

ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH - HAVERHILL, MASS.

The Annual Parish Assembly of St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Church was held on Sunday, January 26, 1975 with 46 voting members present.

The meeting was called to order by the Parish Council Chairman, Mr. Harry Kasparian at 3:05 p.m. The Very Rev. Mesrob Semerjian, visiting Pastor, gave the Invocation.

Mr. Onnig Zerounian was elected Chairman of the Assembly and Mrs. Zarty Chilingirian, Recording Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Assembly Meeting were read and was amended to read that a deacon would be present at all funerals. The minutes were accepted as amended.

The Parish Council report was read and accepted after a correction was made that the carpeting for the Choir Room was donated by Mr. George Tashjian. Other organizational reports read and accepted were given by the Ladies Guild, Church Choir, Armenian School Committee, Youth Group and the Mr. & Mrs. Club. There was no Sunday School report.

Miss Sue Kezerian of the Auditing Committee reported she and Mrs. Zarty Chilingirian examined the financial books and found them to be in order.

A copy of the financial statement as of December 31, 1974 was distributed to the members. The check book balance was \$4,802.11. The Savings Account at Pentucket Savings Bank showed a balance of \$6,353.08. Questions from the floor were answered by the Treasurer, Mr. Zaven Gostanian. The Reserve Savings Account should have read Family Mutual Savings Bank on the financial statement instead of Haverhill National Bank. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as corrected.

Mr. Sarkis Tavitian reported a balance of \$833.82 in the Reserve Savings Account at the Family Mutual Savings Bank.

A proposed budget for 1975 was presented to members. It showed a projected loss for 1975 of \$6,645.00. Mr. Harry Kasparian explained the Trustees arrived at this figure by using the figures of 1972 - 1974. Mrs. Anne Kasparian commented that no budget should ever be presented with a deficit. The budget was accepted.

The following proposals and possible solutions were presented:

1. The agenda and financial statement should be mailed to all members of the church at least one week before the Annual Parish Assembly. This is in the by-laws.

2. Mrs. Anne Kasparian suggested Easter and Christmas offering envelopes be included in the notices sent to parishioners.
3. A motion was made to form a committee to seek new members. This motion was amended to read as follows - Have the Parish Council form a committee to seek new dues paying members. This motion was passed.
4. Mr. Harry Kasparian explained to the Assembly that the Diocese may send us a priest in May. In the meantime, Father Nerses Baboorian is residing in the Parish House with all expenses being paid by the Church.
5. The question of installing hand railings on the stairway to the hall and fixing the threshold in the kitchen were referred to the Trustees with the assurance that these conditions will be taken care of.
6. A discussion was held on the Diet Workshop which is not renting the church hall anymore. It was explained that the Workshop wanted to use the hall an extra night and when they were asked to pay extra they sought other facilities. The Trustees felt they were operating at a loss. A suggestion was made to review the situation and approach both the Diet Workshop and the Weight Watchers group and see if some feasible and profitable arrangement to the church could be worked out.
7. A suggestion was made to install a loudspeaker in the church as some individuals have difficulty hearing. Observations were made that the acoustics in the church should be checked out first. It was also pointed out there is a present system which belongs to the A.C.Y.OA. This matter was referred to the Parish Council.
8. The Armenian School Committee reported they have interested students but are unable to get qualified teachers. They contacted groups in Boston but to no avail. The school did not open this year. Suggestions were made to possibly get qualified teachers from the Merrimack Valley or to train young local people to teach. Mrs. Zarty Chilingirian offered to help the Armenian School Committee in obtaining teachers. A motion was made and accepted to have the present Armenian School Committee be in charge of re-opening the school.
9. The Parish Council will see that the sign in the front of the church will be repaired.

10. The church has leased the parking lot next to the church to the City of Haverhill for five years. The church still pays taxes on the land. In the spring more work will be done to improve the lot such as planting, and putting up a fence.
11. A letter of resignation as a Diocesan Delegate by Mr. James Derderian was read. A motion was made and passed that the parish assembly not accept Mr. Derderian's resignation and that the Parish Council ask him to retract his resignation. If Mr. Derderian does not retract his resignation, Mr. Harry Kasparian, who received the next largest vote for Diocesan Delegate in the last election, will serve the unexpired term.

The Nominating Committee reported there were 44 valid and 2 invalid ballots.

The following were elected to the Parish Council:

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| 1. Melvin Menasian - incumbent | 40 |
| 2. James Derderian, Jr. | 37 |
| 3. Richard Serabian | 34 |
| 4. Onnig Zerounian | 34 |
| 5. Richard Bazarian | 26 |

The Nominating Committee was elected as follows:

1. Edward Der Bogosian
2. Alice Kasparian
3. Sue Kezerian

The following were elected to serve on the Auditing Committee:

1. Zarty Chilingirian
2. Anthony Devejian
3. Anne Kasparian

On the attached sheet the full ballot lists the names and amount of votes for each person on the ballot.

Father Semerjian in his closing remarks said a roll call should be standard procedure at all meetings. Dues paying members must be counted in order to declare a quorum. He praised the assembly for having a good meeting and congratulated the new members of the Parish Council and thanked the previous Council for their efforts during the past year. The new officers will take office after the Diocese has confirmed the elections.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Father Semerjian at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Zarty Chilingirian
Zarty Chilingirian, Recording Secretary

Father Mesrob V. Semerjian
Very Rev. Mesrob Semerjian, Visiting Pastor

Onnig Zerounian
Mr. Onnig Zerounian, Chairman of the Day

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

The Nominating Committee--Levon Kasparian, Sue Kezerian, and Onnig Zerounian--have selected the following people for nomination and election to the following: 44

PARISH COUNCIL - ELECT FIVE (5)

1.	Melvin Menasian-incumbent	48
2.	Zachary Alexanian	10
3.	Richard Bazarian	28
4.	James Derderian, Jr.	37
5.	Nubar Esaian	16
6.	Lazarus Johnson	12
7.	Richard Serabian	34
8.	Onnig Zerounian	34
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NOMINATING COMMITTEE - ELECT THREE (3)

1.	Edward DerBogosian	37
2.	Alice Kasparian	26
3.	Harry Kasparian	20
4.	Levon Kasparian	7
5.	Sue Kezerian	26
6.	Alice Rayissian	10
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AUDITING COMMITTEE - ELECT THREE (3)

1.	Zarty Chilingirian	35
2.	Dr. Francis Davis	14
3.	Anthony Devejian	30
4.	Isabel Gostanian	22
5.	Anne Kasparian	23
6.	Charles Tashjian	2
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