

MINUTES
MID ATLANTIC REGIONAL CONFERENCE
MARCH 7, 1987-TENAFLY, NJ

I. OPENING PRAYER

The meeting was opened at 10:25 with the ACYOA Prayer lead by Fr. Arnak Kasparian. All organized chapters in the Mid-Atlantic Region and the Watervliet, NY chapter were represented.

II INTRODUCTIONS

Tony Barsamian asked all those present to introduce them selves. He went on to say those present are the leaders of the ACYOA in the region. As leaders we have a responsibility to the ACYOA.

III CHAPTER CHECK AND HIGHLIGHTS

BAYSIDE is having trouble getting members to take positions on the executive board. They are considering visiting the Armenian Home for the Aged and hosting a New Years Eve party.

NORTHERN NJ has had an open house and other events including dance lessons. They will be having a program on life before the Genocide in the near future. They are also considering making a bid for the 1988 Sports Weekend.

WASHINGTON will be hosting the 1987 Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Tournament - May 1-3. All are urged to attend and bring teams.

WESTCHESTER will be making visits to the Armenian Home for the Aged every other month. They will also be hosting a lenten dinner and an ACYOA Day program.

WYNNEWOOD hosted the 1986 Sports Weekend. Their future events include participating in a Volleyball Tournament, hosting a dinner honoring Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan on ACYOA Day, Genocide Commemoration and a food festival.

WATERVLIET was reactivated in January. They are considering fund raisers and programs for the coming year including renting a gym for a "sports night" and an ACYOA Day dinner.

IV NEW PROGRAMS AND PLANS

1 ACYOA NATIONAL COMMITTEE PLAN (REGIONALIZATION)

Tony said he would like chapters to commit themselves to a few basic programs. Tony explained a little bit about the three programs he wanted commitments for. Westchester committed to Christian Education, Bayside to Cultural and Wynnewood to the College program. Northern NJ will be making a bid for the 1988 Sports Weekend.

Tony pointed out that the ACYOA Publication has an editor, Laura Bilazerian. Lisa Manookian is the Finance Committee Chairman.

2 ACYOA ANNIVERSARY BALL (REGIONAL)

Lisa Manookian suggested keeping the Anniversary Balls as dances. Wynnewood is considering hosting the next Ball.

3 ACYOA ARCHBISHOP'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Washington will be hosting the Tournament this year. The date is set for May 1-3, 1987. The package plan is \$45.00 and the hotel's room rate will be approximately \$60.00/night. The hotel as well as the gym facilities are located on the Metro eliminating the need for bus transportation.

4 SPORTS WEEKEND 1987 / 1988

The 1987 Sports weekend will be in Detroit during Labor Day weekend (Sept 2-7, 1987).

Northern NJ will be making a bid for the 1988 Sports Weekend.

Central Council is considering a proposal to separate the General Assembly from Sports Weekend. This would allow the Assembly to function better and will also make Sports Weekend more enjoyable for the Delegates.

5 ARMENIAN STUDIES PROGRAM

Tony handed out ASP applications. The deadline for applications is April 1, 1987. There has been a very good response to the program and space is limited.

6 FUND-RAISER

There was much discussion concerning the fund raising program. Included were questions about how the \$100.00 raffle was chosen. Greg Saraydarian commented that the proposal was drawn up and included the input of the ACYOA Finance Committee and approved by Central Council.

Lisa Manookian commented that about 20 tickets have been sold at this time.

7 THE ARMENIAN YOUTH FORUM

Tony commented that the ACYOA Publications new name is the Armenian Youth Forum.

In order to be effective the Publication needs your input!

V ACYOA NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

1 MEMBERSHIP CONCERN AND DUES

Washington	Paid
Wynnewood	Not Paid
Watervliet	Paid
Westchester	Paid
Northern NJ	Not paid
Bayside	Paid

At this point membership is up from the same point last year.

Greg pointed out that dues are due on July 1st. There is a six month grace period to December 31st. Any chapters that have not renewed by December 31st are subject to a \$25.00 late fee.

2 FACT SHEETS

Westchester and Northern NJ have sent in fact sheets. All other chapters have not.

Greg stressed the importance of sending in fact sheets whether or not anything was done by the particular chapter during the month.

The fact sheets give Central Council an idea of how each chapter is doing. They are also one of the criteria in judging for the Chapter A Award.

3 CONSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

The Constitution was revised to include all amendments through and including the 1986 General Assembly.

Amendments were made to the Sports Weekend Rules to allow the Canadian and Western Diocese to participate in the weekend.

Dues were raised to \$10.00.

The ACYO-WD has also passed an amendment similar to ours which allows us to compete in their Sports Weekend.

4 VISITATIONS

Greg commented that he has tried to make visits to all the chapters.

Greg also commented that he will do his best to make all official requests for visits.

5 YOUTH LISTING

Greg announced that he has received complaints about the condition of the youth listing. About half of the names on the list are now useless.

Central Council cannot correct the list unless the chapters turn in the youth listing updates.

The list contains the names of both members and non-members. It is used to publicize Sports Weekend, Archbishop's Tournament and for the ACYOA Publication.

6 NATIONAL Calendar

Greg explained the National Calendar.

It was learned that none of the chapters present have a calendar. Greg said he will have the Calendars sent to each of the chapters.

Greg also commented that the calendar is important to show the Parishes what the ACYOA is doing.

7 ACEF

The 1986 ACYOA General Assembly voted to donate \$15,000.00 to the Armenian Church Endowment Fund (ACEF) in the name of the ACYOA for religious and educational programs.

The principle will remain in tact and the interest goes to the designated program.

Mr. Edward Mardigian has also donated \$11,000.00 to the Endowment Fund for the ACYOA general fund.

VI QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, DISCUSSION, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tony invited comments.

Greg commented that anyone who has complaints or suggestions should not hesitate to let him or any of the other Central Council members know.

VII CLOSING PRAYER

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Fr. Diran Papazian.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Saraydarian