

Parish Council Report For 1978

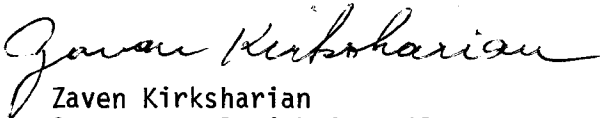
St. George Armenian Church

Houston, Texas

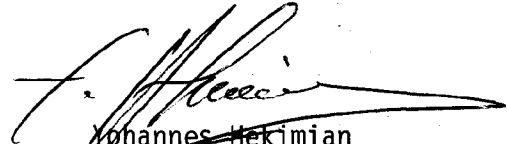
The 1978 Parish Council was formed for the first time in the history of our Parish through an election of its members by the Annual Parish Assembly. The continuous growth of the Armenian Community in Houston, Texas, and the efforts of so many, helped our Church to organize itself and improve general conditions and according to the By-Laws of the Armenian Church of America, Eastern Diocese. In that respect, we are able to follow more accurately the democratical rules and regulations of our Diocese. The Parish Council members held an election for service of one year, the following: Chairman, Yohannes Hekimian; Vice-Chairman, James Boyajian; Secretary, Zaven Kirksharian; Treasurer, Garabed Keramian. Advisors were: Peter Basralian, Hovig Frankian, Jani Ohanian, Stephen Saxenian and Sooren Yeriazarian.

The Parish Council as a whole, and its members in particular, have strived to deserve the confidence of the dues paying members who had cast their vote of confidence in their favor. The Council under the presidency of Der Hayr took care of their obligation to the best of their abilities. They met every other Tuesday for approximately 25 regular meetings plus special additional meetings whenever necessary. During these meetings, consisting of several lengthy and late hours of deliberations, parish matters received the examination and supervision they deserved. The spiritual, educational, cultural and financial questions of the Parish have been of prime importance. A major item of the agenda of the meetings was understandably finances and building projects. Independently from these functions, the Parish Council, also, provided guidance and support to all Church activities and events. Direct participation in some main affairs were, the Vartanantz celebration, April 24 Martyrs day, Armenian June Festival, 15th Anniversary celebration, ground breaking ceremonies, New Year's Eve party. Among other undertakings and as per instructions and recommendations of the General Assembly, the Parish Council fulfilled successfully the task of selling the old property at 1111 Bering Drive and concluding the purchase of the Synott Road property, painstakingly, at the best possible prices. The purchase price of the Synott Road is \$196,020.00 and the sale price of 1111 Bering Drive is \$565,603.15. All related details to the property transactions, as well as all others, are available in the Treasurer's records.

We feel that no effort was spared for the success of our Organization, and hope that the results obtained through the efforts of the Council will be appreciated.



Zaven Kirksharian  
Secretary, Parish Council



Yohannes Hekimian  
Chairman, Parish Council.