

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY  
ST. GREGORY OF NAREK ARMENIAN CHURCH  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

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February 23, 1986

The Annual Assembly of St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church was called to order at 1:30 p.m. in the Cultural Hall. Father Terenig Kondralian gave the invocation and presided over the meeting.

Parish Council Chairman, Sam Mirakian, welcomed all present and thanked Jean Sakian and her committee for preparing the luncheon.

A roll call by Parish Council Treasurer, Naz Yessayan, established that 54 members in good standing out of an eligible membership of 98 were present and constituted a quorum.

The chairman then turned the meeting over to Robert Bagdasarian and George Sakian of the Nominating Committee who passed out printed ballots for election of the Assembly officers. Elected by closed ballot were:

<u>Chairman</u>		<u>Secretary</u>	
Alan Borozanian	16	Grace Arslanian	4
* Richard Arslanian	32	* Florence Goekjian	43

John Bennaian questioned the status of Honorary Member, Rose Bedrosian. When informed that she held honorary membership, but without voting rights, he offered to pay her dues so that she could vote. His offer was accepted.

The agenda was accepted after 7 items of Old Business and 4 of New Business, for discussion at the assigned times, were added from the floor.

Jack Hacherian moved and Alice Hacherian seconded the acceptance of the 1985 minutes as written.

The next item on the agenda was the election of members to replace 4 outgoing Parish Council members: David Andonian, Dr. Abraham Arslanian, Florence Karoghlanian, and James Nazarian. Also to be elected were 3 members of the Nominating Committee and 3 of the Auditing Committee. Results of the elections by closed ballot were:

<u>Parish Council</u>	
* Armen Arslanian	39
* Helen Athian	32
* Dr. Krikor Ghazarian	40
* Harry Kananian	36
David Andonian	18
Dr. Abraham Arslanian	7
John Borozanian	9
James Nazarian	19

<u>Nominating Committee</u>			
* Grace Arslanian	33	Alan Borazanian	21
* Florence Karoghlanian	31	Nazar Mirakian	17
* Sue Mirakian	32	George Sakian	10
<u>Auditing Committee</u>			
* Cheryl Arslanian	38	Vergin Arslanian	1
* Richard Aurslanian	39	Jack Hacherian	3
* John Benneian	33	Edward Kazanjian	28

The Pastor's Annual Report was approved as written as were the Parish Council Report and Auditing Committee Reports. David Andonian moved and Karyl Aghajanian seconded that these reports be accepted. Motion passed. The Parish Council Financial Report was accepted after some discussion on the accounting system used and on final balances. Jack Hacherian suggested that Parish accountants create a standard, permanent format for a financial program to be used by the Treasurer. Grace Arslanian moved to accept the report and Michelle Schwertner seconded. Motion passed.

Under the discussion of the Projected Budget for 1986, Vergin Arslanian made a motion that as many as possible the Annual Reports be distributed at church in the future and only those not given out be mailed. Michelle Schwertner seconded. Carried. Thelma Bagdasarian asked why there was no projection in the 1986 budget for Paros. The reply was that a rise in postage rates is expected, and that the mailing will increase from 356 to about 425. Therefore it is difficult to accurately predict costs.

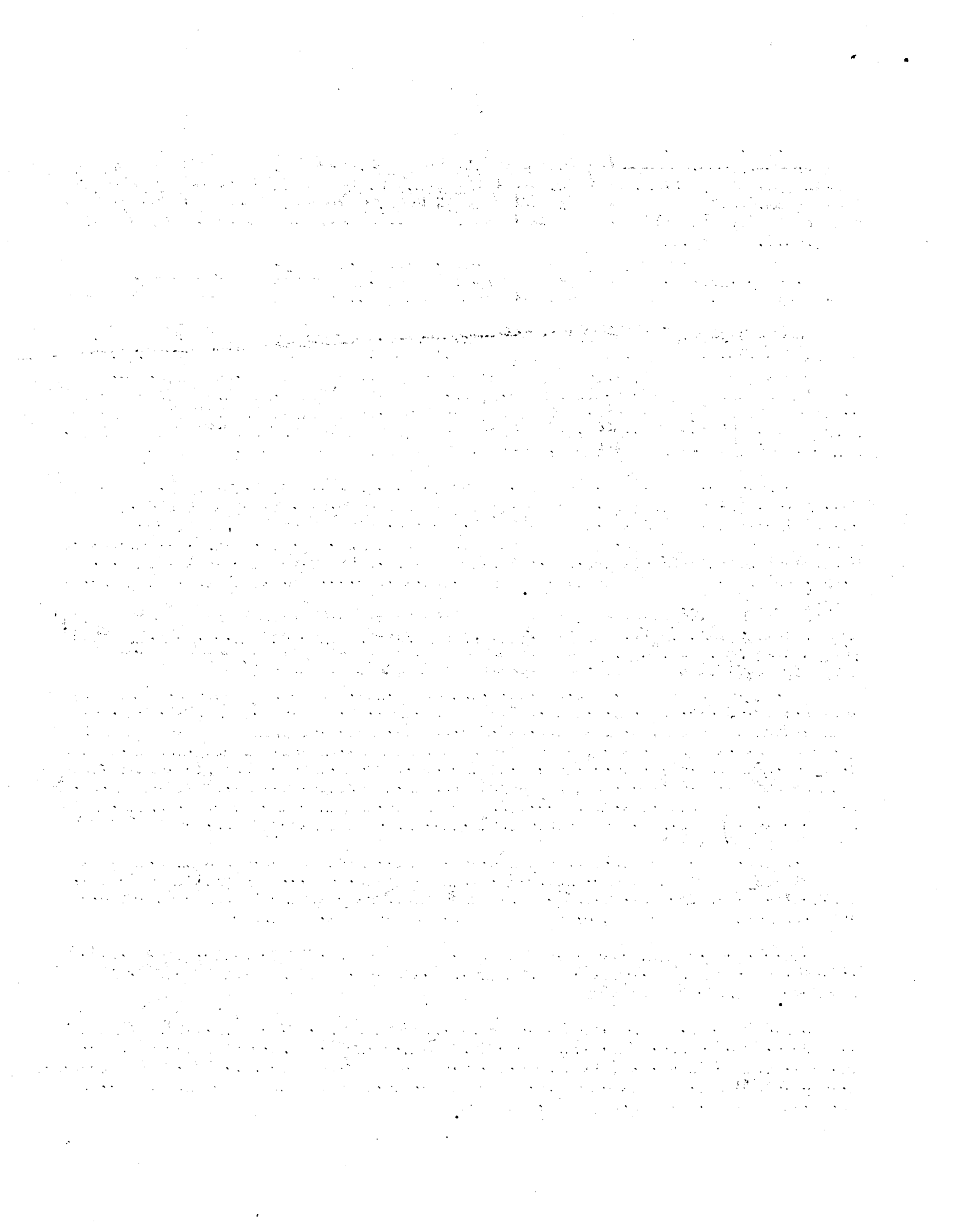
Acceptance of the Diocesan Delegate's report was moved by David Andonian, seconded by Lucille Andonian.

During the reports of Parish Auxiliary organizations, Martha Hacherian suggested that since the Ladies' Auxiliary is no longer functioning, the Women's Guild might plan a warm weather meeting to assist in dissolution of the group. In the Women's Guild report it was pointed out that there was no mention that Sandra Aurslanian was vice-chairman or that Anahid Aghajanian and Louise Ohanian had arranged the Cultural Day program. In the ACVOA report, Cheryl Arslanian brought attention to the omission of names of the organization's officers. Jean Sakian moved and Sandra Aurslanian seconded that reports of all church organizations be accepted. Carried.

Discussion of Old Business began with the motion by Dr. Krikor Ghazarian that all new non-emergency expenditures to improve the Parish Office be put on hold until a study of plans and estimates of cost can be presented to and approved by the Mid-Year Assembly. Seconded by Michelle Schwertner, the motion passed.

David Andonian moved that the names of all members in good standing be listed in the Annual Report without dollar amounts after their names. Ara Bagdasarian seconded. Passed.

Martha Hacherian asked about the last Assembly's projected committees, namely: Stewardship, Membership and Ways and Means. David Andonian said he would be sending out notices and explaining Stewardship in the PAROS. Ara Bagdasarian will be conferring with Father Terenig about Membership and Sam Mirakian has Ways and Means as a first priority on the 1986 Parish Council agenda.



Jack Hacherian suggested that previous Parish Council chairmen comprise of a Standing Advisory Committee to be available for reference by current Parish Councils. David Andonian moved that an official meeting between the Parish Council and Advisors be held during the 1986 fiscal year to discuss parish matters. Seconded by Florence Karoghlanian. Passed.

Thelma Bagdasarian inquired as to progress on the sidewalk to the outside choir door. Naz Yessayan reported that all walks are included in the overall paving plan.

Thelma Bagdasarian asked that all anticipated Old Business be itemized in the printed agenda.

Alice Bagdasarian inquired about Bingo. Robert Bagdasarian said that the Assembly had authorized continued action on the project and Jack Hacherian plans to report on progress at the Mid-Year Assembly. David Andonian suggested that there be a Standing Committee on the project and a renewal of the license.

The first item on the list of proposed projects recommended by the Parish Council was the parking lot repaving and extension. With \$36,000 to \$38,000 as first projections of cost, the Parish Council is waiting for more bids to come in.

As to remodeling and additions to the church -- Der Hayr said it is not needed at present.

Parish Council plans to get estimates and suggestions for the picnic pavilion and report to the Mid-Year Assembly. It was suggested and approved by the Assembly that rather than consider a door canopy at this time, the present doors should be properly refinished and copper kickplates be installed where needed.

Regarding altar wear cabinets in the vestry, Father Terenig said they were not needed.

Alan Borazanian moved that the Assembly give the Parish Council authority to proceed with the work on the parking lot. Grace Arslanian seconded the motion. Passed.

Ann Karayan suggested that when the paving of the lot was being considered that adequate lighting all around the area be incorporated in the planning.

During the discussion of New Business, Thelma Bagdasarian asked that the minutes of Mid-Year and special meetings be incorporated with the Annual Parish Assembly reports.

David Andonian moved that a Mr. and Mrs. Club be formed as a service group for the church rather than the Men's Club which had been considered. James Nazarian seconded. The motion passed.

Janis Nazarian and Veretzgin Christine asked that new keys be made for the church school classrooms because they were being entered and left in disorderly condition. Naz Yessayan said that the Parish Council plans to change all the locks in the Cultural Hall.

Janis Nazarian and Thelma Bagdasarian suggested that the agenda should be flexible enough to include new ideas raised in the business of the day.

George Sakian announced the results of the elections to Parish Council, Nominating and Auditing Committees as previously recorded in these minutes.

After a benediction by Father Terenig, the Assembly was adjourned by Chairman Richard Aurslanian at 5:45 p.m.

Submitted by,



Florence Goekjian

Secretary, 1986 Annual Assembly of  
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Richard Aurslanian

Chairman, 1986 Annual Parish Assembly



Rev. Fr. Terenig Kondralian

Pastor and President of The Assembly