

September 1, 1976

The Very Reverend Ghevont Samoorian  
Pastor, Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Church  
180 Olde Westford Road  
Chelmsford, Massachusetts 01824

Dear Father Ghevont:

We were pleased to receive the minutes of the July 26 meeting of your parish council, and look forward to the minutes of the August 26 meeting which we attended.

We noted the paragraph about signatures for bank accounts. We expect that this will be done in the manner decided upon in the August meeting, and according to the practices prevailing in our Diocese.

We further noted the reference to a cabaret. Such terminology is inappropriate for a church function, and should not be used. Surely other more suitable terms can be found.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manougian  
Primate

cc. Parish Council Chairman

26th of July 1976

Parish Council meeting opened at 8:00 P.M. with prayer by Hayr Soorp.

The Secretary's report was read. Motion made and seconded to accept the minutes of July 19, 1976.

Treasurer reported the following balances as of 7/26/76:

General account- \$77.06  
Special account- \$ 6.42

The Treasurer reported that the bill from Demoulas Market for the February indoor picnic was given to the Ladies Aid for payment in advance of ordering the groceries for the August 1st picnic. At the time of ordering for the Aug. 1st picnic, Mr. Demoulas told the Ladies Aid to forget the February bill, to consider it as a donation. A motion was made and seconded to have the Secretary send Mr. Demoulas a thank you note.

Chairman Mr. Maloomian at this time stated to the Treasurer Michael Geyer that the checks from any of our bank accounts require two signatures. That being of the Chairman and Treasurer or the Treasurer and the Assistant Treasurer. Mr. Geyer asked Mr. Maloomian to show him in writing where two signatures are required. Mr. Maloomian stated that his information came from the Diocesan Council members and that the information was verbal. Hayr Soorp stated that in the past, due to the inconvenience and practicality, one signature was required. Mr. Maloomian mentioned that he has had this information for three weeks but has been waiting for everyone to calm down. Mr. Maloomian also stated that no ones integrity was being questioned but that Mr. Goshgarian and Der Dajad had told him that two signatures are required on checks. Hayr Soorp suggested that two signatures be put on checks.

Treasurer Michael Geyer remarked that after going through many hours of setting up ledgers and journals and keeping three check books, if another signature is necessary, he would resign. The reason being that he cannot see chasing around for a second signature when one signature has been the requirement for the past few years.

Mr. Geyer stated that it seems that lately anything that goes on in this church has to be O.K.'d by the Diocese. Mr. Maloomian reminded Mr. Geyer that the information came from the Diocesan Council members.

A motion was made to defer all discussion on the matter of signing checks. The motion was seconded and the vote carried.

26th of July 1976

OLD BUSINESS:

A. CABARET - Income 370.00  
 Exp. 290.33  
 Net 79.67

A motion by Tom Magarian to accept the final report on the cabaret. The motion was seconded by Charles Kerkian. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Geyer remarked that he hopes that the Management Board runs their affairs with better management.

B. A.G.B.U. PICNIC - Meeting scheduled for July 27th in Watertown.

C. ST. NERSES SEMINAR - The following group or persons will be responsible for the following:

Food- Ladies Aid  
 Liaison- Michael Geyer

D. MEMBERSHIP - Hayr Soorp suggested that we start the membership drive in September for January membership.

E. AUG. 1, PICNIC - Plans for the church picnic were finalized.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. LOAN - A motion was made by Tom Magarian that the Parish Council use the Ladies Aid \$10,000.00 certificate as collateral on a loan of \$10,000.00, indefinitely at an interest rate of 9½%. The motion was seconded by Gregory Krikorian. The vote unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Hayr Soorp.

Respectfully submitted  
 Kathryn Geyer, Secretary

CC: ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN  
 MAILED 8/20/76

rec. 8/30/76



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August 20, 1976

Enclosed find minutes of July 26th Parish Council meeting.

  
Kathy Geyer  
Secretary



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His Eminence  
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate, Diocese of the Armenian Church  
in North America  
630 Second Ave., New York, NY 10016

4 November 1976

Your Eminence:

Enclosed is information concerning the Special Parish Assembly of the Saints Vartanantz Armenian Church of Greater Lowell, held on Sunday, October 31st, 1976; and, concerning the construction of a new church edifice.

Please make note of the following enclosures:

1. Minutes of the Special Parish Assembly.
2. Copy of the Special Parish Assembly announcement.
3. Information concerning negotiations and bids.
4. A set of plans of the new church structure.
5. Specifications for the new church.
6. A financial statement.

Your obedient servants in Christ,

  
V. REV. GHEVONT SAMOORIAN  
Pastor

KATHRYN GEYER  
Secretary



Special Parish Assembly  
 Ss. Vartanantz Armenian Church  
 180 Olde Westford, Road  
 Chelmsford, Mass. 01824

Sunday, 31 October 1976

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MINUTES

The Special Parish Assembly of the Saints Vartanantz Armenian Church of Greater Lowell, held on Sunday, 31 October 1976, was opened by a prayer from our pastor, V. Rev. Ghevont Samoorian.

The treasurer of the Parish Council, Mr. Charles Kerkian, took a roll call of the members present. It was determined that 38 paid members were present. A motion was made by Michael Geyer and seconded by Mr. Charles Diman, that a 2/3rds majority establish a legal assembly. The motion was voted upon and carried, 37 in favor, one abstention. ?

Rose Amboian made a motion to waive the minutes of the previous assembly since they were in no way relovent to the business of the day. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Mr. Harold Maloomian, chairman of the Parish Council, officially opened the meeting. In the absence of the Parish Council secretary (Miss Kathy Geyer), Rose Manoian, also of the Parish Council was instructed to take the day's minutes. The chairman then passed the chair to Mr. Peter Onanian (Diocesan Delegate, and chairman of the Building Committee) to conduct the briefings and informational proceedings of the Special Parish Assebmly as they pertained to the Building Project and costs.

Mr. Onanian explained the finalized plans for the church, based on modifications; and, indicated that the negotiated bid for which the assembly was to vote was \$170,000. Fr. Ghevont Samoorian was called upon to explain the plans in the Armenian language, as well as to elaborate upon the canonical aspects of the church structure and authenticity of architectural design.

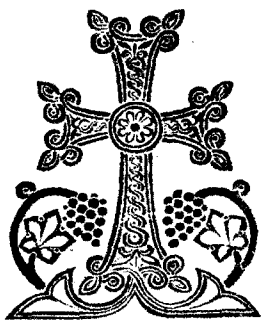
Mr. Onanian went on to explain to the assembly that the Building Committee felt obliged to bring these features and figures to the attention of a Special Parish Assembly prior to taking any further action.

Mr. Charles Diman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tom Magarian, that: "The plans of the church as prepared, and the cost of construction as negotiated in the sum of \$170,000 be accepted; and, that construction begin immediately upon Diocesan Approval." A brief discussion followed. A vote was taken. The motion was accepted unanimously by the assembly. ✓

The Special Parish Assembly of the Saints Vartanantz Armenian Church of Greater Lowell, was adjourned and closed with a prayer by the pastor, V. Rev. Ghevont Samoorian.

*Rose Manoian*  
 ROSE MANOIAN  
 Acting Secretary  
 Parish Assembly

*Harold Maloomian* *V. Rev. Ghevont Samoorian*  
 HAROLD MALOOMIAN V. REV. GHEVONT SAMOORIAN  
 Chairman Pastor  
 (PC) Parish Assembly



SS. VARTANANTZ ARMENIAN CHURCH

NOTICE of SPECIAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

You are cordially invited to attend a Special Parish Assembly of Ss. Vartanantz Armenian Apostolic Church of Greater Lowell to be held on Sunday, October 31st, 1976 at the Armenian Cultural Center on 180 Old Westford Rd., Chelmsford, Ma. at 3:00 PM. Coffee & refreshments will be served.

Սիրով հրաւիրուած էք մասնաւոր ծիական ժողովի որ տեղի պիտի ունենայ Հոկտեմբեր 31, 1976 Սց. Վարդանանց եկեղեցւոյ Մը-շակունճային կեդրոնին մէջ, յ.Ն. Կամր 3-ին: 180 Օլտ Ուեստֆորտ Բօտ, Ջելմսֆորտ, Մէս. Սուրժ եւ կարկանդակ պիտի հրամցուի:

AGENDA

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- 1. Opening prayer.
- 2. Open Assembly.
- 3. Establish a quorum.
- 4. Minutes of previous assembly.
- 5. Proposal:

- 1. Բացման աղօթք.
- 2. Բացումն ժողովի.
- 3. Ներկայ-Բացակայ.
- 4. Ատենագրութիւնը.
- 5. Առաջարկութիւն:

THAT the finalized plans and contract amount as negotiated be accepted by the assembly in order to begin construction of the new church at the earliest possible date.

Թէ նոր եկեղեցւոյ վերջնական յատկազօծն ու բանակցութեան արդիւնքի շինարարութեան ծախքը ընդունուի ժողովին կողմանէ, որպես զի եկեղեցւոյ կառուցումը անմիջապէս սկսի.

- 6. Adjournment
- 7. Closing Prayer.

- 6. Արձակում.
- 7. Փակման աղօթք.

Քէթի Կայրր  
KATHRYN GEYER  
Secretary

Հերբլտ Մալումեան  
HAROLD MALOOMIAN  
Chairman

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V.REV.GHEVONT SAMOORIAN  
Pastor and President

15 October 1976



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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AS OF OCTOBER 31, 1976

### ASSETS

Cash - Building Fund Account	\$99,700	
Cash - Ladies Aid Society	14,400	
Cash - Pledges Account	<u>4,500</u>	
Total Cash		\$118,600
Common Stocks (Estimated Market Value)		\$ 5,000
Pledges Receivable		\$ 45,000
Building & Equipment (at cost) - Note A		
Purchase of Building	\$158,000	
Replacement of Roof	35,800	
Major Improvements to Gym & Parking Area	23,600	
Major Improvements to Main Structure	<u>16,700</u>	
Total Cost of Building Equipment		\$234,100
Furniture & Fixtures (Est. Cost)		\$ 10,000
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$412,700</u>

### LIABILITIES

Mortgage Note Payable (15-yr. Mortgage, @ 9.0% interest per annum)	\$101,400
Demand Note ( A note secured by building fund account - 6½% interest per annum)	\$ 35,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$136,400</u>

NET WORTH (Based upon cost of fixed assets) \$276,300

Note A - Building and equipment located at 180 Old Westford Road, Chelmsford, Massachusetts consists of about 16 acres of land and a one-story modern brick and cement block building and gymnasium covering about 30,000 square feet. Replacement or market value is substantially higher than the actual cost.

Submitted By:

John P. Amboian  
Treasurer, Building Fund Committee

Oct. 31, 1976





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Primate, Diocese of the Armenian Church  
in North America

29 November 1976

Your Eminence:

Enclosed are the minutes of a Special Parish Assembly of the Saints Vartanantz Armenian Church of Greater Lowell, held on Sunday, November 28th, 1976.

In conjunction with the enclosed minutes, may we invite your attention to the information previously sent with a letter of transmittal re: Special Parish Assembly of October 31st, 1976.

- a. "3" - Information concerning negotiations and bids.
- b. "4" - A set of plans of the new church structure.
- c. "5" - Specifications for the new church.
- d. "6" - A financial statement.

Your obedient servants in Christ,

  
KATHRYN GEYER  
Secretary PCV

  
V. REV. GHEVONT SAMOORIAN  
Pastor

Ss. Vartanantz Armenian Church  
180 Old Westford Rd  
Chelmsford, Ma. 01824  
Special Parish Assembly  
Sunday, November 28th, 1976

### MINUTES

A Special Parish Assembly of the Saints Vartanantz Armenian Church of Greater Lowell, Massachusetts was convened on Sunday, November 28th, 1976, 12:55 PM at the Armenian Cultural Center, 180 Old Westford Road, Chelmsford, Massachusetts.

- Our pastor, V. Rev. Ghevont Samoorian, opened the Assembly with a prayer.
- In the absence of the secretary of the Parish Council, Ms. Alice Dossett was requested to take the minutes of the Assembly as acting secretary.
- A quorum was established with 45 of 128 eligible voting members present.
- Ms. Louise Ajemian requested absentee balloting in the case of illnesses. The Assembly was informed that absentee balloting was not permitted.
- Minutes of the previous Assembly were waived since the information therein did not apply to the business at hand. The Assembly was informed that His Eminence the Primate and His Honor, Judge John Najarian, chairman of the Diocesan Council had advised our pastor and diocesan delegates that an Assembly with a "natural" quorum is preferable, further advising that our church re-convene an Assembly in lieu of the Assembly of October 31st. It was further advised, as indicated by the Assembly announcement, that no changes were made in the agenda or information to be provided.
- Jacob Ajemian made a motion to accept the proposal that: "The finalized plans and contract amount as negotiated in the sum of \$170,000 be accepted by the Assembly in order to begin construction of the new church at the earliest possible date." The motion was seconded by Mr. Hagop Guregian.
- In the absence of discussion, Mr. Charles Diman made a motion to move the question. Hayr Soorp advised that the minutes of an Assembly would not look good without a discussion on such significant issues... "even if the discussion was redundant of the previous assembly." Mr. Diman withdrew his motion. The chair was instructed to call for discussion.

Mr. Diman asked if the plans for this church were the same ones presented at the October 31st Assembly. He was answered in the affirmative. Mary Maimone asked how much was in the building fund. Mr. John Amboian, treasurer of the Building Committee answered: "\$118,000, with receivable pledges in the amount of \$45,000." To expand, Mr. Amboian stated that we would probably finance the construction by applying the bulk of the sum toward construction and retain a sum for operating purposes - offsetting the remainder with a mortgage.

- The chairman of the Assembly asked for any further discussion. With no further discussion, the chair called for a vote - the results of which were as follows:

45 = voting members present  
41 = voted yes  
2 = absentions  
1 = voted no

- Mr. John Amboian made a motion to adjourn the Assembly. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

- Fr. Ghevont Samoorian closed the Assembly with a prayer.

ALICE DOSSETT  
Acting Secretary

*Alice Dossett*

*Harold Maloomian*  
HAROLD MALOOMIAN  
Chairman

*V. Rev. Ghevont Samoorian*  
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