

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

CLEVELAND, OHIO - FEBRUARY 23, 1992

The annual parish assembly of St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church was called to order at 1:32 p.m. by Parish Council Chairman Florence Karoghlanian. The acting president of the meeting, Rev. Father Garen Gdanian, opened the meeting with a prayer.

Florence Karoghlanian addressed the assembly with words of appreciation and encouragement for our future as a parish. She highlighted on key points and accomplishments of the year and closed by requesting our continued faith, love, and devotion to our Mother Church.

Jack Hacherian proceeded to read the roll call of dues paying members. There were 48 members present which did not constitute a quorum. A motion was made by David Andonian and seconded by Louise Demirjian to carry on with the meeting despite the lack of a quorum. The motion was accepted. The meeting was turned over to Leslie Bagdasarian who conducted the election of officers for the day. The nominations and results follow.

Chairman
Dick Aurslianian - 38
Jay Bagdasarian - 8

Secretary
Jeanne Arslanian - 36
Anne Karayan - 11

The following corrections to the minutes of the 1991 annual parish assembly were made.

1. Page 3, Para. 2, Line 4 - The year should read 1990 instead of 1991.
2. Page 4 - Adjacent lot details should read: The asking price is \$300,000 instead of \$300.

A motion was made to accept the minutes with the above mentioned corrections. Motion carried.

At this point, the Chairman of the day, Dick Aurslianian, presided over the meeting. The Nominating Committee continued with the election of 4 Parish Council members who will serve a two-year term. Results were as follows:

*Haig Arpajian - 35	Arek Torosian - 29
*Ara Bagdasarian - 33	Anton Yeranossian - 6
*Serop Demirjian - 42	Louise Demirjian - 2
*Florence Karoghlanian - 30	David Andonian - 1

The Chairman called for any comments or questions concerning the Diocesan Delegate's Report. Since there were none, he moved on to the Parish Auxiliary Organization Reports. David Andonian questioned the exclusion of the Social Club Report and was directed

to page 24 where the complete financial report was located. Florence Goekjian made a motion to accept the organization reports as presented which was seconded by John Benneian. Motion carried.

Fr. Garen was called upon to offer his Pastoral Message. He noted that he has now served our community as a visiting clergyman for 14 Badaraks, 4 funerals, 2 cemetery visits, 4 hospital visits, 1 nursing home visit, 2 baptisms, 1 wedding, and 1 engagement. He thanked the community for the hospitalities directed toward him and acknowledged Florence Karoghlanian, Mourad Demirjian, Greg Yessaian, and the Parish Council members for their extra courtesies. He closed his message with a prayer that we would soon have a permanent parish priest.

The Chairman called upon the Nominating Committee to report the election results for the 1993 Auditing and Nominating Committees. Three members were to be elected for each committee with the following results:

Auditing Committee

*Jay Bagdasarian - 43	Jim Gideon - 27
*Jeanne Arslanian - 39	Harry Atkian - 0
*Grace Arslanian - 32	Debbie Venditti - 0

Nominating Committee

*Louise Demirjian - 31	Louise Ohanian - 21
*Anita Arpajian - 23	Leslie Bagdasarian - 20
*Arek Torosian - 23	Alice Bagdasarian - 17

Under New Business, Archie Andonian was called upon to give a presentation on the activities of the Social Services Committee which was formed in November of 1991. Archie gave a brief overview involving the initial formation of the committee touching upon the expectations and basic requirements as a refugee sponsor, and the cost of a family sponsorship. This was followed with a summary of the activities and events of the committee from its coordination meeting on November 17, 1991 through February 3, 1992. He noted that this was a joint venture with members from the Holy Cross Armenian Church. He concluded by recognizing the list of donors and volunteers who worked with the committee.

Dick Aurslanian thanked Archie for his presentation and called upon the membership for comments or questions. Thelma Bagdasarian asked Archie for an update on the occupations of our refugee family. Fr. Garen thanked Archie for his excellent presentation. Anne Karayan commented that the committee need not limit itself to serving refugees, but could expand as an organization to serve issues and problems in our own community. Florence Karoghlanian concluded the discussion by expounding further on how we came to accept and help our refugee family.

The Chairman called upon Serop Demirjian to explain the agenda

item concerning morning service hours. Serop stated that the suggestion was made for Sunday services to begin at 11:00 a.m. when there is no visiting clergy, and 10:00 a.m. when there is. Helen Atkian questioned if this meant that church would be over at 1:00 p.m. instead of 12:00 p.m.. Thelma Bagdasarian voiced her opposition to the change citing that it would change the Sunday School schedule, would cause confusion when we did have a priest, and probably wouldn't change the time people attend services. She added that with the arrival of summer, many people would want to get out earlier rather than an hour later. Sam Mirakian made a motion to retain our present service hours with no changes. Helen Atkian seconded the motion. Following further discussion, a vote was held on the motion which was accepted.

Serop Demirjian was called upon to review the pastoral situation for our community. He noted that a Pastoral Search Committee has been formed consisting of Russ Arslanian, Ara Bagdasarian, Leslie Bagdasarian, Serop Demirjian, and Mona Karoghlanian. He explained that if the committee finds a possible candidate, a special parish meeting will be called for all members to discuss and vote on accepting the candidate. Serop acknowledged that one candidate was interviewed last year, but consideration was not pursued any further.

Thelma Bagdasarian asked about the status of holding Bingo on the church property and the Spring Festival. Florence Karoghlanian noted that the lack of volunteers to oversee Bingo activities prevented it from taking place, however, we did renew our license. She also noted that festival plans have been dropped because of other pending business.

Next on the agenda was a review of the Financial Report. John Benneian asked about the accounts receivable concerning Pasquale Catering. It was noted that Pasquale currently owes \$6,360 which will be paid by the end of March. Fr. Garen questioned the amount for priest expenses should a new priest be assigned to our community. Jack Hacherian pointed out that a pastor stipend is included, should we get a priest. Fr. Garen also commented on the income from membership dues. For the size of our parish, he felt this amount was small (\$14,095) and stressed personal giving rather than depending on fund raising activities. David Andonian questioned the lumping of funds under membership dues. He felt that after the \$104 dues, monies collected should be included under pledges. Jack Hacherian responded that it will be included next year. David also asked why the hall rental was lower last year. The amount was lower due to less bookings, however, Jack noted that Exquisite Catering, which is run by Jenna's brother, will also share in the use of the facilities on a trial one year basis. At the end of one year, a contract agreement will be determined. With no further discussion, a motion to approve the 1992 budget was made by Sam Mirakian and seconded by David Andonian. The motion was accepted.

The Chairman recognized Alice Hacherian who asked about the status of our copy machine. She was told that it used for flyers, preparation of the annual reports, and miscellaneous notices, but was not capable of producing our Paros due to the slowness of copying multiple pages. Jack Hacherian commented that the service contract for the copier was dropped since it was no longer feasible at this time. Helen Atkian questioned why we don't sell the copier and raise funds to purchase a new one. Discussion followed, but no resolution was reached.

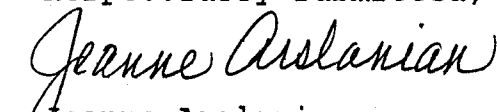
Thelma Bagdasarian thanked the Parish Council for the work they have put in this past year. Serop Demirjian thanked Florence Karoghlanian for her dedication, time, and effort which was put toward our church.

Prior to adjournment, David Andonian questioned why the balances of the organizations' treasuries exceeded \$600. Florence Karoghlanian explained that the monies over this amount came in after the end of 1991 and will, therefore, be reflected in the next report.

Dick Aurslanian thanked the Nominating Committee, Secretary of the Day, and Serop Demirjian for serving as Deacon of our church. Fr. Garan offered thanks to Dick Aurslanian for serving as Chairman of the day and offered a closing prayer to conclude the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,


Richard Aurslanian
Assembly Chairman


Jeanne Arslanian
Acting Secretary