

ANNUAL REPORT OF PARISH COUNCIL

BY

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

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As your appointed chairman of your Parish Council I wish to submit to the Parish Assembly our 1962 Report.

The Parish Council was given a Budget to follow by the Budget Committee and we tried to comply to this as close as possible as you will note by the report of our Treasurer Nishan Babikian who will follow me with his report.

Building improvements were carried out and repairs were made as follows“:

handrails put on the staircase,

kitchen stove ~~xx~~ overhauled,

refrigerator repaired,

~~xi~~ sign over the front entrance reanchored,

front colored glass window frames repaired,

sidewalk at the side entrance repaired,

The entire church rugs were cleaned thru the generous donation of Matt Klujian and Sons.

Also all our insurance policies are current.

During the year an extensive number of weddings and baptisms and unfortunately funerals were performed in our church thru the guidance of your Parish Council.

~~An Auditor was hired by the Parish Council to audit the Building Committee Books.~~

In May 1962 our Priest was transfered to St. Louis from our Parish and Fr. Arsen Barsamian of Waukegan became our visiting priest by the authority of Archbishop Sion Manoogian and has been celebrating the Divine Liturgy once a month in our church.

The Parish Council appointed Mrs. Lucy Koregian to help organize and form an Armenian school. Thereby a committee

was formed composed of 6 members from our Parish Assembly members and the school is now conducting two classes in the Riis Park Fieldhouse at 6200 W. Fullerton, Chicago with three teachers teaching. In this respect the Parish Council was able to reactivate the financial support from the Biloz Will and we are now receiving \$100.00 a month to support our school.

The Sunday School was re-established in September and a Committee was formed thru the Young Women's Guild and a Supervisor and three teachers are serving our Sunday School.

The ACYOA was also reactivated.

We owe considerable thanks to Deacon Hovhannes Kasparian for the biggest part with the help of your Parish Council in organizing and reactivating the above organizations.

The Parish Council has arranged a cooperative program with the St. Nerses Theological Seminary in Evanston to provide religious guidance every Sunday at our church. In return, the Parish Council is donating financial support to the Seminary. We are indeed thankful and indebted to these dedicated people, Surpazan Nersoyan, Deacon Kasparian and Martin Cholakian.

The activities of the Parish Council this past year were the Vartanantz Dinner and Program in February, a dance in May with an Armenian Band, Two Picnics in the summer and two card ~~parties~~ parties.

Trustees Meetings were held weekly and then semi-monthly during the year. Numerous meetings with the Executive Bodies of the various organizations of our Parish have also been held during the year to bring a closer relationship with the

Parish Council and the Executive Bodies. Also several meetings were held with Archbishop Sion Manoogian when he visited Chicago.

Unfortunately the trustees were unable to ~~make~~^{make} any progress on a new set of By-Laws for our Parish. We leave this project for the new incoming Parish Council in the hope that they may have a better opportunity.

We also wish to thank the congregation for the support it has given all our programs in the church this past year both physically and financially. Because of this support our treasury today is on a sound basis - although not rich - but neither in a position where it owes anybody any money. Because of this our treasury will be able to transfer to the ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Reserve Fund \$1000.00.

Our Parish is also represented at the Midwest Regional Conference which holds its meetings in St. George's Church in Waukegan, Illinois. Our Parish Council Chairman, Deacon Kasparian and Parish Assembly Member Jake Matiosian represent our church.

We would at this time like to compliment a group who in the past several months have done a tremendous job in getting our Parish News and Religious readings out to our members. The Loosarvoritch staff guided by Deacon Kasparian, Vi Koresian, and Mae Nahabedian.

We would also like to give public thanks to our Parish Council Member Charlie Ovhannasian who has opened our church door every Sunday this past year, and also Parish Council Member Martin Coloian for serving at the Altar during church services.

We were unable to comply with a request of the Parish Assembly made last year and we hope /the new Parish Council can find the time to accommodate the request; and that is to take /inventory of the contents of our church.

In closing I wish to thank each of my Parish Council Colleagues who worked deligently and sincerely with me as their Chairman during the year, and to thank the congregation for their cooperation in the functions of our Parish.

Thank you

John Paklaian,
Chairman, Parish Council 1962
St. Gregory Armenian Church.

Postscript:

In 1962 the Parish Council had the following Meetings

- 15 Parish Council Meetings
- 2 Meetings with the Bldg. Committee
and several unofficial meetings.
- 3 General Assembly Meetings
- 2 Meetings with the Executive Bodies of the Church
- 1 Meeting with the Armenian School Comm.
- 1 Meeting with the Choir