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Armenian Apostolic Church

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ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MINUTES
Sunday, February 27, 1994

The Annual Parish Assembly, as stipulated in the Diocesan By-Laws, convened in the Hovannessian Cultural Hall presided by Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian, Pastor, on Sunday, February 27, 1994, at 1:00 P.M. Der Diran opened the meeting with an Invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, recited by all.

The meeting was called to order by Parish Council Chairman, Garbis Meguerian. After roll call and verification of membership, 54 members were present out of 102, thereby establishing a quorum, as stipulated in the Diocesan By-Laws. Chairperson elected for this meeting was Kachie Bogosian and Rosy Yeretsian was elected Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORTS

A. PASTOR

Discussion of Pastor's Annual Report followed. Der Diran pointed out that he had inadvertently left out from his report the participation of our Church at the Diocesan Assembly, April 26-May 1, 1993 in Chicago; he read a prepared segment pertaining to our involvement in the Diocesan Assembly and submitted the same for the record. Dennis Vander Meer made a motion to accept the Pastor's report; seconded by Virginia Bogosian. Motion passed.

B. PARISH COUNCIL

The report of Parish Council was discussed. Virginia commended the Council's action on dedicating the window in the Cry Room in memory of Roxie Samarjian in view of Roxie's years of dedication to the Church. Dennis commended Garbis for his leadership during his tenure as Chairman of Parish Council. Bob Auer made a motion to accept the Parish Council's report; seconded by Greg Srabian. Motion passed.

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C. WOMEN'S GUILD

Women's Guild report was discussed. Liz Sahagian, Co-Chairperson of Guild presented a check for \$12,000 to the Parish Council. The Auditing Committee had been unable to audit the books of the Guild, and were instructed to do so. Rosy inquired about the "Diocese/Winter" expense of \$1,225 in their financial report. After clarification, a motion was made and seconded to accept the Guild's report with an amending change from "Diocese/Winter" to "Armenia/Winter Relief".

D. SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School report was discussed. Yeretzgin Rosalie Papazian, Superintendent, presented a check for \$2,000 to the Council. A Financial Report was noted to be missing and Pam Nalbandian, Treasurer, was instructed to submit one so it can be included with the Annual Report. The Sunday School Report was accepted by the Assembly by unanimous consent.

E. CHOIR

Choir report was discussed. By unanimous voice vote, the Choir report was accepted.

F. ACYOA, JRS.

ACYOA, report was discussed. Anna Giragosian pointed out that since there are no "junior" members in ACYOA, the term "Jrs." should be replaced with "Srs." In response to an inquiry concerning the missing portion in the Treasury, it was noted that the ACYOA treasury was liquidated and the content in the amount of \$2,000 was given to the Parish Council. The report was accepted unanimously.

G. "ANI" PARISH NEWSLETTER

"Ani" Newsletter report was discussed. Fr. Diran, Editor, announced the Co-Editor, Lorene Skinner, and Church Secretary, Annette Sultanian will terminate their services at the end of June, 1994. He commended their vital contribution to "Ani" and many members voiced their sadness about losing them and wanted the record to reflect the gratitude of the Parish. It was noted that it will be difficult to replace them. The "Ani" report was accepted.

H. SENIOR CITIZENS

The report of the Senior Citizens' was discussed. Alice Boyajian, spokesperson of the Seniors, presented a check for \$1,500 to the Parish Council. The treasurer's report will be submitted at a later date to the Council. The report was accepted.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BUDGET FOR 1994

A. AUDITOR'S REPORT

Andy Sahagian, Irene Merijohn and Harry Mazian of the Auditing Committee reported that the 1993 treasurer's books are in good order. The report was accepted, after proper motion and seconding were made.

B. BUDGET

The Financial Statements were distributed, which were prepared by Garbis Meguerian, Parish Council Chairman, who also explained it in detail. He disclosed that Der Diran's retirement from active parish duty as a full-time pastor has been slated at the end of June, 1994. During this period, Pastor has consented to work with reduced stipend minus the annual increment. For the second half of the year, Der Diran was willing to work in the capacity of Visiting Priest with certain remuneration mutually agreed upon with the Parish Council. Garbis went on to explain that \$10,000 for the future clergy is an arbitrary figure only, and that his recommendation was to continue with a Visiting Pastor for the second half of the year and obtain a full-time priest effective January, 1995, and thus scrap the amount of \$10,000 from the budget which he thought was more realistic. In light of the given explanation, concern was raised that funds may not be adequate if people don't regularly donate to the Church or live up to their commitments. The revenues from stewardship has been declining regularly over the years.

The question was raised concerning the high cost of Church membership and that this might preclude from membership those who are of modest means. It was stated that membership is open to everybody and if some people can not afford it, special arrangement can be made.

Raffy Hovanessian indicated that the net income from the 10th Anniversary Celebration seems to be considerably low. It was explained by Garbis that it doesn't represent the full figure since approximately \$3,500.00 came in 1994 and therefore it is part of the 1994 budget.

Paving the parking lot is an urgent expense, in the amount of \$25,000.00, provided for in the budget. Aram Semerdjian suggested that the money for the paving expense be borrowed from a bank.

Virginia made a motion to accept the proposed budget of \$107,107, and was seconded. It was accepted by a vote of 33 for; 8 opposed.

Parish Council was instructed to be active in hiring a full-time priest for the parish in view of Der Diran's upcoming retirement.

ELECTIONS

Virginia Bogosin, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee presented the slates and additional nominations were taken off the floor, after being duly seconded for the Parish Council, Nominating Committee and Auditing Committee.

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A. PARISH COUNCIL

Garbis Meguerian's term has expired and he is not subject to re-election. The terms of Sonya Doumanian, Dennis Vander Meer, Greg Srabian and Peggy Enokian have also expired, but they were subject to re-election. Greg Srabian chose not to run for re-election. The terms of Ara Yeretsian, Karneg Boyajian, Arakel Arakelian and Sonia Harlan are good until 1995.

Five members were to be elected out of seven nominees for a 2-year term. Election results, by closed ballot, on properly nominated members were:

Sonya Doumanian	40 votes	ELECTED
Richard Nalbandian	37 votes	ELECTED
Norayr Madanyan	36 votes	ELECTED
Charlie Terzian	36 votes	ELECTED
Dennis Vander Meer	34 votes	ELECTED
Dick Atkian	33 votes	ALTERNATE
Peggy Enokian	29 votes	ALTERNATE

B. AUDITING COMMITTEE

Harry Mazian's term has expired. Irene Merijohn's term is good until 1996, and Andy Sahagian's term is good until 1995.

One member was to be elected out of two nominees for a 3-year term. Election results, by closed ballot, on properly nominated members were:

Garbis Meguerian	ELECTED (until 1997)
Sona Diorio	ALTERNATE

C. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Laura Vander Meer and Isabelle Gederian's term has expired and are not subject to re-election. Gary Mazian and Virginia Bogosian's terms have also expired, but are subject to re-election, however Gary chose not to run.

Four members were to be elected out of five nominees. Election results, by closed ballot, on properly nominated members were:

Virginia Bogosian	ELECTED
Sarkis Boyajian	ELECTED
Garbis Meguerian	ELECTED
Liz Sahagian	ELECTED
Anna Giragosian	ALTERNATE

NEW BUSINESS

Raffy Hovanessian, Diocesan Delegate, reported that the Unity Committee is working on a draft for preliminary By-Laws, which he considered a positive sign after a prolonged inactivity.

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Susan Mardoian suggested a special Parish Assembly on March 13, 1994 to present information on candidates for the position of parish priest. The suggested date was confirmed. Raffy suggested a Search Committee for a new parish priest be appointed at the Special Parish Assembly.

Heratch Doumanian recommended a Testimonial Dinner or an affair, honoring Garbis Meguerian, outgoing Chairman of Parish Council, for his eight years of continuous dedicated service to the Church. The recommendation was greeted with applause of approval.

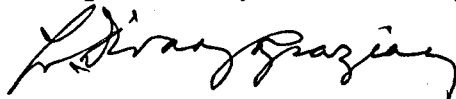
Sona Diorio will try to raise money for the ACYOA, Srs. and Church youth with a money-making affair, such as a dance. Sonia Harlan will organize activities for the ACYOA Jrs. with proceeds going to the Parish Council treasury. Martha Auer suggested an Annual Dinner/Dance as a regular Church activity.

Richard Nalbandian will chair the Annual Church Picnic, assisted by Charlie Terzian and Dick Atkian, scheduled for June 26, 1994. There will again be a \$100.00 raffle as in the past.

Fr. Diran made the closing remarks. In anticipation of his approaching retirement, he said he considered himself fortunate to have served in such a fine parish as Sts. Joachim & Anne and he added that he felt spiritually fulfilled during the five years of his tenure as pastor of the Church. He thanked the officers of this meeting and members present.

The meeting concluded with a Benediction by the Pastor and congregational singing of "Hayr Mer" at 3:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian,
President

Kachie Bogosian,
Parish Assembly Chairman

Kachie Bogosian
/as

Rosy Yeretsian
Parish Assembly Secretary

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