

SAINT GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR ARMENIAN CHURCH
Haverhill, Massachusetts

1997 Parish Assembly

The 1996 Annual Parish Assembly was held on Sunday February 16, 1997.

The meeting was called to order at 12:55 p.m. by Parish Council Chairman, Albert Movsesian. Followed by a prayer by Rev. Fr. Sahag Kaishian

Albert Movsesian turned the meeting over to last year's Parish Assembly Chairman, Steve Arthur. Steve read the 1996 dues paying member list for the roll call.

There were 54 dues paying members present out of 97 dues paying members. Since 33% of the membership is required for a quorum, we satisfied that requirement.

George O'hanian made a motion to have the entire parish council sit at the head table. Motion was seconded. Motion denied

A motion was made by Harry Alexanian to waive the reading of the minutes of the 1995 assembly. The motion was seconded. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Pam Nicolosi to accept the minutes of the 1995 assembly. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

Paul Tavitian made a motion to accept all three special assemblies by with the following corrections.

Comment was made to change the minutes of the 9/29 meeting from 'the people' to 'the parishioners of St Gregory the Illuminator Church' by Ann Drouin.

Comment was made to change the stated insurance amount for the Church from \$100,000 to \$700,000 by Ann Drouin from minutes of the 9/29 meeting.

Comment by Al Movsesian to change Gohar to Koharig on 9/29 meeting minutes.

Motion seconded by Lana Kaishian. Motion Passed.

Nominations were presented for Assembly Chairperson and Secretary.

Chairperson

Secretary

Sevan Demirdogen
Steve Arthur

Joyce Alexanian
Richard Bazarian

Ballots were distributed to the members present. The ballots were collected and counted. Steve Arthur was elected Assembly Chairperson and Joyce Alexanian was elected secretary.

James Derderian complimented the Parish Council members on the timely mailing of the 1996 annual report.

Parish Council Ballot: Zaven Gostanian was nominated from the floor but declined. Garabed Loosian was nominated from the floor and declined. Mike Takesian was nominated from the floor and declined. Alice Kasparian nominated but declined. Araxie Kasparian nominated but declined.

Steve Arthur made a motion that the next parish council be made up of seven members instead of nine.

Motion was removed to new business.

Sylvia Tavitian made a motion to close discussions.

Motion Seconded. Motion passed.

Mike Takesian was nominated for the nominating committee. Nomination seconded.

Nomination accepted.

Motion was made to close. Motion accepted

Auditing committee:

Marty Aaronian is replacing Mike Devejian who resigned.

Steve Arthur was nominated but declined. Seven Demirdogen was nominated but declined.

Richard Bazarian was nominated and accepted. Janice Mosesian was nominated and accepted.

Nominating committee:

Mike Takesian was nominated and accepted.

Pam Nicolosi made a motion to close. Steve Arthur seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Albert Movsesian made a motion to close nominations. Motion seconded. Nominations closed.

Der Sahag presented the pastor's report, and made some additions and corrections. The Rev. Father John Sweeney should have been listed under visiting clergy. Sacraments and rites for Sarkis Arakelian 4/28 and Arthur Arakelian 4/30. The pastoral open house was held on 1/6/96 with over 75 guests attending. Der Sahag also expressed his appreciation to past Parish Council Chairperson, Zarty Chilingarian, and to the present chairperson, Albert Movesesian. Also mentioned in appreciation Der Sahag thanked Elaine Muese as former Sunday School Superintendent and present Sunday School Superintendent, Yn. Lana Kaishian.

Also all of the groups of the church were thanked by name , including the Ladies Guild, the Adults Group, the Parish Council, the choir and all of the committees that were formed to raise funds for the church i.e. fall festival, auction, picnic etc.

A special note of appreciation went to Sarkis Arakelian for his tireless dedication to the church.

Alice Kasparian asked for a clarification as to who was remaining on the parish council. The members remaining were said to be Albert Movsesian, James Derderian, Cynthia Kasparian, Harry Kasparian, Ann Drouin and Virginia Tavitian.

Steve Arthur introduced Albert Movsesian to read the Parish Council report. Motion was made by Steve Arthur to accept the parish council report as written. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

Paul Tavitian gave the report for the Diocesan Delegates. Steve Arthur made a motion to accept the report as written. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

Pledge committee: Motion was made by Lou Nicolosi to accept the report as written. Motion seconded. Motion Passed.

Auction Committee: Motion was made by Alice Kasparian to accept the report as written. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

Merger Committee: Motion made to accept the report as written. Motion seconded. Motion Passed.

Adults Group.: Motion by George Kasparian to accept the report as written. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

Choir: Motion by Lou Nicolosi to accept the report as written. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

Ladies Guild: Motion by Alice Kasparian to accept the report as written. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

Loosavorich: Motion to accept report as written. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. & Mrs. Club: Motion by Cynthia Kasparian to accept report as written. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

Sunday School: Motion by Harry Alexanian to accept the report as written. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

Auditing Committee: Motion by Lou Nicolosi to accept the report as written. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

Cynthia Kasparian read statement of Operations and 1997 Budget. Motion to accept report. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

Der Sahag clarified that his stipend is not in accordance with current diocesan guidelines.

Albert Movsesian read a letter from Lance Kasparian who is looking into the viability of attaining historic status for the Church by getting on the National Registry of Historic Buildings.

Mark Kazanjian and Anthony Giragosian from the Lawrence Parish were in attendance and answered several questions that parishioners had regarding merging the Lawrence and Haverhill Churches. Pam Nicolosi made a motion that a non-binding survey be mailed to all Haverhill Church Parishioners to evaluate whether or not they want a merger. Either to the Haverhill Church or to a new location. A time limit of 4/1/97 was set to get this mailing out. Self addressed stamped envelopes will be provided for responses. Follow-up telephone calls will also be made.

Motion was seconded. Motion passed.

Harry Alexanian made a motion for a special meeting for an open discussion regarding a merger after the results of the non-binding survey are available. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

Lou Nicolosi has been appointed Chairman of the fund raising committee.

Paul Tavitian made a motion for dues to be \$10 in excess of the assessed diocese charge per person and to update yearly as needed. Motion seconded. Motion denied.

Barbara Arthur made a motion to have seven members on the parish council as opposed to nine. Motion Seconded. Motion denied.

Cynthia Kasparian made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Motion seconded. Motion passed.

At the end of the meeting Der Sahag thanked the chairperson, secretary, outgoing members, parish council, nominating committee, auditing committee and all the organizations that worked so hard to bring the church together and raise much needed funds. Quote from Der Sahag " Those who have worked so hard will continue to give of yourselves for benefit of our Church and to Glory of God."

Der Sahag said a closing prayer.

Election Results:

Parish Council

Sevan Demirdogen	50
Harry Alexanian	46
Rafik Papalian	36
Lou Nicolosi	28
Mark Tashjian	22
Virginia Tavitian	16

Parish Assembly Chairman

Steve Arthur	32
Sevan Demirdogen	18

Parish Assembly Secretary

Joyce Alexanian	39
Richard Bazarian	11

Nominating Committee:

Sylvia Tavitian	29
Joyce Alexanian	28
Steve Arthur	25
Richard Bazarian	24
Liz Derderian	18
Mike Takesian	17

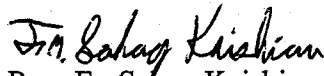
Auditing Committee:


Mike Takesian	17
Janice Mosesian	13
Richard Bazarian	11
Joe Tavitian	8

Diocesan Delegate:

Paul Tavitian	33
James Derderian	32
Sevan Demirdogen	18
Albert Movsesian	15

Respectfully Submitted,


Rev. Fr. Sahag Kaishian
Pastor


Steven Arthur
Parish Assembly Chairman

Joyce Tashjian-Alexanian
Parish Assembly Secretary
