

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

ST. GREGORY OF NAREK ARMENIAN CHURCH  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1982

The Annual Parish Assembly of St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church of Cleveland, Ohio was called to order at 1:55 P.M., Sunday, February 28, 1982, in the Cultural Hall, presided by our Pastor, Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian. Following the invocation by Fr. Diran, Alan Borazonian, Chairman of the Parish Council, welcomed the parishioners and expressed appreciation to those in attendance.

Florence Karoglanian, Treasurer of the Parish Council, then proceeded with the roll call of dues-paying members. Out of a number of 100 eligible voting members, 29 were present. A motion was made to consider those in attendance to constitute a quorum which was unanimously passed.

Two members of the Nominating Committee, Sandra Aurslanian and Lucine Mirakian, conducted the nomination procedure. The third member of the Nominating Committee, David Andonian, was absent due to being away on vacation. Jack Hacherian was elected Assembly Chairman. Anna Karayan was elected Assembly Secretary.

A motion was made and unanimously passed that the reading of the minutes of the last Parish Assembly be dispensed with and be accepted as written.

The next item on the agenda was the election of 4 members to the Parish Council, and members for the Nominating and Auditing Committees. The 4 outgoing members of the Parish Council are Armen Asadourian, Florence Karoglanian, Jack Hatchadorian and Eric Ohanian. 4 Parish Council members are to be elected. Alan Borazonian asked for nominations from the floor.

The Nominating Committee presented 2 incumbents: Florence Karoglanian and Armen Asadourian. Nominations from the floor included Richard Aurslanian, Robert Bagdasarian, Alice Hacherian, Thelma Bagdasarian, Sandra Aurslanian and Nat Mirakian which completed the required number of candidates for the office of Parish Council member.

The names of the candidates for the Nominating Committee presented were Lucille Andonian and Louise Ohanian. The following names were nominated from the floor which completed the required number of candidates for the Nominating Committee: Sue Mirakian, Sam Mirakian, Leigh Walton and Eileen Hacherian.

The Nominating Committee presented candidates for the Auditing Committee who were: Ted Arslanian, Grace Arslanian and Jennie Kapoudjian. Those nominated from the floor for the Auditing Committee were: Martha Hacherian, Jack Hacherian and Lucine Mirakian, which completed the required number of candidates for the Auditing Committee.

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By secret ballot, the election results were as follows: (\* Elected)

PARISH COUNCIL

Richard Aurslanian	28 (*)
Robert Bagdasarian	26 (*)
Armen Asadourian	22 (*)
Florence Karoglanian	20 (*)
Alice Hacherian	11
Thelma Bagdasarian	10
Sandra Aurslanian	
Nat Mirakian	

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Sue Mirakian	21 (*)
Louise Ohanian	21 (*)
Lucille Andonian	17 (*)
Eileen Hacherian	13
Leigh Walton	8
Sue Mirakian	7

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Jennie Kapoudjian	25 (*)
Martha Hacherian	18 (*)
Grace Arslanian	16 (*)
Ted Arslanian	15
Jack Hacherian	13
Lucine Mirakian	

The Annual Reports of all Church organizations, both statistical and financial, were published in the 1981 Annual Report Book. Opportunity was given to discuss matters presented in the reports, with the exception of the Financial Report of the Parish Council which was going to be reviewed as a separate item. The reports included in the 1981 Annual Report were:

The Pastor's Report  
Parish Council  
Diocesan Delegate  
Ladies Auxiliary  
Armenian Womens' Guild  
Church Sunday School  
Church Coir  
A.C.Y.O.A. Juniors  
A.C.Y.O.A. Seniors

Following the review of the reports, there was discussion regarding Parish Council-Church auxiliaries relationship. It was felt that the Parish Council should maintain closer control and have better communication.

The Financial Reports of the Parish Council were the next order of business.

The 1981 FINANCIAL REPORT was accepted unanimously.

The projected 1982 BUDGET of \$67,200.00 was unanimously passed.

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Alan Borazonian reported that the Parish Council organized a Community Advisory Committee of about 25 people which includes executives or heads of the Church organizations, former Parish Council Chairmen, former Parish Council members and some active members of the Church community to assist the Parish Council with major issues confronting the parish and to help raise money for the benefit and needs of the Church.

It was announced by Alan Borazonian that the first project of the Community Advisory Committee will be the First Annual Reverse Raffle which will be held at the Vila Di Borally, in Richmond Heights on Thursday, May 27, 1982, co-chaired by Matthew Hatchadorian and Jack Hacherian. It was further mentioned that the Community Advisory Committee is also planning to participate in the Nationality Festival in downtown Cleveland this summer.

OLD BUSINESS

The status of the Church sign was discussed. (The sign is in the memory of Deacon Garbis Balderian, appropriated from "in lieu of flowers" donations.) The community was advised that the installation of the sign is being hampered due to misunderstandings between the city of Richmond Heights and the Church. However, the matter will be pursued until a satisfactory conclusion can be reached.

Florence Goekjian, on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary, asked about the status of the Armenian-style crosses on the Church doors which is a project of the Ladies Auxiliary. The community was advised that the plans by the Parish Council became more elaborate and the cost prohibitive. It was pointed out by Florence Goekjian that the original plans called for simple Armenian crosses on the Church doors. It was requested that some conclusion be arrived at since it is an item of long standing. Jack Hacherian suggested that the Parish Council have the crosses installed on the Church doors before the Annual Picnic.

Thelma Bagdasarian asked about the status of the Oadian property on Payne Avenue in downtown Cleveland. Alan Borazonian replied that the property was sold and payments are being sent to the Church and are being deposited into a separate account.

NEW BUSINESS

Florence Goekjian commented on her behalf and on the behalf of other members in the community about the PAROS which resulted in lengthy discussions concerning various aspects of the Church publication. The areas of discussion were as follows:

1. Column of Pastor's Activities.
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	<u>Old Format</u>	vs.	<u>New Format</u>
Frequency of publication:	Monthly		Bi-Monthly
Print size:	Standard		Reduced
3. Directory of Professional Business Services.
4. Editorial content.

Alan Borazonian replied that the new measures were taken for economic reasons. Nat Arslanian, Chairman of the PAROS Professional Business Directory explained that subscription was voluntary. Father Diran replied concerning "Pastor's Activities," he said that this was done to make the PAROS more interesting. Concerning the "editorial content"

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NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

related to Church organization participation, there was repetition because of individual involvements of each organization. It was suggested by Fr. Diran to have an Editorial Committee assist the Editor, under the supervision of the Pastor.

At this point the 4 resolutions which were submitted to the Parish Assembly in 1980 were once again reviewed and presented in time for the 1982 Diocesan Assembly.

The resolutions are as follows:

- 1.) Be it resolved that Section 14, Paragraph B of the By-Laws of the Armenian Church be amended to read as follows:

B...

The Nominating Committee shall prepare lists of candidates, in parishes consisting of less than 150 members, double the number of vacancies, where possible, for the election of...

- 2.) That a Diocesan Council Member personally visit each parish in the Midwest Region at least once every year for the purpose of discussing common concerns.
- 3.) That the date of the annual regional meeting for the Midwest region be changed to sometime other than the winter season to facilitate travel and thereby increase participation.
- 4.) That the Diocesan Calendar be mailed in early December in order to assure sufficient time in which to coordinate local calendars.

The following resolution was presented:

The English language be used during the Divine Liturgy worship, that occasionally selected prayers, chants and/or Gospel readings be performed in the English translations for purposes of clearer understanding during worship, for the benefit of non-Armenian speaking Armenians (by birth or through marriage).

This resolution generated discussion and it was tabled for 1983.

Following the conclusion of the business of the Assembly, Father Diran delivered some closing remarks emphasizing the need of voluntary service for the Church and the importance of Church attendance on Sundays. On behalf of the parishioners, he also thanked the out-going members of the Parish Council and welcomed the new members to the Parish Council. He thanked those who served on the Nominating and Auditing Committees and welcomed the new Committee members.

Kevork Arslanian stated that this is the 10th year that Father Diran will be serving the Cleveland community. He said that we have enjoyed many years of his wisdom, dedication and spiritual guidance and that we are looking forward to a fruitful 10th year.

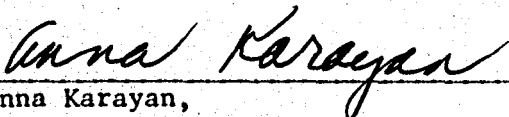
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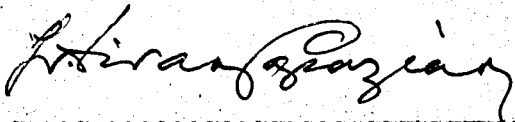
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Alan Borazonian, Parish Council Chairman, thanked Jack Hacherian, Assembly Chairman, for the fine job of conducting the Parish Assembly. He thanked Anna Karayan, Assembly Secretary, for her services.

The Parish Assembly was adjourned at 5:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Anna Karayan,  
Assembly Secretary

  
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Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian,  
President

  
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Jack Hacherian,  
Assembly Chairman