

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD JAN. 24,25 1986 IN CHELMSFORD, MA.

MINUTES

FRIDAY JAN 24, 1986

- 1 The opening prayer was delivered by Very Rev. Fr. Khajag Barsamian, The meeting was then called to order by chairman Shake Ajamian @ 8:30 pm.
- 2 The minutes of the last meeting were read by Melina Spinuzza, the only correction was that of the spelling of Diane Kapikian's last name. Scott Najarian then motioned to accept the minutes as corrected, second was by Gary Townsend.
- 3 Melina then gave the Treasurer's report as follows:
  - \$ 24,738.69 in the security account
  - \$ 379.54 in the checking account
 Scott made a motion to accept the report as read, second by Gary.

4 OLD BUSINESS

A) CALENDER

Discussion on the calender revoled around the funding of the project. It was estimated that the project would cost between \$ 200- \$ 300 without postage. The decision of the Council was to work towards a 1987 calender that could be distributed at the 1986 General Assembly.

The specifics of the calender might be as follows:

- 1. 30" x 20"
- 2. No dates, each month would have a space allocated for the labels to be put.

logo	ACYOA CALENDER	logo
JAN	FEB	MAR
-	-	-
APR	MAY	JUN
-	-	-
church locations and phone #		

Scott volunteered his efforts towards looking into this type of calender.

B) MEMBERSHIP LISTINGS

The membership list has been updated as of mid-Dec. The list of dues paid members is not available at this time. The council agreed that any dues which have not yet been received (1/1/86) should be subject to the \$ 25.00 penalty for dilequency.

Melina will send last years list ( once we get them ) to the respective chapters so that they may check their current list with the old list. She will inform C.C. members of chapters in their respective regions that may be dilequent.

C) GENERAL YOUTH LISTING

The list has been sent to each council member and Hayr Khajag. These lists are not accessible to anyone but council members. Each Rep. will also be sent the list for their respective region, these are then to go to the corresponding chapters and parish priests revision. It is hoped that these revisions can be made by APRIL 1, 1986

D) REGIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

SHAKE - Chairman, Upstate N.Y., oversees the entire council, working on Archbishop's Tournament.

SCOTT - Vice Chairman, N.E. Rep. , helping Wynnewood with General Assembly / Sports Weekend.

GARY - Corresponding Secretary, Mid-Atlantic Rep., spoken with Bayside Concerning Archbishop's Tournament and Wynnewood on G.A. / S.W. . Assignment to develop Religous and Educational Activities both on the Parish and Regional levels. Possibilities of talking with Parish Priests for ideas.

MELINA - Treasurer, Mid-West Rep., In charge of Leadership Conference to be held May 3, 1986 in conjunction with the Diocesan Assembly. Duties include: taking care of the dues paid lists and membership card distribution. The Mid-West account of \$ 980.90 will go towards any Mid-West function. ( e.g. Regional Ball).

SARA - Recording Secretary, South Rep.

Closing prayer given by Hayr Soorp @ 10:25 p.m. Will reconvene Sat. morning at 9:30 a.m.

SAT. JAN 25, 1986

OPENING PRAYER 9:38 A.M.

E) REGIONAL CONFERENCES

Mid-West : Held Nov. 30, 1985 in Detroit. His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian was in attendance. Topics discussed included: Regional Ball ( Evanston )  
Regional Volleyball ( Palos Heights )  
3 Chapters were represented.

Mid-Atlantic : Held Nov. 15, 1985 in Wynnewood. Topics included:  
General Assembly / Sports Weekend ( Wynnewood )  
Archbishop's Tournament ( Bayside )  
3 Chapters were represented.

New England : Held Dec. 7, 1985 in Providence. Very Rev. Fr. Baret Yeretzian was in attendance. Topics discussed were:  
Regional Ball ( Providence )

Regional Volleyball June 6-8, 1986 ( Worcester )  
5 Chapters were in attendance.

#### F) RESOURCE BOOKLET

It was discussed that the Resource Booklet is a very serious project that should be carried out. It was also voted on that a project board committee would be formed to help carry out the function of creating such a booklet. It was motioned by Gary that Shake be in charge of the booklet from this time forth and to continue after her term in C.C. expires in Sept of '86. Second on the motion was by Melina.

The specifics of the book were discussed and temporarily the council came up with the following idea :

The booklet could be a 5' x 7' looseleaf binder, each page would be for one individual only. This was determined for the ease of updating. Each page would contain biographic information and information on the individual's specialty.

Also it was decided that each council member develop a list of topics to be incorporated into the cover letter.

#### G) ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Because no present council member was at the meeting of the committee during the G.A., we did not understand completely what this committee was suppose to do. Therefore the present council came up with a list of issues for the committee to look into. They are :

1. Establishment of goals for the Organization on the
  - a) National
  - b) Regional
  - c) Local levels
2. The positive and negative aspects of the ACYOA and improvements on the negative and to enhance the positive.
3. Problems of relationship and interaction between the young adults and the other members of the Parish.
4. What changes(ideas) must occur to make the ACYOA a functioning organization?

Gary will work with the aid of Jim on the development of these issues to be sent to each committee member. Have each committee member develop their ideas and sent them back to us by Apr. 1. Rev. Fr. Madiros will be invited to our next C.C. meeting to be the spokesman for the committee. All correspondence would be sent in c/o Shake.

#### H) CHRISTMAS CARDS

As of this time the Christmas cards are in the hands of Sara. We will hold these cards and get them out for next year. Shake will take responsibility for getting Easter cards out on behalf of the C.C. .

#### J) 40th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION

It was discussed that this anniversary be a joint effort by the Seniors and Juniors of the ACYOA. The possible dates and host chapters are below:

Mid-Atlantic -- Nov. 28th, @ Cathedral in NY  
Nancy Basmajian and Shake are contacts.

New England --- Nov. 15 ?, Providence, RI

Mid-West ---- Sept. 5th ?, Evanston. IL

Discussion centered around the distribution of the profits towards the reprinting of "Sacraments and Prayers..." There was a suggestion made that the host of the N.E. and Mid-West balls match the 25% C.C. donation toward the reprinting with the stipulation that any excess be sent to Etchmiadzin.

100% of the NY proceeds will go towards the reprint.

#### K) CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Certificates are to be sent to individuals in appreciation for deeds they have done, whether it be on the national, regional, or local level. The individuals merits would be taken from monthly fact sheets or any council member who knows of a person.

#### L) BLACKLISTING

It was decided to sent out letters to those whom the Council feels have caused problems at past events. These people would be put on probation for the coming year. If it is found that the problems continue with these same people, they would be asked not to come to any events the following year. It was decided that Gary would formulate 2 letters:

1) Send a letter to all Parishes outlining the policy of enforcing the safe guards at weekends.

2) formulate a probation letter to be sent to those whom the Council feels should be on probation and to their respective parish priest.

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#### NEW BUSINESS

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#### A) COMMUNICATION

There is a small lack of communication among Council members and it was discussed that members should try to set aside 1 hour a week to tend to their duties to offset the communication problem.

#### B) REGIONAL MEETING W/ CLERGY

A special meeting can be set up in each region with the clergy.

Possibility to have in conjunction with Regional meetings. Fr. Khajag will present the ideas to His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian. The ideas are:

- 1) Have a special meeting with only clergy and the respective Council member for the region.
- 2) A meeting with the clergy, Council member and youth of the region.

C) CALIFORNIA G.A. (Reported by Stephen Sarkisian)

Stephen reported the following points of information he found at the Cal. G.A. :

- C.C. runs the Assembly. Chairman of C.C. chairs the Assembly.
- All material was sent far in advance of the Assembly
- C.C. runs more of the events:
  - 2 Retreats
  - Sports Weekend ( held in Fresno each year)
- G.A. held in different area each year
- General Directory of all dues paid members
- Discussion groups were formed on different topics. This was done at the end of the assembly. The conclusions that the groups came up with were presented at the following year's assembly.
- Proposal to allow Eastern and Canadian Dioceses to participate in their S.W.
  - As an individual : you can participate for a chapter only in individual sports. You also had to attend at least 6 of your chapters gen. membership meetings
  - As a chapter : You must meet Western Diocese requirements.

Melina will check on the possibility of a rule change for our Constitution to allow members of the other Diocese to participate in our S.W.

- Possibility of a meeting between the two C.C.

D)

Hayr Soorp spoke about different programs which he thought concerned the youth of the ACYOA.

1) Non governmental U.N. - Diocese has been contacted that it can be represented by 2 individuals during this program at the U.N.

2) Send a letter to appropriate congressmen of our regions for their support of article 192.

3) Summer task force at the Cathedral. Any ACYOA member interested in working at the Diocese during the summer

for any of the depts should contact Hayr Soorp. Duration of stay can be arranged between the individual and Hayr Soorp. Accomodations will be taken care of. Jim will prepare a list of possible jobs.

CLOSING PRAYER 4:20 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

GARY TOWNSEND

MINUTES OF THE 1984 GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

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August 29 - August 31, 1984  
Holiday Inn Alsip  
Palos Heights, Illinois

His Eminence  
Abp. Torkom Manoogian  
Primate

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I. FIRST SESSION - Wednesday, August 29, 1984

A. Invocation

The first session of the 38th Annual ACYOA General Assembly was called to order at 7:55 p.m. by the 1983 General Assembly Chairman, Arda Nazerian (Bayside). His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America led the delegates in an opening prayer service.

B. Roll-Call

George Jevanjian (Detroit), Recording Secretary of the ACYOA Central Council, called the roll. 27 of a possible 35 elected delegates were present. The Chair noted that a quorum was present and the 1984 Assembly could convene.

Two observers from the California Diocese, John Yaldezian and Tory Topjian were introduced.

Also in attendance was ~~the Primate, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, and~~ Mr. James Magarian, Executive Secretary from the Diocese to the ACYOA.

C. Election of Assembly Chairman

The Chair opened nominations for 1984 Assembly Chairman.

Kurt Norian (Detroit) nominated Melina Spinuzza (Evanston) - seconded by Craig Eranosian (Providence) - Melina accepted.

Robert Shamgochian (Worcester) nominated Scott Najarian (Worcester) - Scott accepted.

George Jevanjian moved to close the nominations and Shake Ajemian (Bayside) seconded. Roll call - secret ballot vote.

Election results: Melina Spinuzza received a majority vote. Scott Najarian was thus the Vice Chairman of the Assembly.

Father Nerses Jebejian introduced two young people from Houston who came as observers to the proceedings.

#### D. Adoption of Agenda

Arda asked that an insert be made between XIX and XX in the Agenda allowing John Yalduzian and Dean Shahinian to address the Thursday evening session.

Motion to insert the above as XIX a. and b. was made by George Jevarjian and seconded by Nora Ovassapian (Evanston).

A motion was made by Sue Boyajian (Palos Heights) to change the starting time of the Thursday meeting to 6:00 p.m. instead of 7:45 incorporating the Educational Program as part of the Assembly proceedings.

Peter Bogosian (Palos Heights) moved to accept the change of time into the Agenda.

A motion was made to move XX a. and b. to XVII d. and e. Committee Reports from Session 4 to 3.

Craig Eranosian moved to accept the Agenda as amended - seconded by Nora Ovassapian. Motion passed.

#### E. Adoption of Rules of Procedure

Sue Boyajian (Palos Heights) moved to accept the Rules of Procedure - seconded by Peter Bogosian (Palos Heights).

Melina informed the Council that a Seargent-at-Arms and Parliamentarian will be appointed Thursday morning.

#### F. Welcoming Address of Host Chapter

The Chair invited Sue Boyajian, Chairman, General Assembly Host Committee of the Palos Heights Chapter of S. S. Joachim and Anne Armenian Church to address the delegates. Sue welcomed the Primate, clergy, Executive Secretary, ACYOA Central Council and all delegates to Palos Heights and wished them every success and a fun week-end.

#### G. Educational Presentation Educational Briefing - "Public Relations".

The Chair then turned the floor to Arda Nazerian for the educational presentation. Arda presented a very informative and interesting discussion of the difference between Publicity and Public Relations and the need to promote the ACYOA and its goals in the Churches as well as the Communities. A discussion followed regarding the possibility of lowering the age of the Senior ACYOA or the combining of the Juniors with the Seniors in order to encourage the youth of the Churches to remain active.

Arda also asked the delegates for their opinions regarding the publishing of a public relations or guidelines handbook including the goals and purposes of the ACYOA. The delegates felt that this would be of benefit to the organization.



James Magarian, Executive Secretary, then gave a brief explanation of the function of the Assembly Committees.

The purposes of the ACYOA was read to the delegates by Melina.

The Chair entertained a motion to recess the Assembly until Thursday morning and was seconded by George Jevanjian. The Assembly recessed at 9:35 p.m.