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Armenian Apostolic Church

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Rev. Fr. DIRAN PAPAŽIAN, Archpriest

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ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MINUTES

Sunday, February 9, 1992

The Annual Parish Assembly, as stipulated in the Diocesan By-Laws, convened in the Hovanessian Cultural Hall on Sunday, February 9, 1992, at 1:00 P.M. Der Diran Papazian, Pastor, opened the meeting with an Invocation.

The meeting was called to order by Parish Council Chairman, Garbis Meguerian. With roll call and verification of members, it was established that 46 members were present, establishing a quorum. Chairperson elected for this meeting was Sarkis Boyajian and June Randall was elected Secretary.

Dr. Raffy Hovanessian asked for the reading of last year's minutes. Minutes were read and with minor points corrected and approved.

Discussion of Pastor's Annual Report followed. Dr. Heratch Doumanian made a motion to accept our Pastor's Report, seconded by Sonia Harlan; motion passed.

The Report of Parish Council was discussed. Rosy Yeretsian made a motion to accept Parish Council Report, seconded by Irene Merijohn; motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report and the Budget were discussed. In relation to the Treasurer's Report & Budget the following points were raised.

1. Actual Budget of 1991 was much higher than the budgeted amount due to \$14,000 roof repair.
2. With the loss of income from the Baptist Church (old West Pullman church), we need to raise an additional \$35,000 this year.
3. We need to increase our religious gifts to support our priest; 48% of the budget is for the parish priest.

Motion was made by Sonya Doumanian to accept the Treasurer's Report & Budget, seconded by Sonia Harlan. Motion could not be voted on due to a point of order: Auditor's Report was needed before accepting the Treasurer's Report.

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Dr. Hovanessian moved that the Auditor's Report be read, seconded by Greg Srabian; motion passed. Irene Merijohn read the Auditor's Report. The Auditor's Report was signed by Irene Merijohn and Harry Mazian, members of the Auditing Committee. Rosy Yeretsian asked if the other organizations' financial reports were audited. This was not done. It was an oversight on the part of the Auditing Committee that will be rectified in the future. Dr. Hovanessian moved that we accept the Auditor's Report, seconded by Dr. Ara Yeretsian; motion passed. Sonya Doumanian moved the original motion to accept the Treasurer's Report & Budget, seconded by Sonia Harlan; motion passed.

Women's Guild Report was next. They passed out their Treasurer's Report. Motion to accept Women's Guild report was made by Dr. Doumanian, seconded by Greg Srabian; motion passed.

The next report was the Sunday School's. Dr. Hovanessian commented favorably on the fine work carried on by the Sunday School. He said we need to address the needs and demands of our Sunday School. He felt that the Sunday School needs all our support for steady growth.

Dick Atkian, Assistant Superintendent, gave some additional information. Forty-three (43) students are registered, with the largest enrollment in the Pre-school class. Greg Srabian is teaching Sunday School the Church sharagans of Badarak. Dick stated we need children coming to Sunday School. Attendance is our problem. Sunday School is planning two field trips. The first in March 1, 1992 to St. Mesrop Armenian Church in Racine, WI for Paregentan celebration. The other is March 15, 1992 to the Chicago Spertus Jewish Museum. Both trips are being coordinated with the other midwest Church Sunday Schools. Motion was made to accept the report and seconded; motion passed.

The Choir Report was discussed. Rosy Yeretsian moved to accept the report, seconded by Sonya Doumanian; motion passed.

The report of "Ani" Parish Newsletter followed. Irene Merijohn wanted to make the comment that our newsletter is the best she has read. This was applauded from the floor. Dr. Hovanessian would like to see all non-church activities of the Armenian community of Chicagoland put into the newsletter also; this way more of our parishioners will be aware of what is going on. Dr. Garbis Meguerian made a resolution to thank the "Ani" staff for their hard work. This wonderful staff consists of:

Editor	Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian
Co-Editor & Layout	Lorene Skinner
Computer & Distribution	Annette Sultanian
Proofreader	Sona Diorio

Peggy Enokian moved to accept the report, seconded by Greg Srabian; motion passed.

Nazar Halajian announced that Senior Citizen's wanted to express a special "thank you" to Alice Boyajian for her loving care to our Senior Citizen's. Nazar also had a check for the Parish Council of \$1,000 from the Seniors. He also expressed

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special acknowledgement to Araxie Samarjian, who is 87 years old and serves as Treasurer. Motion was made to accept the report and seconded; motion passed.

Sonya Doumanian acted as Nominating Committee Chairperson in the absence of Virginia Bogosian. She stated:

Parish Council members who are remaining:

Karneg Boyajian

Van Giragosian

Sonia Harlan

Anahid Pridjian

Parish Council members who are outgoing:

Gary Mazian

Dr. Garbis Meguerian

Martin Randall

Greg Srabian

Der Hayr explained that Dr. Meguerian will be allowed to run for a fourth term and the steps that Der Hayr went through to get permission from the Primate to allow Dr. Meguerian to run again.

Nominations were:

Sonya Doumanian

Peggy Enokian

Dr. Norayr Madanyan

Dr. Garbis Meguerian

Greg Srabian

Dennis Vander Meer

Dr. Doumanian moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Chuck Gederian; motion passed.

Anna Giragosian said that other people have taken the year off after three terms and she feels the need for the 1 year off. Karneg Boyajian motioned that ballots be collected by roll call, motion was seconded and passed. Parish Council members elected were:

Sonya Doumanian 37 votes

Peggy Enokian 39 votes

Dr. Garbis Meguerian 41 votes

Greg Srabian 44 votes

Dennis Vander Meer 42 votes

Nominating Committee presented their slate for the next Nominating Committee:

Dick Atkian

Isabelle Gederian

Laura Vander Meer

Dr. Ara Yeretsian

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Dr. Doumanian moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Dr. Hovanessian; motion passed. Dr. Doumanian moved that we make 1 ballot for both the Nominating Committee and Auditing Committee and seconded by Dr. Hovanessian. Motion passed.

Auditing Committee nominations are:

Bob Auer
Harry Mazian
Irene Merijohn
Rosy Yeretsian

Motion was made that nominations be closed for the Auditing Committee and seconded; motion passed. The following were elected:

<u>Auditing Committee</u>		<u>Nominating Committee</u>	
Bob Auer	36 votes	Dick Atkian	46 votes
Harry Mazian	35 votes	Isabelle Gederian	46 votes
Rosy Yeretsian	27 votes	Laura Vander Meer	46 votes
		Dr. Ara Yeretsian	46 votes

Under New Business, Liz Sahagian expressed thanks to Martin Randall for his four years as Treasurer of Parish Council.

The Baptist Church would like the deed to our old West Pullman Church, now that they have paid it off. Gary Mazian, Esq., our parish attorney, did a title search since the original title cannot be found.

Greg Srabian gave a report on the Memorial Plaque which was recently accomplished under his chairmanship of the Plaque Committee.

Dr. Hovanessian called for a report of the Finance Committee. Dr. Heratch Doumanian, Chairman, stated that he was pleased with the Committee's success and would be happy to help the new Chairperson. Karneg Boyajian then moved that Dr. Doumanian be appointed to be Chairman of the Finance Committee, seconded by Dr. Hovanessian; motion passed.

Dr. Hovanessian moved that the records of this Assembly reflect appreciation for Fr. Diran Papazian's capable service as pastor of our parish "for the last 3 years and for the next 30 years." Motion was seconded and passed.

Sarkis Boyajian, Assembly Chairman, thanked our outgoing Parish Council members and our past parish committee members for their distinguished and dedicated service.

Der Hayr welcomed all the new Parish Council members and thanked the outgoing members. He thanked Sarkis Boyajian for serving as Chairman of the Assembly and June Randall for serving as Secretary. He also thanked Sonya Doumanian for serving as Chairman of the Nominating Committee and Irene Merijohn as Chairman of the Auditing Committee.

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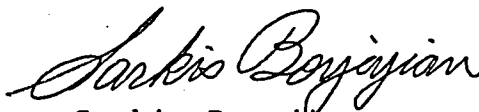
Motion was made by Mardy Semerdjian that the meeting be closed, seconded by Martin Randall; motion passed.

The meeting was closed at 3:30 P.M. with a Benediction from Der Hayr.

Respectfully submitted,



Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian,
President



Sarkis Boyajian,
Parish Assembly Chairman



June Randall,
Parish Assembly Secretary

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