

Following is distribution of the attached minutes made by me on this date.

Reverend Sarkis Kashikjian - Original and one copy

Parish Council - Two copies

Haig Pedian - One copy

Charlotte Bader - One copy

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3/6/72

ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR ARMENIAN CHURCH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Meeting called to order at 1:40 P.M., Sunday, February 27, 1972.

Reverend Sarkis Kashikjian opened the meeting with a prayer. Roll call indicated twenty-four (24) paid members present, total present twenty-six (26). Mrs. Abazetian moved that we deem this assembly a meeting by the majority of the people present even though it is not a quorum of the total paid membership. Motion seconded, vote taken and carried unanimously.

Next order of business to elect Chairman for the day and Secretary for the day. Marge Sarkesian nominated Charlotte Bader for Secretary of the day and Nish Babikian nominated Haig Pedian for Chairman of the Day. Nominations seconded, vote taken and the above mentioned unanimously elected to the respective positions for the day.

Chairman called for the reading of the minutes of the 1971 Annual Membership Meeting, Secretary read the minutes. Kaz Kazarian moved that these minutes be approved and accepted as read, seconded and approved unanimously.

Chairman called on Father Sarkis to read report of his activities for the year 1971. Father Sarkis proceeded to read his report which will become a part of these minutes.

Chairman called for the Parish Council Report. Haig Pedian proceeded to give the 1971 report which will become a part of these minutes. Report included the following plans for 1972 - Stage to be constructed in the Cultural Hall with dressing rooms which can be used for Sunday School rooms, Athletic Program and Recreational Facilities in Cultural Hall, visitation by Parish Council and Father Sarkis to all families, roof and heating repairs

to be accomplished, larger sink for the kitchen, encasement in Rectory Hall with names of those donating religious objects, new automobile for Father Sarkis use, Stewardship and taxation of each family in order to raise the funds necessary to operate our church, Chairman also noted \$900. Diocesan assessment due. Chairman noted that he felt there is a destructive force in our church spreading malicious rumors stating that it is some of the women of the church who are responsible and that this must stop and we do not need or want such destructive forces to be part of our church.

Chairman called for the Ladies Auxiliary 1971 report which was read by Mrs. Der Mooseghian and will become a part of these minutes.

Chairman mentioned 1972 Calendar of Events to be turned in by all Organizations; Ladies Auxiliary turned theirs in this date.

Chairman called for the Young Women's Guild 1971 report which was read by Ann Kazarian and will become a part of these minutes.

Chairman called for the Sunday School Report which was read by Father Sarkis and will become a part of these minutes.

At this time the Chairman commended Marge Sarkesian for attending all Parish Council Meetings for the past two years in order to take the minutes for their meetings.

Chairman called for the Auditing Committee Report, the Financial Report will become a part of these minutes. Father Sarkis commented on particular items of the Financial Report. At this time it was mentioned that our Reserve Fund is for emergency use only.

Chairman brought up Stewardship Program explaining that it is a tax to each family instead of membership dues and weekly donations.

A new auto costing \$2800. has been furnished for the use of Father Sarkis and the Chairman suggested the membership assist in the payment rather than taken from any of our treasuries. Following are the contributions toward auto payment made this date -

Young Women's Guild	\$	300.
Ladies Auxiliary		300.
Dr. & Mrs. Kharachorlu		50.
Mr. & Mrs. Nish Babikian		50.
Mr. & Mrs. Abazetian		25.
Dr. B. Htik		25.
Keghan Parseghian		10.
Mr. & Mrs. Hugo Sarkesian		20.
Mr. & Mrs. Misak Paloian		10.
Mrs. Der Mooseghian		15.
Mrs. Chaderjian		10.
Mr. & Mrs. Haig Pedian		100.

TOTAL \$ 915.

Violet Koresian moved that a certain amount of money, at least \$500. a year, for the next five years be set aside to cover the next automobile purchase when necessary. Motion seconded, vote taken and unanimously carried.

It was suggested that the Ladies Auxiliary Armenian School Fund be transferred to the Trustees, this was agreed to and will be done.

Chairman asked for approval of the 1972 Budget which will be approximately \$32,000. Marge Sarkesian moved to accept this budget, motion seconded, vote taken and unanimously carried.

Chairman called for the ACYOA Report which was read by Violet Koresian and will become a part of these minutes.

Chairman called for the election of Parish Council members.

Outgoing
Hugo Sarkesian
Peter Klujian
Kaz Kazarian

Nominated
B. Htik
Misak Paloian
Robert Kalenian

Members eligible to vote = 25, members instructed to vote for three (3)

Following is result of election:

	Misak Paloian	22 votes	elected
	B. Htick	18 votes	elected
	R. Kalenian	14 votes	elected
Alternates	K. Kazarian	9 votes	alternate #1
	H. Sarkesian	8 votes	alternate #2
	P. Klujian	4 votes	alternate #3
	TOTAL	75	

Mrs. Nighosian moved that Zephur Yazifian and Rose Zakarian be maintained as the Auditing Committee for 1972. Motion seconded, vote taken and carried unanimously.

Chairman called for new business. Haig Pedian asked for approval to attempt to bring the Diocesan Assembly to Chicago, Illinois in May of 1973. Father Sarkis advised some of the things that would be involved such as to serve lunches and dinners. Meetings would be held in our church. Dances for the youth. Large Banquet. Church Services. Hotel arrangements and transportation. Agnes Pedian moved that our delegates campaign to have the 1973 Diocesan Assembly here in Chicago. Motion seconded, vote taken and carried unanimously.

Under new business discussion was held on having a combined picnic once a year with all the organizations instead of separately. Since the Ladies Auxiliary has reserved June 18 for their picnic the combined picnic will be in August.

Also under new business Violet Koresian suggested a form letter or card be used for in lieu of flowers situations, for donations to our church.

Violet Koresian made the following announcements. Summer Studies Program at St. Mary's, Asbury, New Jersey, June 20 to 30, minimum age 16, \$110. Third Annual ACYOA Armenian Studies Group to Armenia for thirty days, July 10, 18 years or older, \$500. March 18 will be Choir Association Midwest Regional Workshop to be held here in our Chicago church. There will be a St. Gregory

Name Day Service.

Marge Sarkesian moved to adjourn this meeting since there was no further business to discuss. Motion seconded, vote taken and carried unanimously.

Father Sarkis closed the meeting with the benediction at 4:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte M. Bader

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Secretary of the Day
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