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OF GREATER DETROIT



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April 26, 1972

TO: PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS
SUBJECT: PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
FROM: REV. FR. DIRAN PAPAŽIAN, PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT
MR. MICHAEL MEGREGIAN, PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

There will be a regular meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday, May 2, 1972, at 8:00 p.m., at the Armenian Cultural Building. Please be reminded that on Sunday, April 30th the installation ceremonies for the new Parish Council will be held.

AGENDA

- I Opening Prayer
- II Approval of Minutes
- III Treasurer's Report
- IV Standing Committee Reports
- V Special Committee Reports
- VI Liaison Officer Reports
- VII Clergy Activity Reports
- VIII Parish Council Special Matters
- IX Special Church Matters
- X Refreshments - Mr. S. Boyajian

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WARRANT FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MAY 2, 1972

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| 1. Industrial Communication Co. (Fixed P.A. system in Aud.) | \$26.55 |
| 2. A.G.B.U. Alex Manoogian School (95 pkgs. of Americoffee bought from them) | 35.00 |
| 3. Metropolitan Detroit Council of Churches (Yearly donation) | 500.00 |
| 4. The Most Rev. Archbishop Sion Manoogian (Easter Sunday) | 150.00 |
| 5. W. S. McAlpine Map Co. (Maps for office & clergy use) | 4.50 |
| 6. Atlas Pest Control Co. | 12.00 |
| 7. Payroll Taxes | 1,433.39 |
| 8. A. B. Dick Company (Paper for Mimo. & Ink) | 79.55 |
| 9. Suburban Supply Co. (Polish Brushes, Tablepaper, Bowl Cleaner) | 124.50 |
| 10. Economy Linen Service | 96.85 |
| 11. Armenian American Veterans (March Billing) | 260.00 |
| 12. A. T. Jones & Son, Inc. (Keys, Der Hayr's Desk) | 3.65 |
| 13. Postmaster, Detroit (500 8¢ Stamps for Office) | 40.00 |
| 14. New York Life Insurance Co. | 110.40 |
| 15. Michigan Hospital Service | 371.75 |
| | <u>\$3,248.14</u> |

HARRY A. KEZELIAN
Treasurer, Parish Council

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 18, 1972

ABSENT: Mr. J. Kazanjian, Mr. E. Korkoian

I Opening Prayer - Fr. D. Papazian

II Minutes of March 21, 1972 - Mr. J. Margosian

A. Mr. M. Apkarian moved and Mr. S. Aprahamian seconded to approve the minutes as read.

III Treasurer's Report - Mr. H. Kezelian

A. Mr. L. Zamanigian moved and Mr. M. Apkarian seconded to approve the April 18th Warrant for the amount of \$5,606.88.

IV Standing Committee Reports

A. Standing Committee Appointments

1. Chairman M. Megregian announced appointment of the Standing Committees for 1972.

B. Building Projects - Mr. H. Kezelian

1. Clip-on Microphone and Lectern

a. No report was given on the Clip-on Microphone. Der Hayr has contacted Mr. Unjian on the Lectern and was informed that it is nearly completed.

2. Miscellaneous Plaques

a. Mr. Nersesian has delivered the sample plaque for the Chapel Altar to the plate maker. The plaque for the Chapel Altar will be in recognition of Mr. Unjian's gift of the Altar.

3. Confessional Room and Lenten Altar Stand

a. No new report beyond Fr. Paren's previous report that approximately \$1,000 had been collected and he will acknowledge receipt of donations. A new drive will begin in April.

C. Building Management - Mr. A. Semonian

1. Mr. Semonian submitted the Building Fund report for February and the events calendars for March and April to Parish Council members.

D. Pledge and Membership - Mr. M. Apkarian

1. Mr. Apkarian reported that pledges were coming in according to expectations.

E. Armenian School - Mr. A. Yeghissian

1. Der Diran will appeal to Immigration Department to have Mr. S. Shorvoghlian remain in the U.S. as a teacher in the Armenian School. Mr. Korkoian will obtain the name of an immigration department investigator in New York who is an expert in this area. No new report was given on this item.

F. Church School - Fr. Paren

1. No report was given at this meeting.

G. In Lieu of Flowers - Mr. L. Zamanigian

1. Mr. Zamanigian recommended and Parish Council agreed that In Lieu of Flowers money must be deposited on a weekly basis.

H. Special Events - Mr. A. Yeghissian

1. Fr. Paren reported that the Hazarian Art Exhibit would be opened for public view immediately following the Martyr's Day Program.

I. Books, Plates and Candles - Mr. S. Aprahamian

1. No report was given at this meeting.

J. Social Welfare - Mr. E. Korkoian

1. The plan to have Der Diran and Mr. Korkoian appeal to Oakland County Welfare Department for aid to the Hayrabad Merhafian family was still open.
2. Mr. Kezelian reported that the "after Church Tea" netted \$92.95 for the Social Welfare Fund.

K. Insurance - Mr. A. Semonian

1. No report was given at this meeting.

L. Visitation - Mr. S. Aprahamian

1. Mr. Aprahamian reported he had given a visitation list to Mr. Apkarian for review.

M. Budget and Finance - Mr. S. Boyajian

1. No report was given at this meeting.

N. Hospitality - Mr. J. Kazanjian
Public Relations - Mr. J. Margosian
Bequests - Mr. L. Zamanigian

1. No reports were given at this meeting.

V Special Committee Reports

A. New Year's Eve Dance

1. Mr. L. Zamanigian accepted Chairman Megregian's appointment to be General Chairman of the New Year's Eve Dance.

VI Liaison Officer Reports

A. Liaison Officers

1. Chairman Megregian announced the Parish Council Liaison Officers for the Church Auxiliary Organizations.

B. Library Guild

1. Parish Council agreed that the letter dated April 12th from the Guild was incorrect and Mr. Margosian would inform them accordingly.

VII Clergy Activity Reports

- A. Fr. Diran submitted his Monthly Pastors Report covering the period March 1 through April 2nd and is attached as a matter of record to these minutes.

VIII Parish Council Special Matters

A. Church Committee for Cultural Events

1. No report was given at this meeting to issue a letter to each auxiliary organization to submit names of two people who would serve on this committee.

B. Sacristan

1. Mr. L. Zamanigian motioned and Mr. S. Aprahamian seconded to have Mr. M. Selvian serve as Sacristan for a ninety day trial period for \$140 per month. The vote waiting period was by-passed and the previous motion was discussed, voted upon and passed.

C. Outside Consultant

1. Mr. Megregian reported that plans to have Mr. J. Antreassian conduct a survey of our Building and Church Administrative operations was underway and was set for April 25, 1972.

D. Primate's Jubilee Celebration (June 18)

1. Mr. J. Margosian read several letters from the Diocese announcing schedules and plans connected with the Primate's Jubilee Celebration. Chairman Megregian will appoint a chairman for the Detroit celebration.

E. Visit to Erevan

1. Chairman M. Megregian agreed to contact Mr. Harry Ekizian and offer the opportunity to visit Erevan. This item was not resolved at this meeting.

F. Parish Council Installation

1. Fr. Diran reported that Installation Ceremonies for the new Parish Council was changed to April 30th.

G. Archbishop Sion Manoogian

1. Fr. Diran reported that Archbishop Sion was in the hospital for surgery.

H. Diocesan Assembly (May 6)

1. Fr. Diran reported that he and Fr. Paren would be attending the Clergyman's Conference on May 2nd followed by the Diocesan Assembly on May 6.

I. Rental - Tekeyan Society

1. Mr. Apkarian motioned and Mr. L. Zamanigian seconded to set the rental rate for the Tekeyan Society for April 16, at \$100 plus \$25 for clean up. The vote waiting period was by-passed and the previous motion was discussed, voted upon and passed.

J. Mildonian Harp Concert (April 30)

1. Fr. Paren reported:
 - a. Flyer and Newspaper articles were in progress.
 - b. The charge by the Diocese for Miss Mildonian's appearance was \$650.
 - c. A small gift would be given to Miss Mildonian.

K. Church Contribution

1. Mr. J. Margosian read a letter dated April 4, 1972, from St. Vartan Armenian Catholic Church informing that they were conducting a fund raising program to liquidate their mortgage and soliciting our financial assistance in the form of a contribution.
2. Mr. Apkarian motioned and Mr. L. Zamanigian seconded to contribute the sum of \$100. To be voted upon at the next meeting.

IX Adjournment

1. Mr. Semonian motioned and Mr. S. Aprahamian seconded to adjourn the meeting.
2. Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

JM/rb

JACK MARGOSIAN
Secretary, Parish Council

PASTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

Covering Period of the Month of March

(Wednesday, March 1 - Sunday, April 2)

Presented by REV. FR. DIRAN PAPA ZIAN

Report Number 5

Given at the Parish Council Meeting of April 18, 1972

I WORSHIP AND CEREMONIES

A. BADARAK AND SERMON

- a. 3 regular Badaraks; of which 2 were performed by me (March 5, 19) and 1 by Fr. Paren (March 12).
- b. Guest preachers were Deacon Levon N. Zenian (March 5), Archbishop Sion (March 19).

B. SPECIAL SERVICES AND CEREMONIES

- a. Lenten Services were performed throughout the entire Lenten period (Feb. 14-March 24); Arevakal on Sunday mornings and Vigil Services on Wednesday evenings.
- b. Palm Sunday services; Antasdan in the morning and Trunpatzek following Badarak (March 26).
- c. Holy Week Services (March 27 - March 31):
 - Maundy Thursday noon Badarak and Communion for Ladies Auxiliary.
 - Feet Washing Services on Thursday evening.
 - Tenebrae Thursday evening.
 - Good Friday Tre-Ore Services in English at noon.
 - Office of Entombment Friday evening.
- d. Easter Celebrations:
 - Holy Saturday morning Badarak and Communion for Church School children.
 - Easter Eve celebrations and candlemas Badarak Saturday evening (April 1).
 - Easter Sunday celebrations; special services in the morning Yeughaperitz, Antasdan and Solemn High Mass and sermon with Archbishop Sion officiating (April 2).

II SACRAMENTS AND RITES

A. CHRISTENING

Altogether five Baptisms were performed during this period, three of which were

grown up children; of these five baptisms four baptisms were performed by Fr. Diran and one by Fr. Paren.

B. WEDDINGS AND BETROTHALS

No weddings were performed during this period since canonically it is prohibited to perform weddings in the Church during Lent and Holy Week. One engagement was performed by Fr. Diran.

C. FUNERALS

Altogether 10 funerals were conducted of which 6 were officiated by Fr. Diran and four by Fr. Paren. In conjunction with funerals, prayer services were conducted, eulogies were delivered and hokejashs were blessed.

D. BLESSING OF GRAVES

One grave blessing was performed and hokejash was blessed on the occasion of 40th day requiem service.

III CHURCH AUXILIARIES AND PARISH GROUPS

A. MEETINGS

Altogether 17 meetings were attended with church organizations and affiliated groups for general, board, standing and special committee meetings.

B. CHURCH FUNCTIONS AND PARISH ACTIVITIES

- a. Lenten fish suppers on Wednesday evenings, ACYOA Project Youth (Feb. 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22).
- b. Michink observance; church services, topik luncheon and program, Ladies' Auxiliary (March 8).
- c. Diocesan Regional Meeting with Primate and attending dinner (March 19).
- d. Annual Lenten Luncheon and program, Women's Guild (March 22).
- e. Palm Sunday coffee hour (March 26) for the benefit of Social Welfare.
- f. Maundy Thursday Communion Luncheon and program, Ladies Auxiliary.
 1. AGBU Armenian School children also received Holy Communion (March 30).
- g. Communion breakfast for Church School children, Women's Guild (April 1).

C. EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

- a. Sunday School Teacher Training Program; lecture series on New Testament by visiting lecturer from Duns Scotus during Lenten Wednesday evenings.
- b. Presentation of slides on Armenian Studies Program in Armenia, ACYOA (Feb. 29).
- c. Armenian Art Exhibit and Pop Concert, K of V Nareg Lodge (March 10).
- d. Addressing and offering prayers at a Lenten Luncheon prepared by a womens group of our community at the Veterans Building (March 15).
- e. Rap session with youth of our parish, Men's Society (March 15).
- f. Pot Luck and lecture, Mr. and Mrs. Society (March 17).
- g. CSAI Lenten Dinner and presentation of play at Cultural Building (March 19).
- h. K of V dinner with presence of Avak Tahlij officers and special ceremonial meeting (March 22).
- i. An evening of entertainment and slide presentation from Armenia by Alex Manoogian sponsored by AGBU (March 24).

IV VISITATIONS

A. SICK CALLS

- a. Altogether 21 sick calls were made by Fr. Diran at different hospitals as follows:
 1. 3 emergency calls at two hospitals.
 2. 13 sick calls were made at six different hospitals.
 3. 5 sick persons visited at homes.

B. MICHIGAN HOME FOR THE AGED

- a. Once a week visits were paid by clergy alternately during Lent, for performance of Lenten Services and each time clergy joined in dining with the residents.
- b. Madagh blessing was performed at the home.

C. VISITS TO HOME AND BUSINESS PLACES

- a. Four visits to business places.

- b. Six sympathy calls to bereaved families.
- c. Four social visits.

V PASTORAL COUNSELING AND INTERVIEWS

A. PRE-MARITAL CONFERENCES

- a. Four conference sessions in preparation of marriage.

B. GENERAL COUNSELING AND INTERVIEWS

- a. Pastoral counseling was given to one family.
- b. Four interviews were given.

VI COMMUNITY CONCERNS, CIVIC RELATIONS AND INTER-CHURCH ACTIVITIES

A. INTER-FAITH SERVICES

- a. Taking part in the formulation of the program of the inter-faith service on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the founding of Girl Scouts and participating in the actual service which took place at our Church with welcoming address and invocation; religious and civic leaders attended and participated in the service (March 12).
- b. Taking part in an inter-religious dialogue sponsored by Detroit Round Table organization.
- c. Attending a lecture given under psychological studies and consultation program designed for Oakland County Clergy.
- d. Taking active part in the activities of Southfield Clergy Association specially in formulating Tre-Ore Service for Good Friday at Northland Shopping Center.
- e. Participating in a Board of Directors meeting of M.D.C.C.
- f. Sending a representative from our Church to a special meeting on Scoutism.
- g. Offering the closing prayer at the fourth annual Mayors prayer breakfast (March 25).

VII DESK WORK AND ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES

A. PARISH PROJECTS, PROGRAMS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Numerous inquiries were conducted for different pastors matters.
- b. Many contacts were made for Church work and projects.
- c. Writing Birth Certificates.
- d. Filling out Baptismal Certificates (the Armenian section).
- e. Preparation of annual church reports and filling annual report form and submitted to the Diocese.
- f. Preparation of Pastoral reports to the Parish Council.
- g. Writing official correspondence to the Diocese.
- h. Writing letters to parishioners in answer of inquiries.
- i. Writing letters of recommendations.

B. CHURCH PUBLICATIONS

- a. Preparation of Holy Week and Easter Special Bulletins.
- b. Preparation of Good Friday special bulletins.
- c. Preparation of Sunday Church Bulletins.
- d. Preparation of Radio Announcements.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. POSITION OF SACRISTAN

Since the position of a sacristan is vacant all the extra duties and work associated with this position was shared by the clergy which was specially heavy and burdensome during the Lenten period and Holy Week seasons.

2. LENTEN ALTAR

Lenten Altar was a project which was initiated by Fr. Diran about two years ago. Through individual contributions mostly from the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary Fr. Diran has collected about \$500 toward its cost which is \$1,500.

3. CABINETS FOR VESTMENTS AND VESSALS

Cabinets and drawers for safe keeping of Church vestments and vessals was another project carried by the clergy which was accomplished successfully a year ago. The entire cost of \$3,000 was donated by Ladies Auxiliary organization.

4. FURNISHING OF CONFESSIONAL ROOM

The proper furnishing of the vestments and vessels room and converting it into a confessional room was yet another project initiated a year ago and currently it is being carried by Fr. Paren who is authorized to contact prospective donors to meet the general expense of furnishing which is estimated at \$3,000.

5. BADARAK VESTMENTS

The project of endowing the Church with new complete sets of vestments is yet another project almost started two years ago and moving now towards its final phase. The entire cost of the material is approximately \$3,500 and was again undertaken by the Ladies Auxiliary as their project. Fr. Paren assumed overseeing the completion of this project.

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THIRD MONTHLY PASTORAL REPORT
TO THE PARISH COUNCIL
presented by FR. PAREN AVEDIKIAN

(February 23, - March 31, 1972)

1. Church Services
Celebrant and Preacher - 3 times.
Participant in the Lenten Vigil Service - 4 times.
Participant in the Special Service for Ladies Auxiliary.
Visited the Armenian Old Age Home and conducted services - 2 times.
Participated in the five Church Services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.
2. Funerals
Attended and conducted one Dan Gark Service.
Officiated at four funerals and attended Hokejashes.
3. Baptism
One baptism and visited with the respective family.
4. Church School Service
Conducted two services for the Church School students.
5. Grave Blessings and Visits with Bereaved Families
Blessed three graves and visited with the families at their homes.
6. Hospital and Home Sick Calls
29 Hospital visits.
2 Home visits.
7. Visits to Shut-ins
10 homes visited to shut-ins with ACYOA members.
8. Home Visitations
10 home regular visitations
1 home visitation for counseling
9. 50th Wedding Anniversary
Attended a 50th Wedding Anniversary of a parishioner.
10. Counseling
Six counseling sessions with various parishioners.
One Pre-Marital counseling session.
11. Armenian Classes
Four Armenian Classes
12. Meetings
20 Regular Meetings
3 Committee Meetings
13. Various Church Organization Functions
Attended six church organization functions