

MINUTES
ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
February 3, 1980

The Annual Parish Assembly of the St. Joachim & Anne Armenian Apostolic Church of Palos Heights, Illinois, as called for in the by-laws, was called to order by Chairman of the Trustees, Sarkis Boyajian at 1:30 p.m. on February 3, 1980.

Special presentations were awarded as follows:

A gold chain to Margaret Lave for her culinary contributions throughout the year.

A gold chain to Janna Simonian for individual talent in hand made Christmas decorations.

An Armenian Cross Plaque to Harry and Louise Apoian to grace their new home in Florida, for the many years of service.

Mr. Kegham Giragosian was appointed Chairman of the meeting , with Lottie Mikaelian, as Secretary.

Minutes of the 1979 Annual Meeting were read and approved.

Chairman Giragosian called upon the Chairman of the Trustees, Sarkis Boyajian, to address the assembly, covering high-lights of the past year, touching also on the up-coming picnic, to be held on the Church property, West of the parking lot. The new storage addition , which will give the kitchen area more room, with the possibility of purchasing a new freezer and dough machine. Also, welcomed new church members.

Chairman called upon various church organizations to present their financial reports:

Louise Apoian, Treasurer of the Sunday School stated balance as of 12/31/79 - \$1200.00. Will transfer \$1,000.00 to the Trustees. Alice Boyajian reported there are 52 students and 6 teachers.

Margaret Lave, Treasurer of the Women's Guild reported \$6,000.00 will be transferred to the Trustees.

Bruce Hakalmazian, Treasurer of the ACYOA stated \$2,000.00 will be transfered to the Trustees.

Steven Semerdjian , Treasurer of the Young Kids Club, \$150.00 will be turned over to the Trustees.

Chairman called on Lorene Skinner, Co-chairman with Sona Diorio , of the Women's Guild to address the assembly.

Mr. Harry Mazian , Chairman of the Auditing Committee reported his committee had completed the audit of the Treasurer's Financial Records and found the books to be in good order.

Chairman called on Martin Randall, Chairman of the Nominating Committee to present the slate of candidates for the office of Trustee for the ensuing year.

Nominated were: Greg Enokian - Charles Evranian - Charles Gederian - Dr. Madanyan - Gladys Avakian - Anna Giragosian - Martin Randall and Andrew Sahagian.

Seta Semerdjian moved nominations be closed. Seconded by Art Semerdjian. Motion carried.

Chairman appointed Dr. Hovanessian, Martin Randall and Sarkis Boyajian as tabulators for the election, which took place at this meeting.

Mr. Arthur Semerdjian moved to increase the number of Trustees to eleven members. A second by Dr. Madanyan. The Chairman called for membership vote on the motion. There were 17 yeas and 19 nays. Motion defeated. Board of Trustees to remain at nine.

A general discussion followed concerning the feasibility of circumventing the by-laws to increase the trustees to a count of eleven, since by-laws covering this ruling are in conflict. Chairman instructed Mr. Sarkis Boyajian to petition the Primate's Office for an exception to the by-laws concerning this matter.

Election of trustees by secret ballot took place. Elected to the office of Trustee for the ensuing year were:

Greg Enokian
Charles Gederian
Gladys Avakian
Martin Randall
Charles Evranian

Chairman called on Treasurer, Charles Gederian to review the Financial Report, copies of which were distributed to members present.

Chairman called on Financial Secretary, Karnig Boyajian to review building fund and pledges. Mr. Boyajian reminded members this year of 1980 is the final year to pay up pledges which were accepted for a five year period. He also reported envelopes would no longer be used to pay dues, since their irregular use caused more record keeping. Greg Evranian moved dues be paid in one lump sum. Seconded by Rose Halajian. Motion Carried.

Chairman appointed Messrs. Greg Srabian, Harry Mazian and Charles Terzian as auditing committee for the ensuing year.

Chairman appointed the following as members of the Nominating Committee for the ensuing year, Messrs. Kegham Giragosian, Raffi Hovanessian and Stu Nigohosian.

Chairman Giragosian then turned the meeting over to Trustee Chairman, Sarkis Boyajian.

Chairman Boyajian opened a discussion concerning whether or not members would like to have Church services and Christmas Program on Christmas Eve, no matter the day of the week.

Chairman called on Karnig Boyajian, Financial Secretary, who informed parishoners the Trustees took a long, hard look at finances and dues. The dues which were instituted 22 years ago, had not changed through the years and in order to stay in keeping with present operating expenses, he suggested dues be increased to \$100.00 per person, per year, with the exception of Senior Citizens and hardship cases, who would pay \$50.00 per year.

Mrs. Anna Giragosian asked to be recognized, concerning A. C. Y. O. A. members and others under the age of 18, raising the question, whether they may be allowed to vote, if they paid a nominal dues' sum of perhaps \$5.00 per year. A check of the by-laws indicated the voting age must be 18.

Dr. Raffi Hovanesian moved membership dues be established at \$100.00 per person per year and Senior Citizens and hardship or handicapped individuals, pay \$50.00 per year. A second by Mr. Greg Evranian. Motion carried.

Dr. Madanyan commended the Trustees for a job well done during 1979 and asked same be officially noted in the minutes.

Chairman Boyajian briefly addressed the parishoners and included in his comments that figures on the construction of a church on the East end of the property were not yet available from the contractor.

Chairman called on Hye Soorp to address the parishoners.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned 3:35 p. m.


Lottie Mikaelian, Secretary