

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Father Sarkis, Parish Council Members, members of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church, as chairman of your Parish Council I respectfully submit the following report for the year of 1967.

A report of this nature is an accumulation of information designed to convince those concerned as to the effectiveness of your Parish Council. This is easily accomplished on paper, but much more trying in reality. Let me present to you your Parish Council report, but remember, words are not deeds. Judge their results by what you see and not what you hear.

Since our first regular meeting in April, the Parish Council has convened 20 times. At the first meeting the following officers were elected;

Chairman	Mr. Jacob Matiosian
Vice Chairman	Mr. George Nahabedian
Secretary	Mr. Arnold Koresian
Treasurer	Mr. Nishan Babikian
Asst. Treasurer	Mr. William Tootooian

Participation in special activities was also undertaken by members of the Parish Council. A meeting was held with Bishop Torcom, at which time he discussed the Stewardship program in the Armenian Churches. Bishop Torcom also attended our Midwest Mission Program. Delegates to the Midwest Regional Council were active and programs have begun, the most significant being the Hi Kamp program.

Meetings were held to inaugurate the R.E.C. (Religious Educational Committee) and K.A.L. (Key Armenian Leaders) programs.

Work has already started for Vahapars visit to Chicago on May 13 and 14 of 1968. Experience from Vahapars last visit explains the need for discussion and planning at such an early date.

Your Parish Council has tried to have activities that would bring the congregation together socially as well as spiritually. They are the following;

1. The culinary success of 1967 was prepared by your Parish Council and served on Martyrs Day. A program followed and was very successful.
2. With the help of The Ladies Auxiliary, the Parish Council experienced the most successful picnic in its history.
3. A Parish Council Barn Dance was held and proved successful financially, although the attendance was extremely poor.
4. A gala New Years Eve Party was held and enjoyed by all who attended.

The activities mentioned are those that the Parish Council was directly responsible for. During the year we were actively engaged in programs undertaken by the various auxiliary branches, all of which will be reported in their annual reports.

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The past year was Der Hayrs first full year as our parish priest and we feel that much has been accomplished in this time. Under his guidance we were able to undertake our duties with a positive attitude. Der Hayrs report will touch on the accomplishments of a spiritual nature.

We have also tried to show progress in the physical structure of our church and hall. The following has already been accomplished;

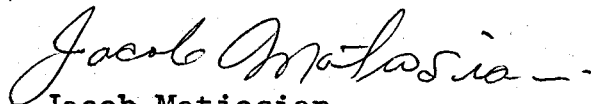
1. The installation of a new stage
2. Floodlights
3. Wall hung coat racks
4. Under stage chair racks
5. An outside storage shed was purchased and erected to remove unsightly and dangerous supplies from the building.
6. PURCHASE OF SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK TABLES

Work is progressing in the area of new devotional stands for the altar. We anticipate delivery in the first quarter of 1968. These are but a few of the things needed so that we may fully utilize our facilities.

On behalf of the Parish Council I would like to thank the Ladies Auxiliary, The Young Womens Guild, A.C.Y.O. Seniors and Juniors , and the Church Choir for their efforts in 1967. Our special thanks to the Sunday School instructors who are instrumental in making the Sunday School so successful.

There are many people and many names all of whom deserve praise. We thank them one and all.

Respectfully submitted,



Jacob Matiosian
Chairman
Parish Council