

PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 1994
ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR ARMENIAN CHURCH
CHICAGO

M I N U T E S

The meeting was called to order at 1:45 P.M. by Mr. Kaz Kazarian. Rev. Archpriest Haik Donikian led the attendees in prayer. Prayer was said for the following deceased members:

Mrs. Surpoohie Kazarian
Mrs. Araxie Pedian

Roll call was taken by Mr. Garo Dadian. There were 31 paid members present of the total membership of 81 people. Mr. Dadian declared there was a quorum and the meeting proceeded.

Nominations for Assembly Chairmen for 1994 were opened. Mr. Kaz Kazarian nominated Mr. Arnold Koresian and Mrs. Alice George seconded the nomination. The motion passed unanimously and Mr. Koresian was elected Parish Assembly Chairmen. Mr. Koresian opened the floor for nominations for Assembly Secretary. Mrs. Nancy Weiss was nominated by Mr. George Nahabedian and seconded by Mrs. Dolores Tootooian. There being no other nominations, Mrs. Weiss accepted the position of Assembly Secretary.

The minutes for the 1993 Parish Assembly Meeting were read and accepted as read.

REPORTS OF THE CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

Women's Auxiliary - Ms. Violet Koresian read the report of the Women's Auxiliary in the absence of Mrs. Ann Arevian. A copy of the report is attached. A check in the amount of \$4,000.00 was then presented to the Parish Council.

Women's Guild - Mrs. Silva Karachorlu, Chairperson, read the Guild's report. Mrs. Karachorlu then presented a check in the amount of \$1,373.00 to the Parish Council.

Nairi Choir - Ms. Michelle Babikian read the Choir's report of activities during the past year. A check for \$300.00 was presented to the Parish Council.

Sunday School Report - None at this time.

Auditing Committee Report - Mr. Arnold Koresian, Treasurer, presented the Auditing Committee report. Since there were no changes or remarks, a motion to accept the report was made and carried.

Reserve Fund Report - The reserve fund as of December 31, 1993 was \$152,305.00, an increase of \$10,367.36 from 1992. Mr. Pedian's report from Merrill Lynch is attached.

1994 Budget - Copies of the 1994 Budget were distributed. It was suggested that copies of said report be mailed to all paid members prior to the Annual Parish Assembly meeting. By doing so, members could review and study report at their leisure and be able to discuss any questions they deem necessary at the meeting, saving much wasted time on other important matters to be discussed.

Mr. Marty Abezetian made a motion to accept the 1994 budget as presented, and it was seconded by Mr. Haig Pedian.

Elections - Nominations were made for candidates for the Parish Council. Ballots were passed and votes collected by Roll Call. The following individuals were elected to serve on the Parish Council: Three were needed.

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| 1) Steve Tootooian | (25) | 4) Mary Dadian | (9) |
| 2) Kaz Kazarian | (22) | 5) Jack Cholakian | (9) |
| 3) Nancy Weiss | (20) | 6) Alice George | (1) |

Diocesan Assembly Delegates - It was unanimously agreed that since Mr. George Nahabedian and Mr. Haig Pedian have represented our Parish so eloquently in the past they would remain our representatives. Mr. Nahabedian shall remain our delegate and Mr. Pedian will remain our alternate. Both gentlemen agreed without hesitation.

Nominations were made for the Auditing Committee. Four names were submitted. Ballots were passed and votes were collected by Roll Call. The following members were nominated and two elected.

- 1) Mr. Armen Zakarian (21)
- 2) Mr. Martin Abezetian (18)
- 3) Mrs. Alice George (15)
- 4) Mr. Jack Cholakian (6)

Nominations were open for the Nominating Committee. The three people elected in 1993 agreed to accept the position for 1994.

- 1) Mr. Haig Pedian
- 2) Dr. Hrach Hitik
- 3) Mrs. Zabel Abezetian

Old Business - Dr. Hrach Hitik was concerned that not enough cultural events took place in our church during the past year. He suggested we get together with St. James Church in Evanston and plan future events together as neither church seemed to be drawing enough people when they did have an program planned. Mrs. Agnes Pedian said she would check with the St. James Church and try to set up some future events with them.

As to the progress of the computer discussed last year, it was purchased in December and will be in use within a few weeks.

Armen Zakarian also advised that it was a goal within the Parish Council to find a priest for our parish. He went on to share the many experiences they had interviewing several candidates with no significant outcome.

Mr. Pedian also asked why Rev. Donikian was not approached to be our permanent priest. He was told the issue had been discussed with Rev. Donikian and Der Hayr was not able or willing to take on a full time position as a parish priest and if that were the case he would have stayed in Detroit. He also stated that an agreement was not reached with the Parish Council.

Mr. Zakarian also advised that the Parish Council was diligently pursuing the hiring of one particular priest whose name could not be divulged at this time. Further information would be released as events progressed.

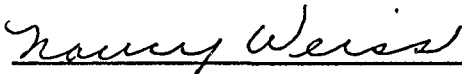
New Business - Mr. Haig Pedian suggested we consider the possibility of combining the St. James Church with our church as both churches are suffering with low membership and with few of our youth. He suggested we form a committee and approach the St. James Parish Council and see how they felt about this. The matter was closed with not much enthusiasm from our members.

Our 30th Anniversary Dinner was discussed. More details were to come at a later date.

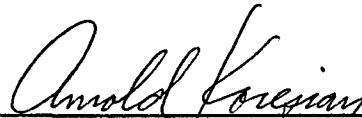
Der Hayr Donikian's Report - Der Hayr advised that February 14, 1994 was the first day of Lent. Also during Lent we would be having our fish dinners every Friday night prior to church services. He also advised that a Martyr's day program was being planned for April 24, 1994.

Mrs. Alice George made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Pauline Nahabedian. The motion was carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Weiss
Parish Assembly Secretary



Arnold Koresian
Parish Assembly Chairman

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attachments