

**Saints Joachim & Anne Armenian Apostolic Church
12600 South Ridgeland Avenue, Palos Heights, Illinois
Parish Assembly Meeting Minutes**

January 24, 1999

Prayer

Fr. Tavit gave an opening prayer at 12:15pm

Establishment of a quorum - Attendance 67 - Chair of last Parish Assembly, Garbis Meguerian declared that a Quorum is present

Election of Chairman of Assembly

Motion made and seconded to nominate Garbis Meguerian as chairman of the assembly. No other nominations - Garbis elected as Chairman of Assembly

Election of Secretary of Assembly

Motion made to nominate Sona Diorio as secretary of the assembly. passed.

Approval of Agenda

Elections moved to 5a approved - agenda approved as amended

Last Year's Minutes

A vote was taken to approve last's year's Parish Assembly minutes. After discussion, Passed.

Ballot Preparations and Distribution for Elections

Parish Council

- Those trustees whose terms do not expire: Zareh Avedoumian, Sark Boyajian, Rich Nalbandian, Paul Mardoian and Heratch Doumanian
- The following incumbents agreed to run again: Brian Nigohosian, Gary Mazian and Virginia Bogosian.
- One incumbent did not wish to run again: Paul Simonian.
- Also on list of nominees for trustee: Denise Stachowiak, Anna Giragosian, Shunt Madanyan.
- Shunt Madanyan had to be removed from list as he was not a current member
- Nominations were taken from the floor: Rosy Yeretsian - declined, Kevork Sultanian - declined,
- Martha Auer - declined, Tony Haboian - declined
- Keg Giragosian moved to close the nominations for parish council. Sonya Doumanian seconded motion. Passed

Nominating Committee

- Motion made by Anna Giragosian to have 5 members on the nominating committee as list of members to contact has grown and distribution of calls would be better handled by 5 committee members. Motion seconded by Brian Nigohosian. A vote was taken to have 5 people on the nominating committee. Passed.

- The five nominees for the nominating committee are Karen Nalbandian, Annette Sultanian, Lorene Skinner, Tirouhe Boyajian, Laura VanderMeer
- Arakel Arakelian moved to close the nominations for nominating committee, seconded by Dennis VanderMeer. - passed
- A motion was made by Liz Sahagian and seconded by Dennis VanderMeer to accept nominees by acclamation..
- Point of Order taken by Raffi Hovanessian: per the bi-laws we cannot vote by acclamation.
- Vote taken: 46 for the nominees as presented, 5 against. The 5 nominees are elected.

Auditing Committee

- Currently on committee: Charlie Terzian - 2 more years remaining, Jay Harlan - term expired, Garbis Meguerian - 1 year left.
- Nominees: Jay Harlan, Rosy Yeretsian. Nominations were taken from the floor: Dr. Doumanian nominated Norayr Madanyan and seconded by Mrs. Vicki Hovanessian. Nominations Closed

Diocesan Delegate

- 2 nominations: Dennis VanderMeer and Sonia Harlan
- Nominations from floor: a motion was made by Rosy Yeretsian and seconded by Arakel Arakelian to close nominations. motion was passed.

Balloting

Ballots were distributed to all eligible members. Andy Sahagian made a suggestion that in the future ballots be printed on only one side of a sheet, not on both sides.

Annual Report

Pastor's Report:

- Fr Tavit referred to his report on page 3-8 in the parish assembly booklet and made special mention of the following: Thank you to Rich Nalbandian for his dedication; Special mention was made regarding the April 24th Martyr's Day commemoration of the midwest Armenian Churches; Special mention was given to the work and success of the 40th Anniversary Committee and especially to Rosy Yeretsian as chairperson and to Virginia Bogosian and Sonia Harlan on the program booklet; Norayr Madanyan becoming Deacon and thanks to the Lord for 7 new members to our Church; to the Young Adults, ACYOA, Jrs and Srs and a special thanks to Shunt Madanyan, Carina Sawaya and Kevin Giragosian.
- Der Tavit mentioned 2 omissions from the Pastor's report: Thank you to Carol Brandt for her help in Sunday School and His ecumenical activities - as the Archbishop's Proxie for the National Council of Churches in Chicago.
- Fr. Tavit reported His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian has announced 1999 as the Year of the Holy Spirit.
- Garbis Meguerian asked for questions from the floor. Mrs. Marcella Terzian was recognized and said she did not have a question but rather a comment: she wanted to thank Fr. Tavit for all his work and dedication.
- The Pastor's report was accepted.

Missing Organization reports

Motion was made by Jay Harlan and seconded by Zareh Avedoumian to have the Parish Council compile the missing organizational reports which were not presented in the Parish Assembly booklet and to send them out to the members. passed

Senior's Report

Sue Semerdjian presented the Senior's report: as of December 1998 the account had \$2519.85; a check in the amount of \$2,015.88 was given to the Trustees.

Women's Guild

Anna Giragosian gave the Guild Report: Guild has \$14,069.23 and gave 80%.

Treasurer's Report

- The report was given by Zareh Avedoumian
- There was a questions as the recreation charges: these were the charges advanced for the Poon Paregentan dance. Zareh stated that short of the Anniversary Dance we were in a positive book position.
- Virginia Bogosian gave the report for the 40th Anniversary banquet. A profit of \$42,871.18 was realized.
- There was a request to have a NET statement of parish finances on one sheet for next year
- A motion was made by Dennis VanderMeer and seconded by Raffi Hovanessian to accept the treasurer's report. passed

Auditing Committee

- Garbis Meguerian of the Auditing Committee reported the auditing committee examined the books and they were in order.
- It was clarified that a check to the pastor for his 1999 stipend was written in 1998 (although given to him in 1999). Thus a portion of his 1999 stipend was recorded in the 1998 books.
- The 40th Anniversary report shows money is still due. Sonia Harlan questioned if this money will be collected and Virginia Bogosian stated it would be.
- Keg Giragosian had a question under ACYOA - they made \$1650 (ACYOA Jrs), actually it is an expense. The Poon Paregentan dance was included in this figure. Page 21 of the booklet shows auxiliary organization, ACYOA Jr, budget for 1999 \$12000, which is the projected revenue for next year, on the expense side under ACYOA that is actually 1998. 1999 budget is \$12,000 in revenues and \$9,000 in expenses.
- On behalf of the Auditing Committee, Garbis Meguerian expressed appreciation to Zareh Avedoumian for the excellent job he did as treasurer.
- Auditing committee report Passed.

The golf outing made just under \$1,000; Keg thanked Paul Mardoian for all his work on the golf outing.

1998 Budget Review and 1999 Budget Presentation

The budget was presented by Parish Council Chairperson Rich Nalbandian.

Questions/Clarifications/Comments/Amendments to the Budget were as follows:

- Annette Sultanian - stated the report does not show a balanced budget

- Rich Nalbandian agreed that this does not show a balanced budget but this is how it has always been. The Parish Council has always had to deal with this. Richard Nalbandian made note of declining pledges: 1995-1996 have over \$15000 in pledges, in 1997 \$11,000 and in 1998 \$7600.
- Rich Nalbandian moved (and Paul Mardoian seconded) to increase the pastor's total 99 stipend from \$54,800 to \$55,800.
- Garbis Meguerian had a question - last year a question was brought up regarding an endowment there was talk that part of the money will go to endowment.
- Question asked: any questions on the proposed budget. There being no questions, Raffi Hovanesian made a motion to accept the budget as amended, seconded by Dennis VanderMeer - motion passed

Items from the floor

Investment Fund Committee

- Virginia Bogosian made a motion and Raffi Hovanesian seconded to consider an endowment/investment fund and to put it on the agenda for next parish meeting.. motion was carried.
- Rich Nalbandian suggested on behalf of the Parish Council that we chose a committee of 3 people from the Parish Council and 2 dues paying members to investigate potential investments for the church and make recommendations to the next Parish Assembly.
- Sonya Doumanian made a motion, seconded by Arakel Arakelian to form a committee to investigate an endowment fund - Discussion followed
- Sonia Harlan amended the motion that nominees for the committee should be 2 members of Parish Council and 3 general dues paying members. - with members to be chosen by the Parish Council.
- the motion was approved.

Announcements of coming events

- February 6, Poon Paregentan Dance
- Lenten Service every Wednesday during Lent: topic will be Queen Esther - biblical - a 6 part series.
- Fr. Findikyan will give a lecture on February 27 - Archdioceses - with Patriarch in Jerusalem
- Pilgrimage to Jerusalem January 2000

Results of Elections

Martha Auer gave the vote tally:

<u>Parish Council</u>		
Virginia Bogosian	52	Elected
Gary Mazian	58	Elected
Brian Nigohosian	59	Elected
Denise Stachowiak	58	Elected
Anna Giragosian	20	Alternate

Nominating Committee

Karen Nalbandian	59	Elected
Annette Sulatnian	59	Elected
Lonene Skinner	59	Elected
Laura Lynn VanderMeer	59	Elected
Tirouhe Boyajian	59	Elected
Isabelle Gederian	Name Withdrawn From Ballot	

Auditing Committee

Jay Harlan	32	Elected
Rosig Yeretsian	24	Alternate
Norayr Madanyan	14	

Diocesan Delegate

Dennis VanderMeer	37	Elected
Sonia Derman Harlan	33	Alternate

Motion to Adjourn

Andy Sahagian made a motion and it was seconded Arakel Arakelian to adjourn meeting.
Approved

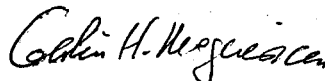
Closing Prayer

Meeting closed at 2:30 pm with a prayer by Der Tavit.

Respectfully submitted:



Sona Boghosian Diorio
Parish Assembly Secretary



Garbis Meguerian
Parish Assembly Chairman

Rev. Fr. Tavit Boyajian
President