

Parish Council Report

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Martin Aaronian
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The Calendar Year 1993 was one of transition and challenge for the Parish Council acclimating a newly ordained priest into the church community while developing and implementing a strategy for growth and development of our church.

During 1993, the Parish Council conducted ten regular parish council meetings and one special parish council meeting that was open to all members. For the first time in the forty-eight year history of our church, the ordination of a priest (Father Sahag Kaishian) was conducted at our church on Sunday, February 21, 1993.

We participated in Operation Winter Rescue appointing Edgar Mosesian and Elaine Meuse as coordinators..

The Parish Council sponsored one youth scholarship to Saint Vartan's Camp in Connecticut.

We inspected deficiencies and initiated repairs to the parish home. In July, Der Sahag and family were relocated from an apartment to the parish home. A major fund raising effort was initiated by the council generating approximately \$4000. to offset expenses for renovating the parish home.

The council purchased a computer, printer, and back-up system. A gift to offset its cost was acquired.

On May 22, 1993, members of the council participated in a bell tower clean-up project removing years of debris from the fourth floor and fifth floor belfry landing. Members of the council also personally installed new wiring and two utility lights in the fourth floor bell tower area. Subsequently, the council hired a structural engineer to do a structural analysis and report of the entire church with emphasis on the bell tower. The inspection has been completed and his report is forth coming. Lance Kasparian and a special bell tower committee has assisted the council in hiring the structural engineer and coordinating the structural assessment.

The Parish Council was instrumental in organizing and participating in the church picnic. Haverhill Festival 93, Haverhill Septemberfest 93, the church bazaar and the Forty-Eighth Anniversary Banquet in conjunction with Primate Archbishop Khajag Barsamian's visit. In addition, the council initiated an appreciation dinner held on October 17, 1993, under the leadership of ad hoc committee members Edgar Mosesian, Chairman, Elaine Meuse, and Virginia Tavitian.

Members of the council assisted the Ladies Aide Society in the office clean-up and painting project.


Der Hayr initiated a Census Committee that surveyed the community's needs and interests. Subsequently, a Membership Committee was formed and membership increased from approximately ninety members at the beginning of the year to one-hundred-twenty-seven members at the end of the year.


Masonry repairs were made to the church front steps, foundation wall and rear retaining wall.. The hazardous steps by the kitchen area have been corrected and a new railing installed for safety.

New locks have been installed for the church office improving security and privacy for our Pastor.

The council has solicited estimates for repair or replacement of the Movsesian Front Doors. We are currently in the process of coordinating this project with Lance Kasparian and the Movsesian Family.

The Parish Council extends its most sincere thanks to all of you who cooperated and assisted in the church's mission during the past year. Serving God, the Armenian Church, and you has been our fulfilling joy and pleasure. With your increased support and voluntary participation, our church will surely flourish in the coming year.


Father Sahag Kaishian
Pastor


Joseph S. Tavitian
Parish Council Chairman