

St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian
Apostolic Church of Haverhill, MA

1994 Annual Parish Assembly Meeting

Minutes

The 1994 Annual Parish Assembly was held on Sunday, January 16, 1994. The Agenda with results follow:

1. Opening Prayer
Rev, Father Sahag Kaishian began the meeting with a Prayer.

2. Election of Assembly Chairperson and Secretary
Edgar Mosesian- Chairperson and Elaine Meuse- Secretary

35 dues paying members were in attendance. Those present were in agreement that they constituted the required amount for voting purposes. Zarty Chilingirian recommended that every person be invited to the Assembly, not just dues paying members.

3. Minutes of the 1993 Parish Assembly
The minutes were passed out and reviewed.

Avedis Derderian asked that a correction be made to page 3 to state that his comments were offered as constructive criticism not personal feelings.

Alice Kasparian asked that the minutes show that Marty Aaronian was elected Diocesan Delegate in 1988.
Yn. Lana seconded the motion.

Michael Takesian motioned to accept the 1993 minutes as amended.
David Tavitian seconded the motion.
Motion passed.

4. Report of Nominating Committee
Marty Aaronian presented the report. The committee consisted of Marty, Elaine Meuse and Virginia Tavitian. Every person who the committee felt could potentially serve was called.

5. Elections
Edward DerBogosian motioned to postpone elections until the end of the meeting.
Avedis Derderian seconded the motion.
Motion passed.

Der Sahag asked that his report be reviewed. It was.

6. Annual Report of Parish Council

Avedis Derderian motioned that the report be accepted.
Michael Takesian seconded the motion.
Motion passed.

A recommendation was made that a special Parish Assembly be held prior to any decisions being made on the renovations of the bell tower due to its excessive cost. This was agreed upon.

7. Annual Report of Diocesan Delegate

Paul Tavitian our Delegate stated that he mailed out the report

prior to the meeting. He asked that comments be made. Comments were favorable. Paul was thanked for his efforts. Zarty complimented Paul on his mailing the report in advance to the meeting.

Michael Takesian motioned that the ²report be accepted. Marty Aaronian seconded the motion. ¹
Motion passed.

Paul thanked Sylvia Tavitian and Yn. Lana for typing the report.

8. Annual Report of Parish Organizations

Marty Aaronian asked that the spelling of Vasken Gostanian's name be corrected in the Mr. and Mrs, Report.

Alice Kasparian presented the Choir Report. The Choir along with its traditional fundraising activities donated \$500. to the Anniversary Banquet. Alice pointed out that the Choir does fundraising in order to avoid costing the church any money. She also commented on the poor church attendance especially Christmas Services. The presence of the Congregation is critical to the success of the choir. A written report will be submitted.

George Kasparian motioned to accept the Parish Reports. David Tavitian seconded the motion.
Motion passed

9. Annual Report of Auditing Committee

Cynthia Kasparian presented the report. The committee found everything to be in good order. It was recommended that the accounting be put on the computer. Cynthia will see that this will happen. A written report is forthcoming.

10. Parish Council 1993 Financial Report and Adoption of Budget for 1994

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Janet Mosesian motioned that the 1994 budget not be accepted as distributed until details are added and reviewed. Avedis Derderian seconded the motion.
Motion passed

Marty Aaronian motioned that a committee be formed that would work on a proposed 1994 budget. This budget would then be prepared, reviewed, and presented to the Parish Council by Sunday, February 20, 1994.

Alice Kasparian seconded the motion
Motion passed

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Janet Mosesian will chair the committee; other members will include Avedis Derderian, Cynthia Kasparian, Barbara Arthur.

11. Old Business

None

5. Election of New Officers

Parish Assembly nominations were accepted from the floor. Alice Kasparian motioned to close nominations. Cynthia Kasparian seconded the motion. Motion passed

Election results were reported by Marty Aaronian as follows:

Elected Parish Council Members

- 1) Liz Derderian
- 2) Richard McNeil
- 3) Edgar Mosesian

Elected Nominating Committee

- 1) Barbara Arthur
- 2) Harry Kasparian
- 3) George Mardekian

Elected Auditing Committee Member

- 1) Michael Takesian

Elected Diocesan Delegate

- 1) Avedis Derderian

12. New Business

Virginia Tavitian suggested 15 fundraising events (see attached) Virginia Tavitian suggested training of 2 children as organists.

Twanda McNeil suggested that church organizations pay a fee for utilizing church supplies and kitchen.

Janet Mosesian suggested that each group replace any supplies used and kick back a % of what is brought in to the church.

Barbara Arthur suggested raising the church dues from \$30 to \$50 for 1994.

Barbara Arthur suggested that for next year's Parish Assembly, the report be sent to dues paying members prior to the meeting.

Elaine Meuse suggested that brief biographies be included beside the individuals being voted on for office.

14. Closing Prayer

The meeting was closed with a Prayer by Rev. Fr. Sahag Kaishian

Note from the Secretary: A sincere effort was made to submit minutes that were accurate. If errors were made, no personal insults were intended, Respectfully Submitted,

Fr. Sahag Kaishian

Elaine Meuse

Addendum to the Minutes of the 1994 Parrish Assembly

Since the Parrish Assembly failed to form a quorum, we deferred to Article 17 of the By-laws which reads "If the Assembly fails to form a quorum, the affirmative votes of 2/3s of the members present shall be required to arrive at each decision at such a meeting."

This was agreed upon by those present.

Submitted by
Elaine Meuse
Secretary