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September 7, 1995

His Eminence Archbishop His Eminence, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian
Primate, Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
President, Diocesan Council
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Your Eminence:

This letter is a follow-up to a recent telephone conversation we had concerning the Lake Attitash Property.

At a Special Parish Assembly held on November 2, 1995 it was mandated "that the parish council hire a good attorney to investigate documents and title and the Parish's interests in the parcel of property called 'Attitash Acres' of Merrimac, MA...".

In March of this year the Parish Attorney, Paul Kazarosian, on behalf of the Parish Council, engaged two attorneys to research the situation and make reports. One attorney was to do a title search and the other was to offer an opinion on the status of the trust agreement that was made in 1968. Both reports were submitted to Attorney Kazarosian by August 2, 1995 and copies of the reports are in the possession of the Parish Council Chairperson, Ms. Zarty Chilingirian.

After becoming aware that the reports are ready, on September 5, 1995, I requested that Ms. Chilingirian make a copy of the reports available to keep on file in the Church Office. Ms. Chilingirian refused to make the reports available. The issue was raised at a parish council meeting held on September 6, 1995 at which time the reports were again requested but were still not made available.

Since the reports were authorized by and are the domain of the Parish Assembly, they should be made available to the president of the Parish Assembly and the Parish Council in order to review them prior to their discussion in a meeting of either church body.

Therefore, I am requesting that the Parish Council Chairperson be directed by your Eminence's to make the reports available immediately so that the issues involved may be given the attention necessary.

Respectfully,

Fr. Sahag Kaishian
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Haverhill, Mass. November 2, 1994

MINUTES OF SPECIAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Derderian Hall - 7:30 P.M.

The meeting opened with an invocation from Der Sahag Kaishian.

Chairman , Rafik Papelian (after welcoming all attending the meeting) introduced Michael Takesian as the person who has studied the issue of

Attitash Acres, Inc. Michael Takesian proceeded to first describe the limits of the property in question and what events took place in the formation of the trust known as Saint Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church Trust. The property known as Attitash Acres was bought by 3 individuals: James Derderian of Methuen, Charles Tashjian and Abe Kezerian of Haverhill, Mass. It is said to consist of 8.6 acres and includes a n unpaved road called Shore Road leading to teh property in Merrimack, Massachusetts. Later the three principals of Attitash Acres, Inc. (named above) drew up a trust document that was reported to have been recorded in November of 1969. The said purpose of the Trust is to manage the property in the interest of the church for charitable religious and recreational purposes. Moreover, M. Takesian explained that a deed was drawn up by Attitash Acres, Inc. in December of 1968 and a Note for \$21, 850 on the same day.

The discussion that followed revolved around the legal aspects of the "gifting" of two-thirds of the property in the Trust to the Haverhill Church and one-third to the Holy Cross Church in Lawrence, Mass.

Jim "Avedis" Derderian stated that there is a mortgage held by the three principals named as Trustees above. And, they (the Trustees) no longer want "it". It's being gifted to both churches. Avedis indicated that the church owns the property and the 3 persons mentioned hold the mortgage. Michael Takesian indicated that the Trust agreement was recorded in the Registry in Salem and that if the Trust is dissolved the proceeds would go to the Church.

Question arose as to whether the approval of the Parish Assembly is needed to transfer one-third of the property to the Holy Cross Armenian Church of Lawrence, Mass.

Another question arose about dues and non-dues-paying members of the church. A motion was made by Janice Mosesian and seconded by Margaret Kazarosian : that non-dues-paying members be allowed to voice their opinions at the Parish Assembly. Motion carried.

A motion made and withdrawn on a point of order accepting the 28 members present as a quorum for the purposes of conducting the business at hand. With reference to the By-Laws of the church, it was agreed that a two-thirds affirmative vote would carry a motion -

Further discussion focused on the proper passing and recording of the Trust, the Deed and the Note and whether or not the Haverhill Armenian Church should hire an impartial attorney to represent the church and advise the Parish as to the findings. - particularly in view of the fact the the assessed property value of the "Attitash Acres" parcel has risen sharply and taxes born by the two churches has jumped from a few hundred dollars to \$1,400 per year.

* [Motion made by Joseph Tavitian and seconded by Edward DerBogolian that the Parish Council hire a good attorney to investigate documents and title and this Parish's interests in the parcel of property called "Attitash Acres" of Merrimack, Mass. for legal fees not to exceed \$1,000. Vote: 18 in favor. Motion passed.] *

Further discussion revolved around the rights of Trustees and whether or not they could name new Trustees. Discussions continued around the intent to gift one-third of the Attitash Acres property to the Holy Cross Armenian Church of Lawrence.

Motion made by Barbara Arthur and seconded by Margaret Kazarosian to table item # 5 of the Agenda having to do with the assigning of 1/3 interest to the Holy Cross Armenian Church of Lawrence, Mass. Carried -unanimous vote.

Agenda item #4 "Amendment of Trust Agreement" - not moved. Also, Agenda item # 6 "Election and Appointment of New Trustees" was tabled.

Der Sahag Kaishian gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned at about 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Edgar A. Mosesian, Vice Chairman of Parish Council/Recorder.