

ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL
1993 ACTION GOALS

Theme: BUILDING COMMUNITY

Goal I: Establish 3 New ACYOA Chapters

Result: By establishing ACYOA Chapters in parishes where there are none, the entire organization will regain its former sense of mission while acquiring new energy and strength.

February Target 3 parishes that do not have ACYOA chapters

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| Chicago | Palos Heights |
| Binghamton | South Milwaukee |
| Belleville | Springfield |
| Elberon | Syracuse |
| Lawrence | Trumbull |
| Miami | Union City |
| | Waukegan |

Contact Parish Priest and/or Parish Council
Chairman

-Explain intentions and ask for a key
young person(s) to assist with establishment
of chapter

-Encourage participation of Priest, Parish Council,
ACYOA Alumni

Contact young person(s) - See Above

-Explain intentions

-Ask for a list of young people in parish
and/or geographical area to join group

March

Send Representative of Central Council to help with establishment of chapter and elections

-This could be a Central Council Member, ACYOA Alumni, or strong member from nearby chapter

-Articulate goals, mission and procedures of ACYOA

-Have chapter meet with Parish Councils and Diocesan Delegates and ACYOA supporters

-Plan social event for new chapter members
Funding by ACEF ACYOA Fund

April

Chapter to provide service project to parish

May

Send letter of welcome to chapter and relevant information

-Follow-up with phone calls to make sure the chapter is progressing well

-Central Council regional coordinator to visit chapter

June

Chapter to contact college students who are home for the summer and include them in their activities

July

Chapter to have 2 summer social events for chapter

Make sure chapter is aware of General Assembly and has delegates. Send chapter information (package plan, bylaws, agenda etc.)

Encourage chapter to participate in sporting activities at Sports Weekend

Regional Coordinator will keep in close contact with new chapter

August Evaluate project

September Introduce and welcome new chapter at General Assembly

*Monthly reports will be sent to the DYM outlining progress made in the above areas.

Goal II: Revive 3 Existing Chapters

Result: By reviving 3 chapters, the organization has a base by which it can easily build. By rebuilding existing chapters the message is clear that the ACYOA Central Council recognizes that there are problems and that they are willing to roll up their sleeves and try to do something about it. It will also serve to make chapters feel important and that someone recognizes that they are suffering. This could prove to give the young adults who have lost interest a new sense of involvement. In following years more chapters can have programs of this sort. This is similar to Chapter A.

February Target Chapters for revival program

Evanston
Racine
Greenfield
Haverhill
Livingston
Niagara Falls
Watervliet
Westchester
Worcester
Western Queens
Detroit
Providence

March Contact Chapter Chairmen

-Explain plan

-Dialogue as to what they (the Chairmen) feel is wrong with their chapter

Contact past strong ACYOA members from chapter or nearby chapters

-Explain intention

-Ask for their assistance

Contact Parish Priests, Parish Council members, or other interested parties

-Explain intention

-Ask for their assistance

Acquire from ACYOA Chairman, Parish Priest, Parish Council Chairman a list of all young adults in parish or geographic area

April

Have chapter invite all young adults to meeting/social

-Funding from ACEF ACYOA if no funding is available from chapter

May

Send Central Council representative or strong Alumni to attend meeting and assist chapter in elections and planning activities

Suggest Programs (See Attached)

June

Regional Coordinator to keep in close contact with chapter

July

Chapter to contact college students who are home for the summer and include them in their activities

August

Encourage attendance and participation at General Assembly and Sports Weekend

Evaluate Program

September

Acknowledge and praise at General Assembly

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ACYOA
Building Community

Programs

Worship

Attend Church as a group
Organize Ecumenical Service
Organize Martyrs Day Service

Education

Programs for:

Sunday School Students during class
Sunday School Students after class
ACYOA Juniors
Parish
Senior Citizens

Topics may include: the Republic of Armenia, Karabagh, Earthquake relief efforts, Religious doctrine or non Armenian topics

Ask members of the community (parish priest, seminarians, educators) when available or bring someone from outside in to speak..

Service

Host coffee hour after church
Provide transportation for elderly to church
Visit Armenian old age home
Visit parishioners in hospital
Ushering
Plate passing
Greeting - outside church as parishioners enter 2-3 members
Assisting church with projects - dinners, bingo etc.
Assisting church with planting flowers, mowing lawn, painting etc.

Witness

Invite youth group from a neighborhood parish to church service and engage in dialogue of differences in your religions. Invite both priests to participate.

Fellowship

- Parties
- Dances
- Sporting events
- Team Sports
- Progressive Dinners
- Picnics, etc

ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING - March 20, 1993

Members present: Laura Gononian, DYM; Lucine Baronian, Pam Moroukian, Rena Jebedjian, Charlie Shushan, John Diradourian.

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m.

It waS OPENED WITH A PRAYER.

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as amended.

There was no treasurer's report as the treasurer was absent.

The Chair requests notification if Central Council members will not be able to attend meetings.

The next meeting will be at the Archbishop's Tournament, May 21-23 in Wynnewood, PA at the Adams Mark Hotel. First meeting at 9 p.m. sharp at the Hotel.

Retreat: There were 16 attendees for the weekend, 1 for Saturday only, and 5 CC members. Next year raise the cost to cover all expenses. It is our intent to continue this retreat.

Rena sent out the quarterly report and it was well received.

Next report goes out in June and then a report in August.

Charlies to send ACYOA Day letter to chapter chair, pastors and youth ministers to remind them Palm Sunday is ACYOA Day. A letter also went out from the Primate.

Mrs. Andonian received the flowers and thanked us. She is doing well.

The ACYOA National mailing list has been updated and we now have 1333 names, app. 90 from W.D.

Boca - Rena reported Dinner to honor 2 people - Grace & Jack Karagozian.

Bayside - Lucine reported-annual ACYOA Palm Sunday dinner with Greg Saraydarian speaking on the DFAR, the Juniors dancing, and a musical selection.

Hartford - Laura will speak at their Palm Sunday dinner.

Anniversary Ball Weekend - Flyer made, contracted bands for Friday and Saturday, next meeting Tuesday, 3/30 at 8:30 p.m.

John will contact all the people and re-confer with Lucine and Laura.

Anniversary Ball 2 years prior at Boca - They have not sent the check yet - Rena will check on it.

Need report from Bayside about Sports Weekend. Lucine will call.

Richmond lost name at last year's Anniversary Ball. No final report, proceeds or seed money returned. Charlie will call Richmond.

Project Growth - letters went out from the Primate. Rena called Orlando. No people - she needs a new chapter - assigned Springfield. Gary sent a letter to Fr. Gulgulian in Richmond announcing the plan. Gary and Rena will visit Richmond in May. Pam and Lucine to follow up at Chicago and Racine.

John and Jay - Haverhill is waiting for ^{Fr. Sahag}~~Don David~~ to come back from his 40 days.

John went to Westchester with Claire. Four members attended the meeting. No chairperson.

1994 General Assembly or Sports Weekend - Boca is a good possibility. So is Detroit. Dues notices must go out to chapters.

Armenian studies Program needs a volunteer to do work to help with press releases, stuff envelopes etc. Lucine will call to find people and John will come in April.

Meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Lucine Baronian

REPORT FOR ACYOA RETREAT

3/19-3/21
The Retreat was held at Trinity Retreat House in Larchmont, NY, a Catholic Retreat House in a gorgeous waterfront setting. The sessions were led by Der Karekin Kasparian, Deacon Serop, and J. Kenneth Leap. The theme was "Christ in our daily lives." The retreat ended at St. Nersess with Badarak celebrated by Der Garabed.

Sixteen people attended the Retreat. Five were Central Council members and one person was there for Saturday only. From those who answered the questionnaire, the responses were quite favorable. Some suggestions for improvement were to have a priest attend the whole weekend, discussions about male/female roles, add some exercise - for our bodies as well as our souls - more frequent retreats, more people, more small group activities, less free time.

The participants were charged \$75 each - that was the cost of the Retreat House (including meals there). Other costs incurred were covered by the ACYOA CC. They were app. \$400 - for mailings, Xerox, packets, brunch on Sunday, and art supplies. This cost could be added to the price of the retreat. \$90 would generate \$150 more, \$100 a person would generate \$250 more. However, this would not cover total cost, but anything above \$100 would be excessive.

Respectfully submitted,



Lucine Baronian



A.C.Y.O.A. CENTRAL COUNCIL UPDATE
WINTER 1992-1993

Dear Parish Priest, Chapter Chairman, and Chapter Contact:

Greetings to you and your chapters! This is the first of many Central Council Updates that you will be receiving this year to keep you posted on the highlights and activities of the Council. Since the General Assembly in Bayside, New York, we have formally met five times, and our next scheduled meeting will be during the A.C.Y.O.A. Lenten Retreat March 19-21, in Larchmont, New York, but more about the retreat later in the Update.

Our Central Council members have been highly involved in various activities throughout the winter. Some of the more important activities include making various chapter visitations and attending chapter activities. If you would like a Council member to attend one of your meetings, attend a function, or make a general visitation, please call Charles Shooshan for arrangements.

Charles Shooshan, Chairman, participated and spoke at Hellenic College Holy Cross Seminary to an assembly of students on the subject of World Fellowship of Orthodox Youth. John Diradourian has taken on the task of Chairman of the A.C.Y.O.A. Anniversary Ball to be held in New York July 31, in conjunction with the Chapter Chairman's meeting.

At our last Central Council meeting in New York City on February 6th, the Central Council, under the leadership of His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, and the help of our Young Adult Coordinator, Laura Gononian, The Council, planned, evaluated, and established action goals for the coming year. Our first goal is to form three new A.C.Y.O.A. chapters. By establishing new A.C.Y.O.A. chapters in parishes where there are none, the entire organization will regain its former sense of mission while acquiring new energy and strength. Each Council member has been assigned a region and a parish as a liason. Our second action goal is to revive three existing chapters. Once again, each Council Member has been assigned a target chapter to revitalize. Our agenda along with our other assignments will help to strengthen our organization.

Enclosed you will find the information for the A.C.Y.O.A. Central Council sponsored Lenten Retreat to be held at the Trinity Retreat House in Larchmont, New York. It begins Friday March 19th through Sunday the 21st. We urge all to consider taking time out during this Lenten Period to retreat together. Please remind your chapter at your next meeting. Flyers were sent out to all A.C.Y.O.A. members in early January.

Two members of our Central Council will be attending the 91st Diocesan Assembly to be held in Chicago, Il, April 29, through May 2, hosted by St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church of Chicago. Once again, the Youth will be a major topic for the Assembly. Attendance by all youth is urged.

The A.C.Y.O.A. along with other Armenian organizations nationwide are assisting in helping the "Operation Winter Rescue." The purpose is to help our fellow brothers and sisters in Armenia who desperately need our help to get through these very cold months. Much needed supplies are being collected and donated. If you, as young professional adults, have contacts with companies or friends who would be willing to make a donation to the cause. Please contact your parish Priest. Each of you, as leaders of your A.C.Y.O.A. have a responsibility to help this cause.

Mark your calendars now! The 1993 A.C.Y.O.A. Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament will be hosted by the Wynnewood, Pa. A.C.Y.O.A. Chapter. The dates are May 21-23. For further information, please contact Lisa Manookian at (215) 649-8426, in the evening.

This Spring marks the 25th Anniversary of St. Vartan Cathedral in New York. There will be celebrations that will begin the weekend of May 14-16. Our A.C.Y.O.A. Anniversary Ball Weekend this year will also be held at St. Vartan Cathedral the weekend of July 30-August 1. Friday night will begin the weekend with a Jazz Band at the Plaza on the Diocese grounds. On Saturday the 31, we will hold our Annual Chapter Chairmen's meeting at the Diocese, then the Ball. On Sunday, we all will be celebrating Badarak together at St. Vartan. Details for these events will be forthcoming. If you would be interested in joining the committee for the Anniversary Ball, please call John Diradourian at (516) 433-0105.

Congratulations to Reverend Father Diran Bohajian from Union City, New Jersey, a past A.C.Y.O.A. member that has been newly ordained to the Order of Priesthood. He is currently serving the parish of St. Stepanos, in Elberon, New Jersey.

I have also enclosed a revised Chapter Chairman list for your use. We hope that you'll find this Update informative. If you have any comments or question, or wish to help in any of the activities we are involved in, please don't hesitate to call Charles Shooshan or any Central Council member.

Sincerely,

Rena Jebelian
Central Council Advisor

ACYOA PROJECT GROWTH Accountability Structure

Primate

Department of Youth Ministry
Young Adult Coordinator

Central Council Chairman

Central Council

Parish Priests/Dn.-in-Charge/Parish Council Chairmen/Parish
Youth Workers-Coordiators

Chapter Chairmen

ACYOA

PROJECT GROWTH

Central Council Meeting
30 October 1993

- I. Reports from Council Members on Progress with Regards to Project Growth
- II. Confirm Regional Assignments - See Accountability Attachment
- III. Targeting Parishes Within Regions - See Region Attachment
- IV. Project Growth Implementation - See Project Growth Packet
- V. Activities - Regional/Chapter - See Program Attachment
 - A. Retreats
 1. 1994 Discipleship Theme
 - B. Service to Church
 - C. Worship Activity
 - D. Educational Activity
 - E. Fellowship Activity
 - F. Witness/Ecumenical Activity
 - G. Other Ideas for Programs
- VI. Defining Responsibilities of Council Members - See Areas of Responsibility Attachment
 - A. Chapter Contact
 1. Young Adult Coordinator
 2. Central Council Chairmen
 3. Central Council
 4. Parish Priest/Dn.-in-Charge/Parish Council Chairmen
 5. Youth Coordinator/Youth Volunteer/Youth Committee Chairmen

VII. Assigning Months for Regional Retreats

VIII. Effective Follow-up

IX. Other Suggestions, Ideas

ACYOA REGIONS

New England

Cambridge
Haverhill
Providence
Watervliet

Chelmsford
Lawrence
Springfield
Worcester

Hartford
New Britain
Watertown

Mid Atlantic

Bayside
Elberon
Niagara Falls
Tenafly
Western Queens

Binghamton
Fairlawn
Rochester
Trumbull
Westchester

Cheltenham
Livingston
Syracuse
Union City
Wynnewood

South Central

Albuquerque
Dallas

Austin
Houston

Baton Rouge
San Antonio

Capital

Richmond

Washington, D.C.

Midwest Region

Belleville
Greenfield
South Milwaukee

Chicago
Palos Heights
Waukegan

Evanston
Racine

South East

Atlanta
Miami
St. Petersburg

Boca Raton
Ocala

Memphis
Orlando

Great Lakes

Cleveland

Detroit

ACYOA PROJECT GROWTH

Rebuilding and Revitalizing our Chapters

Goals: To empower Central Council, Chapter Chairmen, Delegates, Parish Priests, Parish Councils et al to revitalize their chapters. To insure that each parish has a vital young adult group which is an important part of the parish. To build young adult leaders for service to their church and community.

ACYOA PROJECT GROWTH

A program of the Central Council

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Establish which parishes do not have ACYOA chapters

Contact Parish Priest and/or Parish Council
Chairman

-Explain intentions and ask for a key
young person(s) to assist with establishment
of chapter

-Enlist participation of Priest, Parish Council,
ACYOA Alumni

Contact young person(s) in above mentioned groups

-Explain intentions

-Ask for a list of young people in parish
and/or geographical area to join group

Month 2 Send Central Council Member (Regional Rep.) to help with establishment of chapter

-An additional Central Council Member, ACYOA Alumni, or strong member from nearby chapter should accompany the Regional Rep. and participate in establishment of chapter

-Articulate goals, mission and procedures of ACYOA

-Have young adults meet with Parish Councils and Diocesan Delegates and ACYOA supporters

-Plan social event for "new chapter" members

Month 3 Young Adult Group should provide a service project to parish

Plan a retreat for chapter (or region)

A combined retreat for several "new chapters" could be planned and discipleship and leadership should be discussed as main theme of retreat.

Month 4 Send letter of welcome to chapter and relevant information regarding the establishment of official chapter

-Follow-up with phone calls to make sure the chapter is progressing well

-Regional Representative should visit chapter

Month 5 - 6 Chapter to contact college students who are home for the summer and include them in their activities

Chapter to have 2 summer social events for chapter

Make sure chapter is aware of General Assembly and has delegates. Send chapter information (package plan, bylaws, agenda etc.)

Encourage chapter to participate in sporting activities at Sports Weekend

Regional Coordinator will keep in close contact with new chapter

Month 7 Evaluate project

Month 8 Introduce and welcome new chapter at General Assembly

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Month 1 Assign Central Council Regional Representative

Target Chapters for revival program

Month 2 Contact Chapter Chairmen

-Explain plan

-Dialogue as to what they (the Chairmen) feel is wrong with their chapter

Contact past strong ACYOA members from chapter or nearby chapters

-Explain intention

-Ask for their assistance in re-vitalization project

Month 2 (Cont.) Contact Parish Priests, Parish Council members, or other interested parties

-Explain intention

-Ask for their assistance

Acquire from ACYOA Chairman, Parish Priest, Parish Council Chairman a list of all young adults in parish or geographic area

Month 3 Have chapter invite all young adults to meeting/social
Regional Representative should attend gathering

Month 4 Send Central Council representative and strong alumni to attend meeting and assist chapter in re-vitalization and planning activities

Plan retreat and service to church activity

Suggest Programs (See Program Attachment)

Hold elections for positions (if necessary)

Month 5-6 Regional Coordinator to keep in close contact with chapter
Chapter to contact college students who are home for the summer and include them in their activities

Month 7 Encourage attendance and participation at General Assembly and Sports Weekend

Evaluate Program

Month 8 Acknowledge accomplishments and at General Assembly

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ACYOA PROJECT GROWTH

Programs

Worship

Attend Church as a group
Organize Martyrs Day Service
Host an Ecumenical Service for young adults
Visit nursing homes with priest
Participate in Lenten, Armenian Christmas, Feast Day services as a group
Organize Bible study group

Education

Organize Programs for:

- Sunday School Students during class
- Sunday School Students after class
- ACYOA Juniors
- Parish
- Senior Citizens
- ALLARC

Topics may include: Religious doctrine, the sacraments, the Bible, discipleship, leadership, the Republic of Armenia, Karabagh, Earthquake relief efforts, current issues etc.

Ask members of the community (parish priest, seminarians, educators) when available, or bring someone from outside in to speak.

Service

Host coffee hour after church
Provide transportation for elderly to church
Visit Armenian old age home
Visit parishioners in hospital
Ushering
Plate passing
Greeting - outside church as parishioners enter
Assisting church with projects - dinners, bingo etc.
Assisting church with planting flowers, mowing lawn, painting etc.

Witness

Organize Martyr's Day, Armenian Christmas, Lenten activity with neighboring non-Armenian youth group.

Invite youth group from a neighborhood parish to church service and engage in dialogue of the similarities and differences in your religions. Invite both priests to participate.

Fellowship

Armenian Christmas, Lenten, Feast Day, multi-generational gathering in parish or with neighboring ACYOA Chapter.

Chapter Social Events:

Parties

Dances

Sporting events

Team Sports

Progressive Dinners

Picnics, etc

ACYOA PROJECT GROWTH

Areas of Responsibility:

The Department of Youth Ministry, Young Adult Coordinator will:

- Oversee "Project Growth" for the period of one year to assist Central Council and Chapter Chairmen in this vital project
- Act as liaison between Central Council and Office of the Primate
- Work with Central Council and Central Council Chairmen directly
- Assist Chapter Chairmen
- Suggest programs
- Visit chapters
- Meet with young adult groups
- Facilitate programs in general
- Report monthly to the DYM Director, Chancellor and Primate with regard to Central Council Chairman's report.
- Attend retreats, activities

Central Council Chairman will be responsible for:

- Communicating with Young Adult Coordinator
- Communicating with Chapter Chairmen and Chapters on a monthly basis
- Cumulating and submitting monthly chapter progress reports from Central Council Members to Young Adult Coordinator
- Attending regional retreats and activities when possible
- Encourage Council Members and Chapter Chairmen with program
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Central Council Members will take responsibility for implementing the project with the assistance of the Young Adult Coordinator. Central Council will be responsible for:

- Submitting monthly progress reports regarding the chapters in their regions to Central Council Chairmen (and Central Sect. for Update)
- Maintaining communication with chapters/parishes
- Visiting chapters/parishes
- Suggesting programs
- Implementing programs
- Visiting or appointing Central Council members to visit chapters
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Chapter Chairmen, with the assistance of Delegates, will be responsible for:

- Identifying young adults within their parishes
- Identifying young adults within their community
- Working with their Parish Priests or Parish Council Chairmen when no Priest is in the Parish
- Inviting young adults to gatherings
- Maintaining mailing lists
- Establishing service projects
- Implementing social gatherings
- Implementing religious and cultural programs with the assistance of Central Council and the Young Adult Coordinator
- Submitting monthly reports to their Central Council representative
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Parish Priest (or Parish Council Chairmen) and Youth Coordinator/Director will be responsible for:

- Identifying young adults in their parishes
- Supporting all activities of the parish youth group
- Attending all activities, meetings and programs
- Assisting with securing funding if needed
- Overseeing with religious programs
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ACYOA PROJECT GROWTH

Additional Information

- It is important that the ACYOA Chapter/Central Council show consistency. If a long term project is undertaken it is imperative that it is seen to fruition (i.e. if a chapter is going to provide transportation for elderly members once a month, it must do so consistently - every 3rd Sunday etc.)
- The Central Council must remain in at least monthly contact with the chapters in their region either by phone, mail or visits.
- The Central Council should visit every chapter in their region. They may combine chapters in a single visit (i.e. Sth Milwaukee/Greenfield having one gathering).
- The Council should encourage chapters and their members to participate at their "level of comfort". Not every chapter is "gung-ho" they should be encouraged to become more involved in the life of the church, but should not be condemned for not being interested in major participation. The goal is involvement and hopefully with involvement will come commitment to the group and to the church.
- A retreat on Discipleship must be scheduled in every region by the Council. This retreat must include worship. It should be most beneficial to have a Council Member oversee the retreat, but have chairmen-or interested members from the region actually plan or at least assist in the planning of the retreat. The goal of the retreat should be to "empower" our members to "take the bull by the horns" and re-vitalize their own and other chapters.
- Only through re-vitalization will this organization survive and flourish. Without strong chapters the ACYOA has no future. And we will not be building leaders for our church in the coming years.

- Go to the basics -

Bible studies

Divine Liturgy - studies

Central Council Meeting/Retreat
St. Nerses Armenian Seminary, New Rochelle
October 29 - 31, 1993

Friday, at 8:00p.m., the retreat began with Deacon Hratch leading the dicussion on Matthew 5:13-24. Following the dicussion, Surpazan Hayr Khajag performed evening services (Vespers) in the Chapel.

Saturday, at 9:00a.m., Morning Prayer with the reading of Ephesians 3:14-21 and Luke 24:36-49. After which Surpazan Hayr discussed the 3 main points, clarity, strength and inspiration, in Luke 24.

Regional Reports:

Kavork Hagopian, Midwest and Great Lakes area reported that Palos Heights has started a chapter for the age group of 18-24. In Chicago there are a few who are interested in scheduling meetings and there is not a great deal of interest in Evanston. At this time Der Mardios informed us about Russ Kashian being appointed as Midwest Youth Regional Coordinator and Sona Holland being appointed Midwest Program Coordinator.

John Megrdochian, New England area reported that he has been in contact with Deacon Gary Alexander about holding a retreat during Lent (northern Retreat). At this point Laura Gononian asked that we consider all future retreats to center upon discipleship.

Meline Kasparian, Mid Atlantic area reported that there are a few strong chapters. She is to contact Der Diran in Elberon to see if there is any interest. Western Queens no response. Fairlawn is a reviving chapter, met with the Westchester chapter twice, Livingston is interested in starting a New York and New Jersey Regional Chapter and Cheltenham reported that there is no Senior Chapter.

Arpi Bouroujian, South Central, Captial and South East reported that she has spoken with some of the youth in Texas area and they sounded very interested in starting a youth organization, possibly doing a combined retreat with Baton Rouge. Richmond chapter has scheduled a retreat for the weekend of November 12-13 with Deacon Gary Alexander leading the Bible study and Prayer. Unable to make contact with anyone in the Florida and Washington area.

Pam Moroukian, New England area reported that she has spoken with Hartford Chair Lisa Tashjian. Watervliet is in the process of getting a new Excutive Council and that Springfield is in the process of starting a Jr. ACYOA.

Laura Gononian discussed the Outreach Program and ACYOA's active role in Project Growth. Guidelines were handed out and discussed .

Minutes were reviewed and motion was made by Kavork to accept and seconded by John M.

Treasurers Report:

Balance on hand \$5,400.00. Expenses thus far \$24,867.00 of which \$3,200.00 is for the 1992. Income thus far \$31,315.00.

Receivables:Richmond Archbishops' Tournament \$800.00 paid

Philadelphia Archbishops' Tournament Seed \$
New York Anniversary Ball seed \$
Boston Sports Weekend Have until December
Boca Raton 1991 Archbishops' Tournament \$2,175.00

need to be collected.

Pam is checking on a Calling Card for Central Council to use. Pam has obtained a Credit Card for our use, the card is in her name. This card's primary use will be for travel and lodging expenses.

Charlie Shooshan submitted a reimbursement form after Sports Weekend, discussion held on whether we should subtract the cost of the retreat for Christine's attendance from his reimbursement.

Decided that dues should be collected in January and that Pam would send out letters to the Chapter chairs reminding them of this. Two weeks later they should be contacted by their regional contacts on Central Council. Included with this should be a current list of all dues paying members and their addresses.

Der Garabed presented the idea of fundraising for AIDS Research. Mentioned that Raffi Hovensian found medicine that can be used as a step towards curing AIDS in France. Discussed the possibility of a fundraiser on Red Sunday for AIDS Research and the donation going to a specific agency in the United States.

Guidelines for chapter visitations need to be set to go along with the following: Contact chapter chair and not only attending meetings but going for a specific event at the same time (resource handbook). Possible that DYM may help us with setting up these guidelines.

Hye Hokin publication is in the works. The first issue is scheduled to be out by February 1, 1994. Editor is Russ Kashjian, coordinator:Arpi Bouroujian, Typesetter:Paulette and Printer (still in discussion stage)Mike Kaine. First issue is sponsored by Surpazan Hayr Khajag Barsamian and Scott Najarian.

Discussion on where to hold 1994's sports weekend. Possible that Central Council will host this event. In which case we would need to get help in the following areas:

Booklet fundraiser, activities coordinator (Friday night sports meeting, Saturday night dance and Sunday Banquet), Hotel, near a church, possible transportation for sporting events, sports coordinator, treasurer there may be a few more. Have not received 1993 General Assembly minutes (90 day time limit is not up). We need to send Lucine Harvey a list of things she will need to organize for 1994 General Assembly in Orlando, Florida during October 8-10 (contact hotel, organize events for approximately 60-100 people, arrange meeting rooms, arrange Primates' luncheon for Saturday and Saturday Dinner, Sunday Brunch).

Dean Shaninian lead a discussion on leadership as disciples. Following this discussion, Der Mardiros lead s discussion on Romans 12:1-21.

Evening services led by Der Mardiros.

Worked on questionnaire to be sent out to all chapter chairs about what they would like to see ACYOA do in the future.

1)What programs is your chapter interested in seeing during 1993-1994?

2)Is there an active Jr ACYOA or Sr ACYOA in your parish?

3)What is most attractive or least attractive about ACYOA?

4)How can Central Council help you?

5)What is the most successful event your chapter has done? Why? Least successful event? Why?

6)Has the ACYOA grown stronger or weaker in the last five years?

7)Does your parish have a priest and is your parrish supportive of your existence?

8)Specific interests as a group.

9)How would you characterize the dynamics of your group?

10)Do you have annual events?

11)What have you done in the last five years on ACYOA

DAY(Palm Sunday)?

12)Do you see ACYOA as a Christian group or as a Social group?

ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL RETREAT & MEETING

Friday, 29 October 1993

- 7:30pm Arrive St. Nersess Armenian Seminary
- 8:00pm Bible Study - Dn. Hratch Tchilingirian - Discipleship
- 9:30pm Rest Service - Fr. Garabed Kochakian
- 10:00pm Free

Saturday, 30 October 1993

- 9:00am Breakfast - St. Nersess
- 9:30am His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian
- 10:00am Project Growth
- 1:00pm Lunch
- 2:00pm Business Session
- 4:00pm Dean Shahinian
- 4:30pm Discussion - Fr. Mardiros Chevian
- 5:30pm Vespers and Conclusion of Retreat - Fr. Mardiros Chevian
- 6:00pm Continuation of Business (if necessary)
- 7:30pm Dinner

Sunday, 31 October 1993

- 10:00am Divine Liturgy - St. Nersess
Light breakfast to follow

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ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

CENTRAL COUNCIL TRANSITIONAL MEETING

His Eminence Bishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate



Respectfully Submitted:
Deacon Gary Alexander
Vice-Chairman
September 14, 1992
Brookline, MA

ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL TRANSITIONAL MEETING
Saturday, September 5, 1992
Uniondale, NY

ATTENDANCE: His Eminence Bishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate
Rev. Father Garabed Kochakian, Chancellor
Rev. Father Mardiros Chevian, Dir. Youth Min.
Mr. Charles Shooshan, III, ESQ., Chairman
Deacon Gary Alexander, Vice Chairman
Mr. Jay Kapur, Treasurer
Ms. Laura Ganonian, Rec. Secretary
Mr. John Diradourian, Corr. Secretary
Ms. Rena Jebejian, Advisor
Ms. Pam Merookian, Advisor
Ms. Laurie Onanian, Outgoing Central Council
Ms. Lynda Chagachbanian, Outgoing Cen. Council
Mr. Stephen Megrdichian, Outgoing Cen. Council

Call to Order: 5:20pm

1. The meeting opened with a prayer by the Primate.
2. The Chairman handed out the newly revised Central Council job descriptions and told all present to carefully read every detail.
3. Minutes from the previous two Central Council meetings were read and approved.
4. Treasurer's report: Treasurer was not present. The Chair then explained that we have two current receivables that we will be collecting in the upcoming months, one from the Boca Raton Anniversary Celebration, and the other from the Richmond ACYOA from the recent Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Tournament. Interest will also be forthcoming from the ACEF from the Gregory Arpaijian fund.
5. The Chairman distributed and went over the newly revised mailing list.
6. Fr. Mardiros, Director of Youth Ministry then told all present that someone was needed to write an announcement in the newspaper for the St. Vartan Camp scholarship. The scholarship will be available for two candidates. Deacon Gary, Vice Chairman then proceeded to volunteer to write the article and assist in the procedure.
7. The selection of new officers is listed above.
8. The Chair then asked for someone to send out quarterly

reports to the chapters. Rena Jebejian graciously accepted to undertake this task for the Council.

9. FUND RAISING: This is a very important mission for the Council. The Council unanimously decided that Mr. Stephen Megrdochian should Chair this massive task. The Council decided that Stephen should be given the freedom to implement the structure as he see fit to accomplish the goal. Also, he was authorized by the Council to select additional officers to add to the Fund Raising Committee according to his need. Mr. Jay Kapur, newly elected Treasurer of the council volunteered to be a member of the committee to report back to the Council. Stephen was then directed by the Primate and Fr. Garabed to get in touch with Diocesan financial Director Mr. Olson for helpful advice and direction.

10. Next Meeting Date: October 10, 1992 in Hartford, CT.

11. The Regional assignments were then distributed:

Chairman: South Central
Vice Chairman: Capital
Treasurer: New England
Rec. Sec.: North West
Cor. Sec.: Mid Atlantic
Advisor (Rena): South East
Advisor (Pam): Great Lakes

12. Cathedral Celebration: Fr. Mardiros told everyone about what was happening at the Diocese for this. John Diradourian volunteered to coordinate the ACYOA in relation to the celebration.

13. Location of the First Central Council: Laurie Onanian volunteered to locate the original members.

14. Thank You Letters: Laura Ganonian volunteered to send thank you letters to the following people;

- A. THE MARDIGIANS
- B. HIS HOLINESS VASKEN THE FIRST, SUPREME PATRIARCH OF ALL ARMENIANS.
- C. HIS BEATITUDE ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PATRIARCH OF THE HOLY SEE OF JERUSALEM.
- D. HIS GRACE BISHOP KAREKIN NERSESSIAN, PRIMATE OF YEREVAN.

15. Final plans for the Interdiocesan meeting were not finalized.

The Primate then expressed his gratitude and appreciation to all the members present for their great commitment and love towards their Church. He then ended the meeting with a prayer.

Central Council Meeting
September 4, 1993
Boston Massachusetts

The meeting begin at 9:00AM with Surpazan Hayr Khajag Barsamina leading the prayer.

Introduction of old and new central council members by Charlie Shooshan. No review of minutes from meeting held on July 31, 1993 in New York, they were unavailable at that time. At this time Charlie read a letter from John Diradourian, explaining his absenteeism from the meeting at hand. John also expressed an interest for the Vice Chair position on the newly elected Central Council.

Points of Interest:

Charlie took the time to explain Jay kalpur resignation which took place in May.

Boca Receivable : Charlie explained the status of Boca Rec'ble for the 1991's Archbishop Tournament seed money. Primate's office to intercede (\$2175.00).

Watertown chapter requested that charlie write a letter stating what equipment Central Council would be held accountable for during the General Assembly.

Charlie reviewed Central Council operations and procedures as well as covering the new reimbursement proposal passed by this year's assembly.

Charlie asked all remaining and incoming Central Council members if they had a preference for position on Central Council and if so which position. Pam Moroukian nominated Lucine Baronian for Chair, Kavork Hagopian second. Meline Kasparian nominated Kavork Hagopian Arpi Bouroujian second. Vote took place. candidates tied Kevork withdrew his name from the ballot. results:

Chair : Lucine Baronian

Vice Chair : Kavork Hagopian

Treasurer : Pam Moroukian

Recording Sec.: Arpi Bouroujian

Corresponding Sec.: Meline Kasparian

Advisor : John Diradourian

Advisor : John Megridchian

Since livingston lost in the bid for Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament it was suggested that Central Council send a letter of apology along with a request for their chapter to host the 1994 Sports Weekend or 1994 General Assembly.

Outgoing Central Council members gave a few words of advice as well as offering to help in any way that they can.

regional assignments:

Midatlantic : Meline Kasparian
 John Diradourina
Southeast : Arpi Bouroujian
New Englands : Pam Moroukian
 John Megridchian
Midwest : Kavork Hagopian

Surpazan Hayr Khajag thanked the three outgoing members for all their hard work and dedication for the past two years. Surpazan Hayr expressed that he would like for the first Central Council meeting to consist of a Retreat.

Meeting adjourned with Hayr Mer.

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