THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY FOR THE YEAR OF 1979 ST. GEORGE ARMENIAN CHURCH HOUSTON, TEXAS

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The Annual Parish Assembly of St. George Armenian Apostolic Church of Greater Houston, was held on Sunday, February 10, 1980, with 69 dues paying members out of 120 total members registered.

The meeting was called to order at 1:20 p.m. by Mr. Peter H. Basralian, Chairman of the year 1978 Assembly Meeting. The Reverend Father Terenig Kondralian, Pastor, gave the Invocation and presided over the entire meeting.

Mr. Basralian, Chairman of the Day of the 1978 Assembly read the agenda of the Day, for introduction. The 20 points were approved with one exception, to move iten #11 and discuss it after item #5. This motion was made by Mr. Hovig Frankian, seconded by Mr. Babken Simonian, approved by the Assembly and the meeting continued.

Mr. Zaven Kirksharian, Treasurer of the Parish Council, was invited by Mr. Basralian to give a roll call of the names of all dues paying members. 69 out of 120 total members registered were present, which consituted a quorum according to the By-Laws of the Armenian Church of America Article #17. Sealed envelopes with the ballots (i.e. Parish Council members, Auditing Committee members, and Nominating Committee members), were distributed by the Nominating Committee to each present dues paying member.

The Minutes of the 1978 Annual Parish Assembly Meeting were read by Mrs. Monica Basralian, Secretary of the Day of the year 1978 Assembly. This was approved unanimously with one correction. Mr. Vazric Grigorian was elected as Auditing Committee member and not Mr. Joseph Galoostian as mentioned.

According to Article #18 of the By-Laws of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, a ballot was prepared by the Nominating Committee to elect the Day's Chairman and Secretary:

Two names were nominated for Chairmanship (copy attached):

-Mr. Stepan Nazarian

-Mr. Haikaz Ohanian

Two names were nominated for Secretary (copy attached):

-Mrs. Vanoosh Ohanian

-Miss Houry Sarkissian

Mr. Haikaz Ohanian was elected Chairman of the Day with 42 votes out of 69 and Miss Houry Sarkissian elected Secretary with 50 votes. The officers of the Day were invited to take their respective places.

Mr. Haikaz Ohanian, Chairman of the Day, officially opened the meeting and invited the participant dues paying members to make any additions, omissions and corrections on the presented agenda before its final approval.

Mr. Hovig Frankian who had made a motion earlier repeated it, that item #11 on the agenda should be moved immediately after item #5, this was seconded by

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Mr. Babken Simonian and approved by the Assembly.

Second motion was made again by Mr. Hovig Frankian that like the Parish Council candidates, the Auditing and Nominating Committee members should give a brief resume about themselves. Mr. Jani Ohanian seconded this motion. After a discussion and majority vote for the motion, it was approved and passed and the meeting carried on.

On behalf of the Parish Council, Mr. James Boyajian, Chairman of the Parish Council, asked to have a motion to put under NEW BUSINESS, to name the Activity Hall of the New Church's Center after Mr. and Mrs. Boghos and Henazant Hekimian. This was put into motion by Mr. Peter H. Basralian and seconded by Mr. Stephen Saxenian. Discussion took place, however, it was suggested from the floor to continue this discussion under New Business. The motion was accepted and approved and passed by the Assembly.

Mr. Peter H. Basralian, then made a motion to accept and approve the presented agenda with its additions. This was seconded by Mr. George Hekimian and moved by majority vote.

Mr. Haikaz Ohanian, Chairman of the Day, invited Mr. Zaven Kirksharian to present the Parish Council's Annual Financial Report (copy attached); this was approved and passed by the Assembly.

This was followed by the Parish Council's Annual Activity Report presented by Mr. James Boyajian, Chairman of the Parish Council, (copy attached); this was approved and passed by the Assembly.

The Chairman of the Day invited Mrs. Sophie Boyajian to read the report of the Nominating Committee and explain to the participants how to elect from the ballots (copy attached):

- Parish Council Members election of 6 out of 12 (The first 5 with most of the votes will serve for a 2 year term and the 6th elected for a one year term).
- Nominating Committee election of 3 names out of 6
- Auditing Committee election of 3 names out of 4*

Notes: *Actually there were 6 names, however, objection was made by a member of the Parish Council, Mr. Zaven Kirksharian, that Mrs. Araxie Evans was not eligible for election since only dues paying members in good standing (i.e. up-to-date dues paid members) could be only voted. And Mr. Khachadoor Yeriazarian, withdrew his name from the ballot at the last minute, therefore, leaving four names on the Auditing Committee election ballot.

Discussion arose on the above mentioned subject. It was suggested from the floor, to nominate two additional names from the floor in order to fill the vacancies on the Auditing Committee ballot. Mr. James Boyajian made a motion to accept the ballot as presented and seconded by Mr. Paul Caramanian. All were in favor, the motion carried on as well as the meeting.

Mr. Haikaz Ohanian, then invited Father Kondralian to read his Annual Report (copy attached), it was approved by the assembly.

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Miss Gladys Abajian was then invited by the Chairman of the Day to give the Annual Auditing Committee Report (copy attached). This was approved.

This was followed by Mr. Zaven Kirksharian's 1980 Annual Budget Report (copy attached). This was subject to a discussion:

A motion was made by Mr. Hovig Frankian to raise the membership dues from \$30 per year to \$35 per year. This was seconded by Mr. George Hekimian. The motion was rejected, objecting being, that in order to have more income from the dues, we should encourage more parishioners to the membership of our Church. This was approved and voted upon 24 votes in favor and 17 against.

Another motion was made by Mr. Lionel Galstaun, to raise the expenditure of the Budget from \$30,200.00 to \$36,200.00 by increasing the budget amount from pledging members. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Nancy Hekimian. The motion was rejected by 21 votes against, 17 in favor. Motion was made to accept the budget as presented and was seconded by Mr. Krikor Derian. This was approved by majority vote.

After a 10 minute intermission, the meeting was called to order by Mr. Haikaz Ohanian, who invited Mr. Steve Saxenian, Chairman of the Building Committee, to give his Annual Report (copy attached).

Mr. James Boyajian added 4 points as motions pertaining to Mr. Saxenian's Report.

- a) To authorize the Parish Council members to assign a Building Fund Finance Committee. This was seconded by Mr. Peter Basralian, approved and passed unanimously.
- b) To accept the Church Plans as presented, seconded by Mr. Lionel Galstaun, approved and passed unanimously.
- c) To call another Special Parish Assembly Meeting in order to have a detailed report concerning the bid cost involved in these buildings, approved and passed.
- d) Mr. James Boyajian informed the participants that 10 families came together and have already pledged \$76,000 for the buildings, \$40,000 of which was pledged by the Hekimian Family towards the Cultural Activity Hall, with a suggestion to name the hall after Mr. and Mrs. Boghos and Henazant Hekimian.

Besides the \$76,000 pledged, Mr. Sam G. Harrison donated to St. George Armenian Church of Houston \$61,000.

Mr. Krikor Derian was then invited by the Chairman of the Day to give his Annual Report regarding the Pledge Committee.

The results of the election of the Parish Council Members, Nominating Committee Members and Auditing Committee Members were now presented by the Nominating Committee Chairperson, Mrs. Sophie Boyajian (copy attached):

Parish Council Members:

- Mr. Yohannes Hekimian

52 votes

- Mr. James Boyajian

46 votes

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- Mr. Peter Basralian	45 votes
- Mr. Kevork Hekimian	43 votes
- Mr. Vartkes Takhtajian	41 votes
- Mr. Stephen Saxenian	31 votes
- Miss Houry Sarkissian	30 votes
- Mr. Haikaz Ohanian	26 votes
- Mr. Babken Simonian	24 votes
- Mr. Vazric Grigorian	23 votes
- Mrs. Beatrice Keramian	7 votes
- Mrs. Khatoon Ohanian	5 votes
Nominating Committee Members:	
- Mrs. Shakeh Berberian	53 votes
- Mrs. Sophie Boyajian	49 votes
- Mrs. Vanoosh Ohanian	37 votes
- Mr. Antranik Mavoulian	26 votes

Auditing Committee Members:

- Mr. Garabed Keramian

- Mr. Joseph Galoostian

- Mrs. Nancy Hekimian	53 votes
- Ms. Sadie Jordan	50 votes
- Mrs. Sona Kirksharian	48 votes
- Mr. Hamlet Esmailian	38 votes

Hereafter, the Organizations within the Church presented their Annual Reports:

24 votes

11 votes

Mrs. Sophie Boyajian, Vice Chairperson of the Ladies Auxiliary, presented the Annual Report of the Year 1979, with the Financial Report as well, (copy attached). This was approved and passed.

Mr. Stepan Nazarian, Chairman of the Choir of St. George Armenian Church read his Annual and Financial Report, (copy attached). This was approved and passed.

Mr. Haikaz Ohanian, Chairman of the Armenian and Sunday School gave his report, (copy attached). This was approved and passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Boyajian made a motion to accept to name the Activity Hall after the Hekimian Family, Mr. Basralian seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Nancy Hekimian made a motion to distribute to the Assembly, a copy of the report of each organization for coming years (time saving purposes) this was seconded by Mr. Paul Caramanian, approved and passed.

Mr. Peter Basralian made a motion to attempt to decrease the Diocesan assessment during our construction period, seconded by Mr. Zaven Kirksharian and accepted.

The Chairman of the Assembly, Mr. Haikaz Ohanian thanked all dues paying

members and other participants for coming and partaking to this Assembly and invited Father Terenig Kondralian to give the Benediction.

At adjournment and during the Assembly meeting, a quorum was present and confirmed by the Chairman, Mr. Ohanian.

Mr. Haikaz Ohanian, Chairman of the Day adjourned the Assembly Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully,

Mr. Haikaz Ohanian, Chairman of the Day

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Miss Houry Sarkissian,

Secretary of the Day

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY FOR THE YEAR 1980 ST. GEORGE ARMENIAN CHURCH HOUSTON, TEXAS

FEBRUARY 15, 1981

The Annual Parish Assembly was held on Sunday, February 15, 1981.

The Meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Mr. Haikaz Ohanian, last year's Chairman of the Day, with a quorum of 37 members present. Father Terenig Kondralian opened the Assembly with the Lord's Prayer.

Nominations from the floor for the Chairman of the Day were called for and ballots circulated for Chairman and Secretary. Mr. Krikor Derian and Mrs. Seta Jordan were nominated for Chairman, and Mrs. Kennar Mateosian and Miss Gladys Abajian were nominated for Secretary. Mr. Krikor Derian was elected as Chairman of the Day and Gladys Abajian was elected as Secretary of the Day.

The Minutes of last year's Assembly were circulated to all present. Mrs. Sophie Boyajian made a motion to accept the Minutes. Mr. Lionel Galstaun seconded the motion and the Minutes were accepted as presented.

Mr. James Boyajian read a letter from the Diocese, signed by the Primate, regarding a request for reduction in parish assessments. The request was denied by the Diocese.

There were no additions or changes to the Agenda. Mrs. Nancy Hekimian made a motion to accept the Agenda. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Shake Berberian and the Agenda was accepted.

Mrs. Sophie Boyajian gave the report of the Nominating Committee and explained the method of putting together a slate of nominees. Mr. Zaven Kirksharian, at this point, objected that according to the By-Laws of the Armenian Church of America pre-selected nominees by the Nominating Committee is uncanonical and that the slate of nominees should be prepared on that day from the floor for election. Mr. Kirksharian's objection was unfounded since, according to the By-Laws of the Armenian Church, the Nominating Committee is elected for a one-year term specifically to prepare a slate of nominees for next year's Assembly and that their prepared slate must be approved by the Assembly in order to be valid. The Assembly has the authority to accept or disapprove the presented slate with additions or deletions. Since the ballot was not complete, additional nominations were made from the floor.

Mrs. Boyajian then opened the election procedure. For Parish Delegate to the Diocesan Assembly, a one-year term, nominations were requested from the floor. Mr. Peter Basralian, Mr. Josef Galoostian and Mrs. Nancy Hekimian were nominated.

For Parish Council - 4 members for a 2-year term and one member for a one-year term. Four more nominees were requested from the floor.

For Auditing Committee - 3 members for one year. Nominations were made from the floor for three additional names.

For Nominating Committee - 3 members for one year. Nominations were made from the floor for two additional names.

Mr. J. Boyajian made a motion to close all nominations as presented with additions. Mr. Vahe Asadourian seconded the motion and motion was carried. Votes were then cast and ballots were collected.

Father Kondralian then gave his Annual Report. (Attached)

Mr. J. Boyajian gave the Parish Council's report of activities for the year. (Copy attached)

The report of the Auditing Committee was circulated. Mr. Zaven Kirksharian questioned the lack of final financial statements from the Treasury.

- Mr. P. Basralian discussed the Treasurer's Report and 1981 Budget which were circulated. (Copies attached) He responded to Mr. Kirksharian's question by explaining he had been Treasurer only since August 1980, when Mr. Kirksharian resigned, and had now set up a new system of accounting to keep income and expense on a current basis.
- Mr. Z. Kirksharian raised the question of a new Parish House. It was explained this would be discussed later in the Meeting. Request was made to approve the 1981 Budget since a new Parish House is not part of the Budget but is a separate item for discussion.

Mr. Haikaz Ohanian made a motion to approve the 1981 Budget and accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Stepan Nazarian. It was passed by a majority with one dissent by Mr. Kirksharian. (Copy attached)

The Annual Reports of the church committees were distributed. (Copies attached)

Mr. Stephen Saxenian, Building Committee Chairman, explained that progress was being made and ground should be broken in the near future. He said the donated Harrison residence should bring about \$400,000 and Building Fund Pledges about \$100,000. There was a question regarding sale of the house directly by the Council or through a realtor. Mr. Saxenian explained it would take a professional realtor to sell property of this value, and decision was made to turn it over to a professional to sell.

Mr. Krikor Derian, Chairman Pledge Committee, stressed the day-to-day operation of the church depends on pledges. His report is attached. Mr. L. Galstaun pointed out that 15% more from each member is needed to meet the Budget as presented.

Annual Reports of church organizations were distributed. Mr. L. Galstaun complemented the work of the Ladies Auxiliary. Mr. P. Basralian thanked the Choir for their efforts. Mr. Boyajian thanked the Armenian and Sunday Schools for their achievements. The activity of the ACYOA, a new youth group, was covered by Father Kondralian.

Mr. Galstaun suggested the ground breaking and laying of the corner stone be made an occasion for a fund raising opportunity. In an unofficial vote the majority present approved.

On proposals for the Diocesan Assembly Mr. Stepan Nazarian wished to express thanks to the Diocese for the annual calendars sent. Mr. Haikaz Chanian would like the Armenian Church in Houston to be publicized throughout the world by the Diocese to interest newly arriving Armenians of its existence.

Relocation of Parish Rectory - Mr. J. Boyajian reported the Council was unanimous in the decision to sell the present house, which is about 35 miles from the site of the church, for about \$35-40,000 and buy in the Alief area in about a \$60,000 range. This would come out of the Building Fund with no mortgage.

Mr. Kirksharian brought up the priority of building the church first-before a new Parish House. Discussion indicated a majority present felt there was a need for the Parish Priest to be closer to the Church. His time and energy are important to all.

Mr. L. Galstaun made a motion to the Assembly to acquire for the Priest and family, for under \$70,000, suitable housing within reasonable distance to the church and to sell the present house. Following further discussion, an amendment was made not to exceed \$75,000. The amendment was accepted by Mr. Galstaun. The motion and amendment were seconded. There was a majority vote in favor of the motion and amendment with one dissenting vote.

Reverend Kondralian explained the increase in fees for church sacraments as follows:

	SACRAMENTS (Present)	WILL BECOME (Members)	WILL BECOME (Non-Members)
Baptisms	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
Engagements	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
Weddings	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Funerals	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
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 $\ensuremath{\text{It}}$ is understood these fees are based on individual ability to pay.

Mr. Boyajian made a motion to raise the amounts as explained by Der Hayr. Mr. P. Basralian seconded the motion. It was unanimously accepted.

RESULTS OF ELECTION

Parish Cour	ncil	Runners-Up	
2-Year Term	<u>ns</u>	16 votes 13 "	Houry Sarkissian Mimi Mavoulian
40 votes 37 "	Lionel Galstaun Stephen Saxenian	11 " 10 "	Simon Somonian Stepan Nazarian
37 " 33 "	Vahe Asadourian Haikaz Ohanian	5 "	Tony Cholakian
1-Year Term			
32 votes	Souren Yeriazarian		
Parish Delegate			
26 votes	Peter Basralian	17 votes 5 "	Josef Galoostian Nancy Hekimian
Auditing Committee			
26 votes 24 " 23 "	Albert Avedisian Haikaz Gharakhanian Nancy Hekimian	20 votes 18 " 14 " 11 "	Josef Galoostian Henryk Hambarchian Boghos Hekimian Kenar Mateosian

Nominating Committee

34 votes	Shake Guzel	24 votes	Seta Jordan
30 "	Sona Topjian	14 "	Dikran Tomasian
28 "	Stepan Nazarian	11 "	Vanoush Ohanian

An opportunity was given to the Assembly to make any comments on the conduct of the Assembly. There were no comments.

During the Assembly 51 dues paying members participated.

The Benediction was given by the Reverend Terenig Kondralian and the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. by Mr. Krikor Derian.

Respectfully,

Mr. Krikor Derian

Chairman of the Day

Secretary of the Day

Father Terenig Kondralian, Pastor

ST. KEVORK ARMENIAN CHURCH

MINUTES - Annual Parish Assembly - February 26, 1983

CALL TO ORDER

The Annual Parish Assembly of St. Kevork Armenian Church was called to order at 6:30 P. M. by Lionel Galstaun, in the absence of Joseph Galoostian, chairman-of-the-day, 1982.

INVOCATION

Fr. Terenig Kondralian opened the Assembly with The Lord's Prayer.

ROLL CALL

Hampartzoum Hekimian called the roll of dues-paying members in good standing to establish a quorum. Thirty-three (33) members were present. A quorum was established.

ELECTION - OFFICERS-OF-THE-DAY

The Nominating Committee presented its slate for officersof-the-day.

Chairman

Secretary

James Boyajian

Sophia Boyajian

Stepan Saxenian

Ani Koubeserian

Haikaz Ohanian was nominated from the floor for the office of Secretary. With no further nominations from the floor, the election was held for the officers of the day, with the following results:

Chairman: James Boyajian Secretary: Sophia Boyajian

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Assembly of February 7, 1982 were read by Hoorey Sarkissian and approved as read.

AGENDA

The Agenda for the Assembly was approved as proposed.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee consisted of Sirvart Hintlian, Seta Jordan, and Sona Kirksharian, and presented the following slate:

for Parish Council (4 members for 2-year terms)

Allah-Verdian, Edward

Andonian. Jeff

Bogosian, Sarkis

Galstaun, Lionel

Hekimian. Yohannes

Kyoumjian, Antranig

Ohanian, Haikaz

Tcholakian, Zohrab

There were no further nominations from the floor.

for Nominating Committee (3 members for 1-year term)

Hintlian, Sirvart

Kondralian, Christine

Koubeserian, Ani

Tabibian, Sosi

Nominated from the floor were:

Hoorey Sarkissian

Connie Hekimian

forAuditing Committee (3 members for 1-year term)

Andonian, Gregory

Saxenian, Stepan

Tcholakian, Arpi

Nominated from the floor were:

Nazarian, Stepan

Tabibian, Nishan

Stefan, Anna

It was moved and seconded that nominations be closed. It was noted that 38 members in good standing were present to vote. Ballots were distributed, and collected for tallying by the Nominating Committee.

PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

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Fr. Terenig Kondralian presented his annual report. A copy is attached.

PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITY REPORT

Lionel Galstaun presented the Parish Council Activities report.

- The physical plant of the church complex was 1. completed.
- 2. The Parish Council participated in the Houston Festival, March and the Alief Festival, Oct. In addition it sponsored two Armenian Festivals, June and Sept., on the church grounds.
- All pews in the church have been subscribed, and plaques will be affixed soon.
- 4. The present mortgage is approximately \$67,000 with monthly payments of about \$1150. Karnig Ekizian is chairing a fundraising committee to retire the mortgage.
- The Parish Council need an operating fund. Annual 5. dues paid by the membership all goes toward the partial payment of the annuan diocesan dues of the church.
- The Bingo Committee was organized. Games started 6. January 13, 1983.
- Help is needed in the church office.

PARISH COUNCIL TREASURER'S REPORT

Stepan Saxenian presented the financial report for 1982, (copy attached) and the proposed budget for 1983. Because of questions raised about the budget, many of which tied in with Building Fund, Dr. Galstaun was requested to present the Financial Status of the Building Fund at this time. (copy attached) The report was accepted as read. After some corrections and clarifications the proposed budget for 1983 was accepted as corrected. (copy attached)

several months, and if 125 to 150 players participate each week, it will be a very profitable undertaking.

Mr. Boyajian asked that everyone tell their neighbors about the Bingo games, and invited members to come down to play, and to help.

CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

A motion was made by George Hekimian, seconded by Yohannes Hekimian, that the total membership of the Parish Council be raised to eleven, from nine, the change to be effective at the next Parish Assembly meeting. The motion passed.

HALL RENTAL REGULATION CHANGE

As a point of information, Fr. Kondralian announced that Reg. 16, prohibiting lighted candles in the hall or reception room, has been revised to allow lighted candles provided there is a protective covering of some kind around the flame.

ELECTION RETURNS

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The following are the results of the elections, names listed in the order of total votes received.

Parish Council (4 elected)

Andonian, Jeff Galstaun, Lionel Tcholakian, Zohrab Hekimian, Yohannes Ohanian, Haikaz Kyoumjian, Antranig Bogosian, Sarkis Allah-Verdian, Edward

AUDITING COMMITTEE

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Stepan Nazarian presented the report of the Auditing Committee. The report was accepted as read. (copy attached)

ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

The financial reports of The Women's Guild, Choir Association Armenian School, and A. C. Y. O. A. (Hayem) were submitted and accepted by the Assembly. (copies attached)

ANNUAL PLEDGE PROGRAM

Dr. Galstaun reiterated the need for an operating fund. The membership dues all goes toward the Diocesan assessment to the church. He appealed to everyone to pledge an amount in accordance with his or her ability to give, be it weekly, monthly, or annually.

Fr. Kondralian defined the Pledge Program. He stated that only one person, Sonia Shields, is working on pledges, and asked for volunteers to work with Mrs. Shields to set up the program and find people to implement it.

George Hekimian, Sosi Tabibian, and Nishan Tabibian volunteered to help.

MEMBERSHIP

Fr. Kondralian noted that the number of dues-paying members is decreasing annually, and requested volunteers for a Membership Committee with Hampartzoum Hekimian as chairman.

Sirvart Hintlian, Seta Jordan, and Shake Berberian volunteered to serve as a nucleus for this committee.

BINGO GAMES

James Boyajian reported on the Bingo activities. Games were started January 13, 1983. In the seven sessions to date there has been a gross income of approximately \$5300, with a net income of \$785 from Bingo and about \$500 from refreshments which is being handled by the Women's Guild. All capital expenses should be cleared within the next

Nominating Committee (3 elected)

Hintlian, Sirvart

Hekimian, Connie

Koubeserian, Ani

Sarkissian, Hoorey

Tabibian, Sosi

Kondralian, Christine

Auditing Committee (3 elected)

Saxenian, Stepan

Tcholakian, Arpi

Nazarian, Stepan

Andonian, Gregory

Stephan, Anna

Tabibian, Nishan

A copy of the election tally is attached.

The Assembly adjourned at 10:00 P.M. with a prayer by Fr. Kondralian.

Wr. James Buve∕iian

Chairman Of the Parish Assembly

Respectfully submitted

Sophia V. Boyajian

Secretary

Rev. Fr. Terenig Kondralian, Pastor