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Date: DEC. 26, 1995

Time: 4:45 pm

Message:

Your Eminence,

As per our phone conversation, attached please find a copy of the following documents:

1. Minutes of the Special Parish Assembly, October, 1988 (2 pages)
2. Program & Invitation for a Special Assembly (April, 1990) (2 pgs.)
3. Minutes of a Special Parish Assembly, April 1990 (3 pages).

Respectfully submitted,

Fr. Vahan Hovhannessian
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Քեմական կանոնագրութեան տրամադրութեանց համաձայն, Մասնաւոր Անդամական ժողովներ գումարուին ի հարկին՝ հրաւերովը Հովիւին եւ Տիական Խորհուրդի Ատենապետին, կամ ըստ որոշման Տարեկան Տիական Անդամական ժողովին: Ըստ այնմ՝ սոյն Մասնաւոր Անդամական ժողովը կը հրաւիրուի Փետրուար 4, 1990-ին գումարուած ժողովի որոշումին համաձայն, նկատի առնելու համար Շինութեան Յանձնախումբի Ըարեփոխուած ծրագիր/առաջարկը, եւ Քեմական կանոնագրութեան ԶՁրդ Զօդուածի փոփոխութեան առաջարկը:

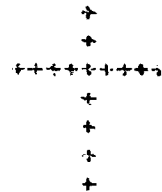
Ըստ Քեմական կանոնագրութեան 18րդ յօդուածին՝ շմասնաւոր ժողովները կը վարէ Տիական Խորհուրդի Ատենապետը, իսկ Տիական Խորհուրդի Ատենադպիրը կը կատարէ սոյն ժողովներու ատենադպրութիւնը:

According to the provisions of the Diocesan By-laws, Special Parish Assemblies may be held when necessary upon the invitation of the Parish Priest and the Parish Council Chairman, or by the decision of the Annual Parish Assembly. Accordingly, the Annual Parish Assembly held on Sunday, February 4, 1990 decided to hold a Special Parish Assembly for the purpose of receiving a detailed report of a modified proposal by the Building Committee, and to consider a proposal for an amendment to Article 22 of the Diocesan By-Laws.

According to the provisions of the Diocesan By-Laws, "Special Parish Assemblies shall be conducted by, the Parish Council Chairman, and the Parish Council Secretary will act as secretary of these assemblies."

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INVITATION
TO A
SPECIAL
PARISH ASSEMBLY

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Հովիւն ու Ծխական Խորհուրդը պաշտօնապէս
կը հրաւիրեն եկեղեցւոյ բոլոր անդամները
Մասնաւոր Անդամական Ժողովը մը, որ տեղի
պիտի ունենայ Կիրակի, Ապրիլ 1, 1990-ին
յաւարտ Ս. Պատարագի, եկեղեցւոյ մէջ:

Ժողովէն ետք թեթև ճաշ մը պիտի
սպասարկուի:

The Pastor and Parish Council of St.
Leon's Armenian Church extend an
official invitation to all members to
attend a Special Parish Assembly,
which will be held on Sunday,
April 1, 1990 in the church, after
the Divine Liturgy.

A light luncheon will be served
following the Assembly.

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1. Բացում Ժողովի
2. Բացման աղօթք
3. Ատուգում տրատու անդամներու
4. Ընթերցում եւ վաւերացում նախորդ
Մասնաւոր Ժողովի ատենագրութեան
5. Շինութեան Յանձնախումբի Տեղեկագիր
6. Եկատողութիւն առաջարկներու
7. Եկատարում Թեմական Կանոնագրութեան մէջ
փոփոխութեան առաջարկի
8. Փակման Աղօթք

A G E N D A

1. Call to order
2. Opening prayer
3. Verification of eligible voters
4. Reading and approval of the previous
Special Assembly minutes
5. Building Committee Report
6. Consideration of motions
7. Consideration of proposal for
Diocesan By-Laws ammendment
8. Closing Prayer

SPECIAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 1990

Meeting was called to order 12:50 P.M. by Parish Council Chairman, Charles Pinajian. Der Hayr offered opening prayer. Minutes from the Parish Assembly, October 2, 1988 were read by Charles Pinajian. Motion to accept by George Dabagian. Second by Noubar Jessourian. Minutes accepted.

Charles Pinajian introduced Architect Tom Ashbahian to explain the proposed construction of Phase I. The approval has already been received from the Town of Fair Lawn. The County approval is still pending.

The budget for Phase I - front & back, is \$350,000. Noubar Jessourian asked about financial commitments already received from parishioners. Charles Pinajian says approximately \$200,000 \$1,000 has already been pledged. Der Hayr felt it was closer to \$815,000. Noubar Jessourian reminded everyone 75% of budget had to be received in pledges in order to start the project. Sarkis Soultanian asked if the purpose of this meeting was to approve construction. If so, he suggested we check for quorum. A count was taken. There were 55 members present, which constituted a quorum.

Discussion about projected cost.

Sarkis Soultanian made a motion to authorize the proposed budget of \$350,000 as long as pledges of 75% are committed including a 10% allowance in budget. Motion was seconded by Leon Hovsepien.

Discussion about pledges received to date. When will pledge be received? within 5 years. Was all interest calculated as part of the cost? Interest was taken into consideration. Fund raising would

start immediately. When would the project be completed after approvals? From 4 months - 12 months. Best timing for church operations for construction would be to start in June, and do large portion of work in summer.

George Debagian told assembly even if project goes to \$400,000, he doesn't feel it will be a problem. David Soultanian indicated if finances are not an issue, why not do Phase II also? Construction Committee didn't feel it was appropriate to go through Phase II in light of the earthquake, and the needs of our people in Armenia. Question about what is included in Phase I.

Construction Committee Chairman, Sarkis Gabrellian, explained that at parish assembly Phase III was omitted which was an expansion of the back of the building, but some improvements would be made within the existing structure of the back of the building at this time.

Der Hayr told assembly we need 2/3 of the members present and voting to approve the motion. Der Hayr read from the by-laws. Sarkis Gabrellian raised issue if this was already approved. Sarkis Soultanian said the approval was the purpose of the meeting. 57 people present to vote. Total of 49 affirmative votes received. Motion approved.

Charles Pinajian pointed out that this motion to construct supersedes any previous motions for construction.

Sarkis Gabrellian told assembly anyone wishing to make a contribution should see Rex Kachigian or Sarkis Bedevian.

Jan Royland made a motion to propose an amendment on Article 22 of Diocesan by-laws as originally brought up at the last parish assembly. (See attached). Jan discussed his reasoning and past events that led to this proposal and also read Article 16 which is referred to in the

proposal. Sarkis Soultanian questioned the wording of the proposed amendment - the word "and" should be "or" on Paragraph II, line 3. There was quite a bit of discussion about the amendment. Sarkis Soultanian was not in favor of this proposal. Charles Pinejian told the assembly the parish council does not support this amendment. Der Hayr read a proposed amendment to the by-laws by another parish that will be presented to the diocesan assembly. Vote was taken on Jan Royland's motion. 3 votes for, many against. Motion defeated. Barbara Hovsepian made motion to close the meeting. Motion seconded by Anne Kachigian.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 P.M. by Charles Pinejian.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Baylerian

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**SPECIAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1988
AT ABAJIAN HALL**

Following a light luncheon the Special Assembly meeting was called to order at 1:10pm. Fr Arshan opened the meeting with prayer.

Parish Council Chairman Arthur Ohnikian made opening remarks directing members to register with the Treasurer as to the voting rights and then turned the meeting over to Vice-Chairman Sarkis Soultanian.

Sarkis began by reporting to the group the feelings of the Feasibility Committee and asked for questions from the membership.

Very strong interest developed in:

1. Elevator to go to Jessourian Hall also thereby covering 2 levels.
2. Bathroom facilities easily accessable to handicapped.

Motion made by George Dabagian to proceed with Phase I and 2 including modifications to incorporate elevator and toilet facilities provided 75% of the projected cost be committed. The motion was seconded by Arline Dadekian. A 2/3 majority is required. A vote of 54 for and 6 against passed the motion.

Motion made to appropriate \$25,000.00 for professional fees and related expenses. The motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40pm.

FROM: ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MINUTES - JANUARY 31, 1988

Sarkis Gabrellian, chairman of the Feasibility Committee, explained the aims of the committee, the members of which were Sarkis Gabrellian, Tom Asbahian, Sarkis Bedevian, Zaven Dadekian, Sarkis Soultanian, and ex-officio members Fr. Arshen Aivazian and Parish Council Chairman Arthur Ohnikian:

- a. Enlargement of the church proper
- b. Enlargement of the office area
- c. Handicapped ramp

The Committee will get approval of plans from the Parish Council and then from the church membership at a special assembly in May. Anyone who has special needs should present them in writing to the committee.

From: PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES - JUNE 15, 1988

Feasibility Committee: Sarkis Gabrellian, Sarkis Soultanian, Sarkis Bedevian, Zaven Dadekian, Fr. Arshen Aivazian, and Arthur Ohnikian, ex-officio. Tom Ashbahian, Architect presented the preliminary drawings of additions; estimated cost \$650,000.00. Motion passed to accept plans. Recommendation made to call special Parish Assembly after the summer.

From: PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES - OCTOBER 24, 1988

Expansion Building Committee: Sarkis Gabrellian
Sarkis Soultanian
Sarkis Bedevian
Zaven Dadekian
Pastor and Parish
Council Chairman
members and Tom
Ashbahian, Architect

Motion made by Jan Royland and seconded by David Soultanian, to form a committee to oversee and implement the resolution by the Special Parish Assembly of 10/2/88 which is to be chaired by Sarkis Gabrellian, members at large to consist of Sarkis Soultanian, Sarkis Bedevian, Zaven Dadekian, with Pastor and P.C. Chairman as ex-officio members, and that they be authorized to expand the committee as needed and to elect its own officers, other sub-committees. Unanimously approved.