

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
ST. GREGORY OF NAREK ARMENIAN CHURCH

CLEVELAND, OHIO

February 22, 1987

The Annual Assembly of St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church was called to order at 1:35 P.M. Father Terenig Kondralian gave the invocation and presided over the meeting.

Parish Council Chairman Sam Mirakian welcomed those present and thanked all the ladies who prepared the luncheon. At this time, Mr. Mirakian announced the recent appointment of Florence Karoghlanian as Kitchen Manager and Cultural Hall Calendar Coordinator. He outlined the duties of the position and the responsibilities of parishioners to clear with Mrs. Karoghlanian concerning use of the Hall and its properties.

Naz Yessayan, Parish Council Treasurer, conducted roll call which established a total of 61 dues-paying members in good standing out of an eligible membership of 119. This number constituted a quorum. For clarification, the Parish Council Chairman advised the Assembly that new members must make payment of dues six months prior to date of the Annual Assembly to be eligible to vote.

The meeting was then turned over to the Nominating Committee, Grace Arslanian, Florence Karoghlanian and Sue Mirakian, who distributed the prepared ballots for election of the Assembly officers. Results of the closed ballot were:

<u>Chairman</u>		<u>Secretary</u>	
*Alan Borazanian	54	*Alice Hacherian	54
Dr. Abraham Arslanian	4	Ann Karayan	4

With the addition of four items of New Business, motion was made by Florence Goekjian, and seconded by James Nazarian to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion passed.

Harold Zahigian moved to accept the 1986 Parish Assembly Minutes. Dr. Arslanian seconded and motion was passed.

The next item on the agenda was election of three Parish Council members to replace outgoing members Sam Mirakian, Naz Yessayan and Janet Yoel. Election of three members for the Nominating Committee and three members for the Auditing Committee were included on the same printed ballot. Results of the secret ballot follow:

<u>Parish Council</u>			
*Ralph Chakerian	54	Florence Karoghlanian	34
*Naz Yessayan	43	Helen Baltayan	8
*James Nazarian	35	Vergin Arslanian	0

*Elected

Nominating Committee

*Grace Arslanian	48	Kevork Arslanian	33
*Sam Mirakian	39	Alice Bagdasarian	13
*George Sakian	39	Janis Nazarian	12

Auditing Committee

*Jack Hacherian	50	Alan Borazanian	19
*Cheryl A. Gideon	43	Ara Bagdasarian	16
*John Benneian	41	Ann Karayan	10

The Annual Reports of the Pastor, Parish Council and Auditing Committee were all approved by the membership as presented.

Regarding the 1986 Financial Report, Parish Council members responded to questions which clarified some of the entries in the report. Jack Hacherian commended the Parish Council on the Christmas tree project with Amerino Calandra, which yielded a profit of \$2,480.

Motion was made by George Sakian that the disbursements for all utilities be broken down for the three buildings. Sam Mirakian seconded the motion. Passed.

So that parishioners might better understand net figures on the financial statement, Cheryl Arslanian Gideon suggested, and Ralph Chakerian (Budget Committee) concurred, that footnotes should be included where appropriate for clarification. Helen Atkian moved and Ann Karayan seconded to accept the 1986 Financial Report. Motion was passed.

Projected Budget for 1987 was approved with motion by Florence Goekjian and seconded by Sam Mirakian.

The Diocesan Delegate's Annual Report submitted by Florence Goekjian was approved by the Assembly.

Reporting for the Ladies Auxiliary, Lucy Nigosian advised that the group has not been active for several years and they plan to close out their bank account as of May 1987 and purchase a gift for the Parish Office. Following some discussion regarding the status of the organization, Jack Hacherian moved that the Parish acknowledge the request of the Ladies Auxiliary to spend their treasury as they so wish. Motion was seconded by Vergin Arslanian and passed.

There being no further discussion on the remaining organization reports, Dick Aurslian moved and Sue Mirakian seconded that they be accepted as presented. Passed.

Old Business was the next item on the agenda. Kevork Arslanian complimented the Parish Council on the fine job done on the parking lot, Parish House, furnishings, etc. Parish Council advised that the furnishings for the Parish Office are to be completed before summer.

*Elected

Janis Nazarian moved that the minutes of the Mid-Year Meeting be made a part of the Annual Report as suggested at the previous Annual Assembly. Motion seconded by Thelma Bagdasarian and passed.

At the request of the Assembly, Sam Mirakian reported on the status of Bingo, advising that George Sakian is currently looking into the project and should have a proposal very shortly.

The report on proposed projects recommended by Parish Council was presented by Krikor Ghazarian. After several queries as to what was actually necessary for restoration of the outside doors of the Hall, John Borazanian moved that the Parish Council be given blanket authority for repair of the doors. Motion was seconded by Jeanne Sakian and passed.

Dr. Ghazarian then brought up for consideration the project concerning the culvert on our property. During discussion, several questionable factors surfaced concerning the closing of the culvert. Ralph Chakerian suggested the Parish Council present their recommendations at the Mid-Year Meeting. Jim Nazarian moved that we table discussion on this item. Second was by Harold Zahigian and motion was passed.

The issues of new keys for the classrooms in the Hall and the picnic pavilion were also tabled for the next Assembly.

The first item under New Business was aluminum siding for the Parish Office. Father Terenig advised he received two estimates - \$7,700 and \$8,500. There was much discussion, both pro and con, after which Jim Nazarian moved that we proceed with the project and that Parish Council be given authority to spend a maximum of \$10,000 for aluminum siding. Second was by Thelma Bagdasarian. Passed.

Concerning restoration of the second floor of the Parish Office, the Assembly agreed to table this matter since Parish Council was unable to present sufficient details at this meeting.

Next item of new business was Honorary Membership Status. John Benneian suggested that membership dues be waived for any parishioners who are in financial straits so that they may vote at Parish meetings. Parish Council Chairman advised that there is no provision in the Church By-Laws for waiver of dues for honorary members and that this decision could be determined by the Parish Assembly. Motion was then made by Ralph Chakerian that any parishioner experiencing financial hardship should make application to the Parish Council requesting waiver of payment of dues, with decision to be determined by Parish Council. John Benneian seconded the motion and it was passed.

Thelma Bagdasarian moved that the Parish Council investigate cost of having new altar curtains made. Sam Mirakian seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

After making a detailed proposal regarding revisions to an agreement established in 1971 between the AGBU and our church with the approval of the Primate, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian. Florence Goekjian made the following motion: That the Parish Council of St.

Gregory of Narek Armenian Church, the Pastor and Diocesan Delegate call a meeting with the executive body of the local chapter of the AGBU at some time in the next six weeks to discuss realistic monetary and usage conditions for the future use of Parish properties by that organization. The Parish Council shall be responsible for a report on the results of that meeting (or meetings) to this body at the Mid-Year Parish Assembly of 1987. Jack Hacherian seconded the motion which generated much discussion. Motion was defeated.

A motion was made by Thelma Bagdasarian that the Parish Council appoint a committee to look into methods of streamlining the balloting procedures. Second was made by Sam Mirakian and motion passed.

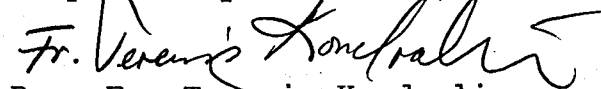
At this point. Thelma informed the Assembly that the Choir has agreed to pay for pavement of three sidewalks: (1) to Church choir room; (2) to rear (basement) entrance of Parish Office; and (3) from Parish Office parking area to office entrance.

John Borazanian made a motion that we give Amerino Calandra a plaque or some token of appreciation in recognition of his service to our church. Second was by Sam Mirakian. Motion was passed.

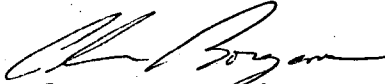
A motion was made by Ralph Chakerian that Old Business and New Business be placed on the agenda immediately after Election of Parish Council members and Nominating and Auditing Committees to ensure presence of a greater number of voting members and adequate time to act on important issues. Kevork Arslanian seconded the motion which was passed.

Closing remarks and benediction were given by Father Terenig after which Chairman Alan Borazanian adjourned the Assembly at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rev. Fr. Terenig Kondralian
Pastor and President of the Assembly



Alan Borazanian
Assembly Chairman



Alice Hacherian
Assembly Secretary