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SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1990

On Sunday, February 4, 1990, following Soorp Badarak and after serving a light luncheon, the annual parish meeting was convened at Hovanessian Cultural Hall, presided by Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian, pastor. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M., immediately after the Invocation pronounced by the pastor, the quorum was established by the roll call and the verification of the members. Forty seven (47) members were present out of a total membership of ninety one (91).

The meeting was proceeded according to the agenda with some minor rearrangements. The booklet containing the meeting notice, agenda and the annual reports of Church organizations was previsouly sent to the parishioners by mail or distributed by hand.

(1) Election of Chairman and Secretary

Chairman - Greg Srabian
Secretary - Sonia Harlan

(2) Ballot Committee: Garbis Meguerian recommended that the Nominating Committee be accepted as the Ballot Committee. Members of that Committee are Sark Boyajian, Virginia Bogosian, Elizabeth Gederian and Martin Randall.

(3) Parlimentarian: Kachig Bogosian was appointed as Parlimentarian.

(4) Approval of last year's Annual Parish Assembly. A motion was made by Dr. Raffy Hovanessian to accept the minutes of the prior Annual Parish Assembly (1988) which was accepted with minor changes.

The assembly proceeded with the discussion of annual reports.

- A. Pastor's Report - unanimously approved, with a special appreciation for a job well done.
- B. Parish Council Report - was similarly unanimously approved with appreciation
- C. Women's Guild Report - unanimously accepted. A contribution of \$12,000 was transferred to the Church treasury.
- D. Sunday School Report - no treasurer's report was submitted, but when asked, it was stated that \$600 is in the account. The changes in the Sunday School schedule was clarified by June Randall, Superintendent. Chairman requested a formal report regarding the new schedule, as well as a treasurer's report to be submitted within two weeks.
- E. Choir Report - Vicky Hovanessian observed that the Choir needs more practice. Furthermore, it was observed that the Choir needs organizational structure. Sonya Doumanian accepted responsibility of notifying choir members of practices and meetings. Report was unanimously accepted.
- F. ACYOA Report - unanimously accepted
- G. "Ani" Newsletter Report - Rosy Yeretsian thanked the "designer" of the new cover and commented on the excellence of the newsletter. Report was unanimously accepted.
- H. Senior Citizen's Report - unanimously accepted. Nazar Halajian presented a \$1,200 to the Church.
- I. Auditor's Report - Andy Sahagian, a member of the Auditing Committee reported that his committee observed everything to be in order.
- J. Budget - The Budget was introduced by Garbis Meguerian, Chairman of Parish Council. After a lengthy discussion, a budget of \$90,523 was unanimously accepted. This represented a deficit budget with anticipated revenues of \$84,000.
 1. Srabian Altar Fund - total of \$29,531 in the account. This is a separate account according to the proposition which was accepted at last year's Parish Assembly meeting.
 2. Pledging - It was suggested to change the name of "Priestly Pledge" to "Religious Gift".
 3. Volunteer Work - Keg Giragosian suggested volunteer lawn care in order to save money. He was asked to oversee the project. Virginia Bogosian suggested that the Parish Council have one member to coordinate volunteer help.
- K. Diocesan Delegate Report - Dr. Raffy Hovanessian, our Diocesan delegate, had already given a full report during a special Parish Assembly meeting concerning the 87th Annual Diocesan Assembly. His report was unanimously accepted.
 1. Amendments to the By-laws - Any Diocesan amendments to the By-Laws should be sent in by march 2, 1990.
 2. Unification Committee - This committee was instructed to draw its By-Laws by February 24, 1990. It was also decided that April 24, 1990 commemorative events be done jointly as it is now being done on Diocesan, as well as

on regional levels. The 75th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide will be commemorated jointly with all churches and segments in the Chicago area during the week of April 24, 1990.

3. Earthquake Relief Fund - Considering the lack of an accounting report from the Diocese, it was decided that we make a formal request to the Diocese asking for an accounting report on a quarterly basis. Accordingly, it was moved (motion made by Virginia Bogosian) that delegate Dr. Raffy Hovanessian be entrusted with the authority to ask for this accounting at the Diocese Assembly in May. It was also moved (motion made by Vicki Hovanessian) that prior to that date, a letter be sent to the Primate asking for clarification as to why our parish has not received any communication from his office regarding this Fund. In a related motion (made by Keg Giragosian), it was decided that any communication about the Earthquake Fund be included in the Parish annual report from now on, as well as the Diocesan Delegate's report.

ELECTIONS

- A. Parish Council - The following were elected to serve on the Parish Council:

1. Hratch Doumanian - 46 votes
2. Greg Srabian - 45 votes
3. Gary Mazian (incumbent) - 47 votes
4. Martin Randall (incumbent) - 47 votes
5. Garbis Meguerian (incumbent) - 47 votes

The newly elected members are Hratch Doumanian and Greg Srabian. Those whose terms were expired and chose not to run were Rosy Yeretsian and Elizabeth Sahagian.

The following members will continue to serve their unexpired terms on the Council

1. Anahid Pridjian
2. Edna Dumanian
3. Karn Boyajian
4. Van Giragosian

- B. Nominating Committee - The following were elected to serve on a one year term

1. Sonya Doumanian
2. Sonia Harlan
3. Ara Yeretsian
4. Isabelle Gederian
5. Sark Boyajian

- C. Auditing Committee - The following were elected to serve on a one year term

1. Andy Sahagian
2. Irene Merijohn
3. Harry Mazian

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Pioneer Project - Sonia Harlan reminded the old-timers, as well as the Armenians raised in our former parish of West Pullman that the Geneological Society in South Suburban Chicago wopuld like to conduct interviews with them for historical posterity and all those with such intention may contact her.
- B. Plaque Program - Kachie Bogosian reintroduced the Plague Program started some years ago, as an alternate source of income for the Church. Parish Council will take this matter under advisement.
- C. New Altar and Sanctuary Paintings - Greg Srabian explained his vision of a new altar and sanctuary paintings which he and his family are willing to finance. In order to give an idea about the sanctuary paintings, he then exhibited three samples, which were commissioned with the knowledge of Parish Council to Mr. Arman Mounjian, the artist who rendered the altar paintings at St. David Armenian Apostolic Church in Boca Raton, Florida. Rather lengthy discussions resulted. The decision was postponed until the newly elected Parish Council, or if need be, another Parish Assembly on the subject, would come up with a resulation, which can be presented to Greg Srabian and his family for consideration.


ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 P.M. With the pronouncement of Benediction by the Pastor and community singing of "Hayr Mer", the Annual Assembly was officially ended.

Respectfully submitted



Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian
President



Greg Srabian
Chairman



Sonia Harlan
Secretary