

1           **MINUTES OF WOMEN'S GUILD CENTRAL COUNCIL PRE-ASSEMBLY**  
2                   **MEETING OF THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1996**  
3                   **AT HOTEL SHERATON, KING OF PRUSSIA, PA**  
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6 All Council members were present. Yn. Anahid Kalayjian opened the  
7 meeting with a prayer at 3:05 p.m.  
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9 Yn. Violet Kasparian made a motion not to read the minutes of our  
10 previous meeting at this time but to come back to them if time  
11 permitted. Seconded by Yn. Aurora Jebejian. All were in favor.  
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13 Ann Ajemian, Treasurer, left us to meet with the Auditing  
14 Committee.  
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16 The Assistant Treasurer, Yn. Anahid Kalayjian, reported that  
17 \$2,978.00 had been received in dues from a number of Guilds, for  
18 1996.  
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20 It was reported that the draft of the new By-Laws was typed up and  
21 a copy was placed in each packet for the delegates. It will be  
22 discussed at the Assembly.  
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24 The next subject discussed was the Pilgrimage to Armenia. Flyers  
25 regarding the Pilgrimage were prepared by Julie Ashekian. She sent  
26 the flyers to Yn. Aurora Jebejian who, in turn, mailed them out to  
27 all the Womens Guild Chairmen and the Clergy. To date, eight  
28 application packets have been mailed out. A temporary special  
29 checking account will be opened for the WGCC Pilgrimage. This  
30 account will be opened locally in Connecticut. Yn. Patricia  
31 Buttero and Julie Ashekian will be co-signers. Julie announced  
32 that she had application packets with her to be handed out to  
33 interested parties.  
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35 Marilyn Larkin reported that the new Newsletter was completed and  
36 a copy has been placed in each packet for Assembly Delegates. The  
37 deadline for the winter issue, October 15, was included in this  
38 issue.  
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40 Marilyn Larkin informed the Council that she had prepared a new  
41 flyer for the Guild pins and that Nevart Marashlian has been named  
42 as the new chairperson.  
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44 Yn. Violet Kasparian reported that as of this date we have  
45 \$13,650.00 in the School Bags Fund. Eighty-four dozen (1008)  
46 school bags were ordered and are presently at Bob's Sports Arama  
47 where the logo is being printed on them.  
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49 Nevart Marashlian pointed out that the article sent in by her and  
50 the one sent in by Julie Ashekian seem to have been combined as one  
51 article in the Armenian Reporter. It highlighted the guest speaker  
52 for the Assembly and also included a section on our upcoming

1 pilgrimage to Armenia. The Mirror Spectator had a separate article  
2 on our guest speaker.  
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4 Araxy Gokberk reported on Women Saints Day celebrations. To date we  
5 have received \$2,680.51. Of that amount, \$25.00 has not as yet  
6 been turned over to the treasurer. Nine churches have responded.  
7 The Holy Martyrs Church of Bayside, NY did not have a program, but  
8 members of that Guild participated by attending the service and  
9 program at St. Thomas Armenian Church in Tenafly, NJ. Adrienne  
10 Khatchadourian, of the St. Gregory Armenian Church of Bingamton,  
11 NY, wrote that they had all intentions of having the Women Saints  
12 Day program with representatives from Syracuse, NY, Niagara Falls,  
13 NY and Watervliet, NY, but had to cancel because of bad weather.  
14 On the following Sunday, when they had a visiting priest, they  
15 held their program after church services. No collection was taken  
16 but a \$25.00 donation was sent in to the WGCC. The Guild of the  
17 Belville, Illinois church wrote a lengthy letter explaining that  
18 their parish was going through major renovations and was not able  
19 to participate. The Hartford, CT church held a Saints Day  
20 program, took in an offering of \$82.00, but sent in no money. It  
21 was felt this was an oversight and will be looked into.  
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23 The question was asked whether or not Holy Cross of Lawrence, MA  
24 had sent in any money. Mrs. Gokberk responded in the negative.  
25 She will look into this matter.  
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28 The question was raised as to whether our treasurer might have  
29 received money directly. She will be asked when she returns to the  
30 meeting. Again it was pointed out that any money received by the  
31 treasurer for a specific fund should be reported immediately to  
32 that chairperson.  
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35 Araxy Gokberk received the following: \$100.00 from St. Mary's,  
36 Washington, D.C.; \$55.00 from St. James, Richmond, VA; \$482.90 from  
37 Sts. Joachim and Anne, Palos Heights, IL; \$246.00 from Sts. Sahag  
38 & Mesrob, ; nothing from Hartford, CT; \$204.96 from  
39 St. Gregory of Narrek, Cleveland, OH; \$25.00 from St. Gregory of  
40 Bingamton, NY; note only from Holy Shoghagat, Belleville, IL;  
41 \$1,466.75 from St. Thomas, Tenafly, NJ.  
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44 The question was raised as to what monies should be sent in to the  
45 WGCC from the Saints Day program. It was stated that the plate  
46 collection plus the profits from the luncheon were to be sent in  
47 towards the Women Saints Day Fund. This should be clarified for  
48 all the Guilds as there seems to be some difference of opinion.  
49 Mrs. Gokberk reported that two comments on the report forms had  
50 asked that, if possible, some portion of the profits remain with  
51 the individual Guild, feeling this would be an incentive to host  
52 the Saints Day program. Two Guilds also suggested that Saints Day

1 be later in the year in order that bad weather would not play such  
2 an important role. It must be emphasized that the Saints Day  
3 program may be any time during Lent, not necessarily the date  
4 suggested by the WGCC.  
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7 The next subject for discussion was the Assembly. Yn. Aurora  
8 Jebejian pointed out that all WGCC members are delegates. To date,  
9 30 delegates have been registered and their checks received. Yn.  
10 Aurora then went over the system for checking in delegates who have  
11 preregistered and registering new delegates prior to the Assembly.  
12 Eighty packets were assembled and are ready for the delegates.  
13 Each Guild may have two delegates plus the chairman; Guilds having  
14 over 100 members are eligible to have three delegates plus the  
15 chairperson present. Membership dues received for 1995 will be the  
16 basis for the number of delegates allowed. It was pointed out that  
17 the registration checks for delegates should come from the  
18 Treasurer of the individual Guilds.  
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20 The Council members agreed that the Chairman of the Day appoint a  
21 three-person Courtesies Committee. This committee will present, in  
22 writing, all individuals who have to be thanked on behalf of the  
23 Assembly. Yn. Aurora Jebejian will be the liaison from the WGCC to  
24 this committee.  
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26 Julie Ashekian suggested that an honorarium be given to the guest  
27 speaker. Caroline Hebard, as she does not accept any fee. Yn.  
28 Violet Kasparian made a motion to pay our guest speaker \$200.00  
29 which will cover her travel expenses plus an honorarium. Seconded  
30 by Yn. Aurora Jebejian. Unanimously passed.  
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32 Yn. Pat Buttero informed the Council that Nancy Basmajian would  
33 begin her program on Friday, May 3rd, at 4:00 p.m. Ms. Basmajian  
34 must finish her presentation by 5:30 p.m. at the latest to allow  
35 time for the Nominating Committee to present the slate and get  
36 nominations from the floor.  
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38 Yn. Anahid Kalayjian has made arrangements to have a sheet cake  
39 brought in on Saturday. It will serve 80 people and be inscribed  
40 "Happy 10th Anniversary, WGCC." Each past WGCC chairlady present  
41 will light a candle and put it on the cake.  
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43 We will expect the Primate, Abp. Khajag Barsamian, to visit our  
44 meeting at about 1:45 p.m. At this time he will present  
45 certificates to the outgoing WGCC members and also a certificate  
46 will be given to each Guild who is represented.  
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48 Following the 10th Anniversary Celebration, we will pick up the  
49 agenda with Old Business. If a Guild is not represented at the  
50 Assembly we will try to give the certificates to the clergyman from  
51 the parish in order to save on postage.  
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1 At this time, Yn. Pat Buttero left the meeting to find Frank  
2 Stoneson and check certain items with him. Araxy Gokberk took over  
3 the meeting. Araxy read correspondence received in response to  
4 letters of invitation to past chairladies and members of the  
5 original Ad Hoc Committee.  
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7 Yn. Anahid Kalayjian went over the devotion service.  
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10 Yn. Buttero returned to the meeting and reported that we would not  
11 be charged for the piano which will be brought to our meeting room.  
12 It was recently tuned. There will be coffee available outside the  
13 Diocesan Assembly area and our delegates are welcome to partake.  
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15 Yn. Anahid Kalayjian had asked the host Yeretzgin, Angel Metjian,  
16 if the Yeretzgins' Breakfast could be held at 8:00 a.m. rather than  
17 8:30 A.M. But, because a number of other Yeretzgins requested the  
18 breakfast be later, it was decided to leave it as scheduled,  
19 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Those involved in other meetings will have  
20 to leave early.  
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22 Julie Ashekian had brought some crosses back from Armenia. She is  
23 donating enough in order for a cross to be given to each past WGCC  
24 chairlady. Thank you, Julie.  
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26 It was decided that the message received from the Patriarch of  
27 Jerusalem, Abp. Torkom Manoogian, will be read at the Assembly.  
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29 Yn. Anahid Kalayjian had requested a donation of 100 pens from an  
30 individual she knows. The lady donated 500 pens. It was suggested  
31 that besides putting one pen in each delegate's packet, we each  
32 take enough to give our own executive boards a pen. Yn. Violet  
33 Kasparian made a motion to send the remaining pens to Armenia and  
34 distribute them to the orphans when some members go on the  
35 pilgrimage. Seconded by Araxy Gokberk. Passed.  
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37 Yn. Anahid Kalayjian will send a thank you letter to Ms. Jelalian  
38 for the pens she donated to us.  
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40 A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m. Seconded.  
41 Passed.  
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43 Respectfully submitted,  
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48 Yn. Violet Kasparian  
49 Recording Secretary  
50 May 15, 1996  
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3 **POST ASSEMBLY MEETING OF THE WOMEN'S GUILD CENTRAL COUNCIL**  
4 **SATURDAY, MAY 4, 1996**  
5 **AT THE SHERATON HOTEL, KING OF PRUSSIA, PA**  
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10 The WGCC members met with the newly elected members, Claire  
11 Bardakian, Yn. Anahid Kalayjian and Lily Barootjian Thomas.  
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13 A motion was made by Yn. Violet Kasparian that Yn. Pat Buttero  
14 continue as Chairman of the WGCC. Seconded by Lily Thomas.  
15 Passed. The other positions on the Board are as follows: Yn.  
16 Violet Kasparian, Vice-Chairman; Yn. Aurora Jebejian, Recording  
17 Secretary; Araxy Gokberk, Corresponding Secretary; Ann Ajemian,  
18 Treasurer; Yn. Anahid Kalayjian, Assistant Treasurer; Claire  
19 Bardakian and Lily Thomas, Advisors. and Nevart Marashlian, Advisor  
20 and in charge of pins.  
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22 As soon as Marilyn Larkin types up the minutes of the Assembly and  
23 sends the election results to the Primate, who in turn confirms the  
24 newly elected members, a meeting date will be set. Most likely, it  
25 will be the end of June.  
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27 Some discussion was had regarding liaisons to the Guilds. Yn.  
28 Violet Kasparian requested being liaison to the seven churches in  
29 Illinois and Wisconsin, plus the Detroit Guild. Chairman Yn. Pat  
30 Buttero made notes of other requests for liaison duties and will  
31 prepare the complete list of assignments in time for our first  
32 meeting.  
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34 Chairman Yn. Buttero requested that each member take some  
35 stationery with them.  
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37 Lucy Murad will be Chairman of the 1997 Nominating Committee.  
38 Grace Arslanian will be Chairman of the 1997 Auditing Committee.  
39 Proposals Committee Chairman will be Carol Ashbaian.  
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41 The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.  
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43 Respectfully submitted,  
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48 Yn. Violet Kasparian  
49 Recording Secretary  
50 May 15, 1996  
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