

On behalf of the Parish Council and myself, I wish to thank the congregation for the support they have given us. The task of the Parish Council along with that of the various organizations within the church has not been an easy one this past year. To the many individuals who realized this and offered their help, I'd like to thank them at this time.

The Parish Council this past year held meetings and some of our major accomplishments has been:

1. Secured a full time clergy for our church.
2. Followed through to completion our new edifice.
3. Prepared and moved our church to its new location.
4. Thanks to one of our members, we lowered by a considerable amount the premiums we have to pay for our insurance and at the same time, increased our protection.
5. We sponsored our annual picnic.
6. Along with St. James Church of Evanston, we held a successful New Year's Eve dance and realized a profit of \$702.00.
7. Made plans to have an Armenian Movie, "A Debt of Blood", shown on February 13th.

Of course, there were many other tasks that the Parish Council performed and the listing of a few shouldn't be misconstrued as insignificant.

The future of our church is as bright and as strong as we the people of Chicago wish it to be. It is up to the membership to decide our next course of progress. Today you will undertake your first obligation in electing Parish Council members. Of course, you realize that electing new members does not release each and everyone of you from any other duties. Our membership must be prepared to take on their fair share of responsibility. It is the duty of everyone to be on committees, to help in the

upkeep and to render aid in any form when the need arises. Only through the participation of all the members can we be strong and proper.

A few of the major tasks that will confront the new Trustees will be:

1. Sale of our old church.
2. Keep our halls rented at the maximum.
3. Secure the services of a person or persons to maintain the church properties and to be on hand during the times the halls are rented.
4. Raise funds through pledges, gifts, donations or other means.
5. Sponsor cultural programs and offer Armenian entertainment.
6. Take inventory of all property.
7. Maintain adequate records.
8. Raise the level of religious, moral and cultural.
9. Lower our mortgage payments to the fullest extent that we possibly can.

Our financial position has been strong this past year and our treasurer's report will show a surplus over current needs. The only outstanding bill that is due for payment will be for our insurance and should be around \$400.00. There is no reason why in the coming year we shouldn't show a larger surplus.

I regret to inform the members that the Parish Council has been unsuccessful in obtaining a loan from the Diocese for our mortgage. The terms were of such a nature that no member wished to be a part of it.

Our efforts to get an increase in the "Bi Los" Will also was unsuccessful. During the consecration we discussed this matter with the Archbishop and he concurred that upon his return to New York, he would see to it that we would be the recipients of a cash gift of \$500.00 for some of the appointments of the Armenian School and also an increase in the monthly payments. After his return and after waiting a suitable period to hear from him, we wrote a letter to remind him of our discussion. Unfortunately, he has as yet to answer us. Our next course of action rests with the membership.

Father Vahridj Kazandjian during the year consented to be our Parish Priest and we in turn agreed to the following conditions from the Diocese:

1. We would reimburse the Western Diocese \$500.00 for his travel expenses.
2. We would find suitable living quarters and provide adequate compensation.
3. We would see to it that he continues his education.

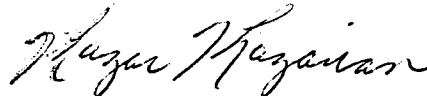
We have lived up to our conditions and Father Vahridj on his part has proven himself capable of accepting the responsibilities of our Parish. He will during his report, spell out the details as to how he plans to continue his education.

At one of our Parish Council Meetings, the Council after due deliberation agreed that in order for Father Vahridj to perform his duties, he would need the use of a car. It was also decided by the Council that this car will remain the property of the church and we would pay for its maintenance. Father Vahridj in turn will pay for the ~~insurance~~ and fuel. Means for securing a

car should be considered at today's meeting.

We of the Parish Council wish to express our appreciation for having had the opportunity of serving you. We hope that our efforts were of some benefit to the community and that in the future we may be of more usefulness.

Thank you again for your indulgence in listening to this report.



Kaz Kazarian
Chairman, Parish Council

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