

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Sunday, September 29, 1996

1:05 Opening Prayer by Der Hayr

In Attendance: 24 dues paying members were in attendance.

Minutes of the Meeting: No minutes were read of previous meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Cynthia Kasparian gave her report:

\$ 1,097.00	Checkbook Balance	
<u>\$110,488.00</u>	Savings Account Balance	
\$111,585.00	Total Balance	
Net profit from Church Picnic		\$3,400.00
Net Profit from Parish Council Fish Dinner		\$ 290.00

Parish Council Chairman Albert Movsesian reported that all the bills have been paid except the normal routine bills such as the current electric, utility, phone bill, etc. However, we do owe \$8,500.00 for Diocesan dues (we are 8 months behind). The Parish Council has tried to stabilize the financial condition of the church first. We will be able to pay the Diocesan dues before the year is over.

Due to income not being generated during the months of January and February 1996, the former Parish Council withdrew \$6,000.00 from the Savings Account for operating expenses. However, to date, the current Parish Council has not touched the Savings Account to pay for any bills.

Albert explained how the Diocese has assessed our church for approximately \$890.00/month for 10 months or \$55.00 per church member. Church dues however are only \$50.00 per year.

PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES REPORT

Lawn Care: Church members are cutting the lawn and cutting the hedges saving the church \$500.00 - \$600.00. Next year hopefully we will have professional lawn care.

Church Ovens: Michael Takesian spent 4-5 hours cleaning the kitchen ovens.

Parish House: Bought in 1970 for \$10,000.00. There is currently no mortgage on the Parish House. \$960.00 was recently spent to termite proof the Parish House.

The oil heating system in the Parish House has not been cleaned in 3 years and needs to be cleaned every year. The heating was checked over in September 1996.

Jim Derderian is donating 20 windows to the Parish House which cost approximately \$3,000.00 - \$4,000.00. We will need to pay a carpenter to install them at a cost of approximately \$700.00 - \$1,000.00. The windows will increase the value of the Parish House.

The Title of the church is owned by the Diocese. The Parish House is owned by the Haverhill people. We do not pay real estate taxes on the Parish House.

The assessed value of the Parish House is the following:

1994	\$95,700.00
1996	\$91,100.00

Storm Gutters: Gutters need to be cleaned out. Estimates were obtained by Albert Movsesian.

\$450.00 - \$500.00	Mr. Gutterman
\$150.00 - \$160.00	Second Estimate

The gutters and downspouts on the church will be cleaned after the leaves are all down. Before we contract the job to be done, we must make sure the company has liability insurance and worker's compensation.

Church Sign: The church sign in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Serabian will be upgraded and a more quality plaque will be made up. Evelyn Mazmanian will donate money to do these improvements.

Archway of Front Doors: Sevan Demirdogen spent 15-20 hours improving the archway over the front doors to the church. Four coats of paint needed to be removed.

Insurance on the Church: The church is paying \$449/quarter for insurance.

Church is insured for \$100,000.00
Parish House is also insured for \$100,000.00

Church Organ: We have a contract to tune-up the organ twice a year. The current cost to obtain a new organ is \$150,000.00. The value of the organ currently is \$80,000.00. It is in fair condition. It will cost \$30,000.00 to improve the organ. It should be insured at the rebuilt figure.

Church Cleaning: Lou Nicolosi's cleaning company was hired to clean the church. Every week the church is cleaned by his company.

New Overhead Fans: Woman's Guild bought five white overhead fans for the church hall (four for the hall and one for the kitchen) Paul Tavitian installed the fans.

Heating and Plumbing for the Church: The furnace needs constant attention. Plumbing has been checked and needs to be maintained.

Albert obtained a computer print-out from the Gas Company to show how much we paid for the heating bill from January - March 1996.

Approximate Cost:	\$1,090.00	January
	\$1,600.00	February
	\$1,675.00	March

The church paid \$367.70 for 4-1/2 hours of service to maintain the furnace.

Movsesian Memorial Fund: The front doors to the church are completed. A decision was made in July 1995 that the Movsesian family would pay for the front doors. During the winter months false doors were installed until the doors were completed and installed in the latter part of June 1996. Parish Council was to set aside a special fund of \$1,750.00 to take care of the doors. However, no money was set aside by the Parish Council to offset the doors.

On July 11, 1996 the Moses and Gohar Memorial Fund was established at the Pentucket Bank with an initial contribution of \$1,000.00 by the Movsesian Family. The Movsesian family will make additional contributions to this fund to maintain these doors.

A letter was sent to Albert Movsesian by the Parish Council on August 14, 1996 notifying him of the cost to repair the front doors in the amount of \$3,100.67. A letter was received by Parish Council from the Movsesian family with a check for \$3,100.67 to pay for repairs to the front doors of the church.

A motion was made by Alice Kasparian to accept the donation of the Movsesian family and to rescind the previous vote at the annual Parish Assembly on January 28, 1996 to set

aside funds for the doors in the amount of \$1,750.00. Motion was seconded and passed by more than 2/3's vote.

Merger Committee: Steve Arthur gave a report. No money has been spent and no decisions made. A letter may be sent out to parishioners. There is ongoing dialogue between Haverhill and Lawrence churches but it is still in the beginning stages. Certain church members of the committee, Mark Kazanjian and Jim Derderian, are looking at what is out there for property.

Beautification Committee: Beulah Kasparian and Charlotte Movsesian are looking for ideas to improve the church grounds for next year. The fence around the monument needs to be sanded and painted - black would probably be best.

Church Steeple: Cost would be in the range of \$175,000.00 - \$200,000.00 to repair the church steeple. \$33,000.00 would be the cost to do a band-aid repair job. It is better to open the steeple and see what is happening.

Our church is the oldest physical church in Haverhill. The Parish Council will submit requests for funds from foundations in the Merrimack Valley area to repair the steeple. The steeple needs repair whether we have a merger or not.


NEW BUSINESS

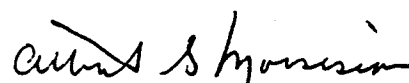

Auction : Harry Alexanian Chairman of the Auction committee gave a report. He did not ask for money but was in need of collectibles to auction off. The auctioneer Lee Hurst would be donating 10% of the earnings from the auction to the People's Methodist Church in Bradford.

Correspondence: A letter was received from the family of Mary Mooradian of Salem, MA thanking Der Hayr for his visits at the time of her illness and kind assistance at the time of her death.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m. with a closing prayer by Der Hayr.

Respectfully submitted,


Rev. Fr. Sahag Kaishian
Pastor

 
Albert S. Movsesian Virginia Tavitian
Parish Council Chairman Parish Council Asst. Secretary