no outright approach to purchase tickets is to be used.

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George Stevoff advised he has taken care of the matter of proper insurance for the church property.

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The matter of having acolyte practice will again be discussed with Der Hyre.

Lenten Service - Wednesday, March 21

Various organizations are to participate in the Lenten Services on Wednesday evenings to read the prayers of St. Nersess. The Parish Council questioned the fact that they were not advised by Der Hyre of their participation on Wednesday, March 21.

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George Stevoff advised that no remaining bills are to be paid with regard to the church construction until all work has been satisfied.

Mr. Stevoff will contact Harry Cherkinian and ask that they and Charles Seitz go through the building and check the items submitted to Mr. Seitz that need attention before payment is issued.

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Statements with regard to rental of church conference rooms will be sent to the AGBU and also the Tomarza organization.

George Stevoff announced that the ACYOA will be circulating a bi-monthly newsletter to all the parishes in our diocese. They will use the facilities of the church - mimeograph machine, stencils, etc.

Madagh - June 10

The following Parish Council members will work on this committee:

Harry Akgulian  
John Esayian  
George Stevoff

Invitations will be sent to all members on our mailing list (dues paying members). Further discussion will be held on this at the next meeting.

Armenian Picnic - July 1

This will be the main fund raising event of the parish. A request for volunteers will be mentioned in the bulletin to be sent to the parish members with regard to the Parish Assembly on April 11. Further discussion will be held at a later date.

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Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

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Hunaz Hazarian  
Parish Council Recorder

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Harry Armaganian  
Parish Council Secretary

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 1973

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, George Stevoff, at 8:30 p.m.

Those attending were:

Harry Akgulian  
Harry Armaganian  
Harry Boranian  
Chuck Garbedian  
Dan Mikaelian  
George Stevoff  
Hunaz Hazarian

Absent:

John Esayian  
Rev. Guregh Yetenekian

Minutes of the two previous meetings were read and approved with several corrections.

Treasurer's Report - \$44,110.88 (check book)

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Members of the Building Committee attended and discussed several matters with the parish council.

The committee felt that the lights outside should be used as protective lights, not parking lights. Mike Garoukian suggested that the Electric Company make an estimate as to what expenses might be with timed light switches.

The Building Committee was directed by the parish council to have the church sign state "St. Mesrob Armenian Apostolic Church".

Memorial Plaque - Donations

Suggestion was made to have one master plaque with all names listed. Comment was made that majority of people wished to have tags put on memorial gifts. Another suggestion was that all names would be put on master plaque, however, tags would not be put on gift items until they had been paid in full. A Plaque Committee will be appointed.

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Mailing would be made to parish members with regard to Parish Assembly on April 11.

Expenditure - Diocesan Assembly

After much discussion a decision was made that each organization would be allowed to send one delegate to the Diocesan Assembly - for which the amount of \$83.00 per delegate would be allocated. George Stevoff will write a letter to the organizations advising them of this decision.

Athletic Director

Harry Boranian submitted a list of equipment and schedule of sports activities as set up by Nishan Hacherian, copy attached. Nishan and Mike Garoukian will handle sports activities.

Harry Boranian will contact Nishan and ask him to attend the next parish council meeting and discuss the agenda for activities in more detail.

Baseball Team

George Stevoff reported that Bob Akgulian had called and asked if the parish council would be willing to sponsor a ball team again this year. A member of the parish council will contact Bob and ask him to attend the next parish council meeting to discuss this matter in further detail.

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Decision was made to have the CD notes due March 31 renewed for six months under the name of St. Mesrob Armenian Apostolic Church.

Excess in checking account is to be put into a Savings account. Harry Armaganian and Harry Boranian will take care of this.

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Harry Boranian will order a bulletin board for the church.

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Hunaz Hazarian  
Parish Council Recorder

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Harry Armaganian  
Parish Council Secretary

## RECREATION SCHEDULE

ACTIVITIES: Basketball  
Volleyball  
Table Tennis  
Exercises

TUESDAY	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Men
WEDNESDAY	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Women
FRIDAY	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Children - ages 12 - 15 (Armenian School)
SATURDAY	9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Children - Ages 8 - 10
	10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Children - Ages 11 - 14
	12:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.	Young Adults - Ages 15 - 17
	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Adults

DRESS SHOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR ACTIVITY

4/3/73

## EQUIPMENT

<b>Basketballs</b>	2 junior size 2 regular size
<b>Volleyballs</b>	3 panel rubber
<b>Dickies</b>	2 sets - 1 blue 1 gold
<b>Mat</b>	1 - foam rubber 5' x 10'
<b>Table Tennis Sets</b>	2 tables 3 nets 4 sets of paddles 1 dozen ping pong balls

4/3/73

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 1973

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, George Stevoff, at 8:40 p.m. and opened with a prayer by Der Hyre.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Present were:

Harry Akgulian  
Harry Armaganian  
Harry Boranian  
John Esayian  
Chuck Garbedian  
George Stevoff  
Rev. Guregh Yetenekian  
Hmaz Hazarian

BALL TEAM

Discussion was held with regard to the St. Mesrob parish sponsoring a ball team in the city league.

John Esayian moved that the parish sponsor the ball team. Motion was seconded by Chuck Garbedian. Motion carried.

The parish council advised Bob Akgulian, organizer of the team, that all persons on the team of age must be dues paying members of the parish. Bob will submit a list of the players (for verification) to Nishan Hacharian, the athletic director. The team will operate under the jurisdiction of the athletic director.

PARISH PRIEST REPORT

Der Hyre submitted his weekly report, copy attached.

Der Hyre advised his car was being repaired on March 26 and 27, therefore, he had no report for those two days.

The chairman noted that there was no sermon on March 25 and no hospital visitations the week of March 26.

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The chairman advised that the plate offering on April 15 is designated for the choir, per a directive from the Primate. Der Hyre will put a notice in the church bulletins on April 8 and 15 to this effect. A separate offering (outside of the weekly pledge) will be passed on Palm Sunday.

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John Esayian will check with Stemper regarding palms for Palm Sunday.

WAUKEGAN PARISH

Der Hyre advised that the Waukegan parish would like to make arrangements for a priest visitation either on Palm Sunday or Easter weekend. Due to the lateness of this request the parish council felt it could not accommodate this request.

The chairman advised Der Hyre that the notice in the church bulletins pertaining to the annual church picnic on July 1 should not state "Madagh - Church Picnic", it should state "Church Picnic".

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Harry Boranian will contact Nishan Hacherian and ask him to attend the next parish council meeting.

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DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

The chairman advised the following organizations will be sending delegates to the Diocesan Assembly in Worcester, May 5 and 6.

ACYOA  
Choir  
Sunday School  
Armenian School

The total amount of \$500 will be divided between the organizations sending delegates.

A mailing will be sent to all parishoners advising them of the forthcoming events to be held during the visit of the Catholicos and the Diocesan Assembly.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Confirmation of the four new parish council members has been received from the Diocese. Der Hyre will send the names and addresses of the parish council members to the Diocese.

The chairman read a letter from the State of Wisconsin - Dept. of Revenue asking for our National/State Constitution, Local By-laws and Constitution and Application for Membership Form. John Esayian moved that this matter be tabled until a further date. Harry Boranian seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Correspondence has been received from John Bahadourian, Registrar for the AGBU Camp in Detroit asking for the parish mailing list in order to send mailings for the Camp. Rather than send out our mailing list, the secretary will contact Mr. Bahadourian and ask him to send 240 circulars and we will include them in one of our own mailings.

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Der Hyre will order 1 dozen copies of the Diocesan By-Laws.

Harry Boranian moved that the parish council order 3 dozen Divine Liturgy Books. Motion was seconded by John Esayian. Motion carried.

A letter will be sent to Loewi & Co. pertaining to the stocks that are to be sold.

John Esayian announced the kitchen equipment would be installed the week of April 9.

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The Knights of Vartan have contacted the parish council with regard to a proposal for the renting of the church facilities for a set fee for the year. The chairman asked that a formal offer be put in writing by the Knights of Vartan (preferably not a member of the parish council). This will then be acted upon.

If such an arrangement is authorized, a similar offer will be extended to the AGBU and Tomarza organization.



**CHURCH BUILDING**

The chairman met with the architect, Charles Seitz, who will send in his list of items that need attention. Mr. Seitz advised there would be no reason to withhold payment of further bills.

The Building Committee will be working with the architect regarding the steeple.

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The Memorial Plaques for our two servicemen killed in Korea and the Gontag from the Catholicos will be hung in the church entrance. This will be done within the next week.

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Mike Garoukian reported there are approximately 20 people who may need rides to church. He will submit the list to the parish council.

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Discussion was held with regarding to having activities for adults - more educational than social. Harry Boranian will work on suggestions for this.

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The chairman announced he had received a complaint from one of the older parishoners as to why the church school students are not attending church.

At the request of the parish council, Der Hyre will discuss this matter with the superintendent and try to work out a manner on which he can explain to the children the meaning of certain parts of the Divine Liturgy.

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Der Hyre will put a notice in the church bulletin to the effect that the movie projector still has not been found.

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John Esayian will not do anything about having phone jacks put in various areas of the church premises until the kitchen equipment is installed.

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The parish council will ask various members of the parish to assist with the plate offerings on Sundays.

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Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

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Hunaz Hazarian  
Parish Council Recorder

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Harry Armaganian  
Parish Council Secretary