

bad that the \$25,000 (\$22,000 from the Ladies Auxiliary and \$3,000 from the Women's Guild) was not added to the Reserve Fund so that it could have been earning such a high interest. Mr. Walter Baronian explained that the Ladies Auxiliary could not pull any monies from their Certificate of Deposit or they would pay a penalty by withdrawing before maturity. Mr. Nahabedian further pointed out that they still would have earned more interest had it been put into the Reserve Fund in any case.

#### Auditing Committee

Mr. Armen Zakarian gave the auditing report. The Juniors and Seniors of the A.C.Y.O.A. had not had their books audited. All other organizations had been audited.

#### Budget

Mr. Shahan Temerian announced that our church is now insured with State Farm Insurance Company for which he is our representative. Our church does not have liquor liability. If we rent the hall to anyone and they drink and drive under the influence and have an accident and kill someone, we are liable. At all times, within a thirty day notice, notification of events must be sent to State Farm in order for us to be insured for that event. Insurance rates could be doubled or tripled in 1986 and he wants us to be aware of it.

Mr. Mrofcza took the podium and explained that we are in need of searching out income producing functions. We cannot function solely on funds received Sunday mornings. He asked for suggestions to be given to the Parish Council for fund raising affairs. He also suggested that we not rent the hall to persons or organizations that use liquor.

Dr. Hrach Hitik said that the subject of liability should be under New Business and Mr. Mrofcza's report now should be concerned only with insurance costs and how that affects the budget. Mr. Mrofcza explained that had he known of the insurance premium increases in advance, the budget would have reflected that accordingly.

Dr. Hrach Hitik made a motion that since we are \$5,000 short for 1985, we add that amount to our 1986 income budget. It was seconded by Ms. Violet Koresian. Mr. George Nahabedian asked why such a motion should be made. Dr. Hitik explained that since we were \$5,000 short, the money should come from somewhere. Ms. Violet Koresian said that we were budgeted for \$52,000 last year and we spent \$52,000. The monies spent were not all from income. Some money was taken out of the reserve monies. Dr. Hrach Hitik further insisted that since we were \$5,000 short it must be replaced. We have many bills that are increasing yearly.

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1985 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MINUTES  
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The meeting was called to order at 12:45 p.m. Der Vahram Hazarian opened the meeting with a prayer. Mr. Nishan Babikian opened the floor for nominations for Assembly Secretary. Mrs. Pauline Nahabedian nominated Mrs. Sandra Hitik. The nomination was seconded and Sandra Hitik accepted. Mr. Babikian next asked for nominations for Assembly Chairman. Mr. Shahan Temerian and Mr. Armen Zakarian were both nominated and seconded. Mr. Armen Zakarian declined. Assembly Chairman was Mr. Shahan Temerian.

Mrs. Georgette Mrofcza read the minutes from the 1984 Parish Assembly. Mr. Shahan Temerian finished reading the minutes half way through as Mrs. Mrofcza was tired due to the fact that she was expecting in a few weeks. Mr. Michael Jack Hagopian thanked Mrs. Mrofcza for a job well done but asked for a correction for a reference to his name as Hg/Hagopian and read as Hitik/Hagopian. Mrs. Mrofcza explained that it was a typographical error, i.e. hte instead of the. Mr. Michael Jack Hagopian further asked about the excess monies that were used for the organ in church. He wanted to know where the excess of \$3,500 is. Dr. Hrach Hitik and Mr. George Nahabedian explained to Mr. Hagopian that it was not the time to explain such things and it should come during budget discussions. Mr. George Nahabedian moved for the approval of the minutes. Dr. Hrach Hitik seconded. The motion was carried with a show of hands.

REPORTS

Der Vahram Hazarian gave his annual report in Armenian citing the number of sacraments performed, hospital visitations and house blessings, etc. Mr. Scott Paklaian asked for a translation of Der Hazarian's report. One was not available at that time. Miss Cynthia Paklaian made a motion to put Der Hazarian's report in the church bulletin. Dr. Hrach Hitik seconded and the motion was passed. (copy attached)

Parish Council Report

Mr. Nishan Babikian, Parish Council Chairman, gave his report. (copy attached) He thanked all organizations and members for their efforts in working with the council.

Ladies Auxiliary

Ms. Violet Koresian read the report for Mrs. Ann Arevian, Chair-lady of the Ladies Auxiliary. (copy attached)

### Women's Guild

Mrs. Helen Babikian, Vice-Chairman, gave a brief account of the activities of the Guild. She explained that a report was not ready at this time but would be submitted within a week's time. Mr. John Mrofcza mentioned that we should be sure to get all report turned in as the Parish Council must submit them to the Diocese the end of January.

### A.C.Y.O.A. Juniors

Ms. Michelle Babikian, advisor to the Juniors, said that there was no report ready. The juniors have had a bad year getting organized.

### A.C.Y.O.A. Seniors

Ms. Cynthia Paklaian, Secretary, gave a report of the activities of the Seniors and said she will ask the Chairman, Mr. Sinan Yagci to turn in a written report.

### Nairi Choir

Mrs. Georgette Mrofcza, Chairlady, gave her annual report. (copy attached)

### Sunday School

Mrs. Linda Zakarian, Sunday School Superintendent, delivered the Sunday School report. (copy attached)

At this time Mr. Michael Jack Hagopian thanked Mrs. Mrofcza for a job well done on her thorough report.

### Treasurer's Report

Mr. John Mrofcza, Assistant Treasurer, delivered the Treasurer's report for Mr. Charles Babikian, Treasurer. Mr. Mrofcza announced a correction to the Budget Report. On the third page, the column titled 1986 Budget, the total should be \$47,600.00 instead of \$42,900.00.

### Reserve Fund

Dr. Hrach Hitik gave the report for the Reserve Fund for Mr. Haig Pedian, Chairman of the Committee, as Mr. Pedian was out of town. Dr. Hitik read a letter by Mr. Pedian about the Reserve Fund. \$11,050.00 is currently in the Reserve Fund at an interest rate of 12.8% (copy of letter attached).

At this time, Mr. George Nahabedian commended Mr. Haig Pedian for getting 12.8% for the Reserve Fund and thought that it was too

Mr. George Nahabedian asked where do we get \$5,000? He said each organization has already been taxed. We are within 5% of last year's budget and the projected budget of 1986. Where will the money come from? He further asked, if we lost \$5,000 and put it into something else, how will we get that money? Ms. May Nahabedian said it is the responsibility of the church members.

Mr. Jack Cholakian asked why we objected to using the interest monies of the Reserve Fund for expenses of the church. Mr. Michael Jack Hagopian explained that when we were \$5,000 short last year they got the money from the Reserve Fund. Mr. Charles Babikian explained that the Reserve Fund and the excess in the checking account were different. Mrs. Agnes Pedian pointed out that a motion had been on the floor for fifteen minutes and suggest that it was time to vote. Voting results: 17 for and 19 against. The 1986 budget will be accepted as presented. At this time, the meeting was turned over to Mr. Walter Baronian of the Nominating Committee to conduct the elections.

#### Elections

Mr. Walter Baronian announced the names on the slate as presented by the Nominating Committee as follows:

1. Mr. Jack Cholakian
2. Ms. Violet Koresian
3. Mr. George Nahabedian
4. Mr. Arnold Koresian
5. Ms. May Nahabedian
6. Mr. Ed Pajian
7. Mr. Harry Serraderian
8. Dr. Isabella Paschinian

Mr. Arnold Koresian and Ms. May Nahabedian asked for their names to be removed from the slate. Mr. George Nahabedian announced that he was not asking for his name to be removed from the slate but would rather not receive any votes.

Mrs. Pauline Nahabedian nominated Mr. John Paklaian. Mrs. Agnes Pedian seconded the motion. Mr. Paklaian accepted the nomination.

Mrs. Georgette Mrofcza nominated Mr. Scott Paklaian. Mr. John Mrofcza seconded the motion. Mr. Paklaian accepted the nomination.

Mrs. Agnes Pedian made a motion to cloes the nominations. The motion was seconded by Mr. John Mrofcza and passed by a show of hands.

Mrs. Helen Babikian asked who was remaining on the Parish Council. Mr. Walter Baronian named the following persons: Mr. Charles Babikian, Mr. John Mrofcza and Mr. Peter Bedrosian as currently being on the Parish Council.

Mr. George Nahabedian suggested that we wait for the results of the Parish Council election before proceeding with the election of the Nominating Committee.

Parish Council Election Results

	VOTES
1. Ed Pajian	36
2. Violet Koresian	31
3. John Paklaian	25
4. Harry Seraydarian	24
5. Scott Paklaian	21
6. Dr. Isabelle Pashinian	17
7. May Nahabedian	16
8. Jack Cholakian	13
9. George Nahabedian	12

Mr. Walter Baronian opened the floor for nominations for the Nominating Committee as this time.

Dr. Hrach Hitik nominated Mrs. Silva Karachorlu who declined before a second could be heard.

Mrs. Helen Babikian nominated Mrs. Ann Kazarian. Mr. Nishan Babikian seconded the motion. Mrs. Kazarian accepted the nomination.

Ms. May Nahabedian was nominated by Ms. Michelle Babikian and seconded by Mrs. Sadie Marcantanio.

Mr. Michael Jack Hagopian nominated Mrs. Agnes Pedian. Dr. Hrach Hitik seconded. Mrs. Pedian accepted the nomination.

Mrs. Silva Karachorlu nominated Mrs. Sandra Hitik and Mr. Nishan Babikian seconded. Mrs. Hitik accepted the nomination.

Mr. Scott Paklaian nominated Ms. Cynthia Paklaian. Mrs. Pauline Nahabedian seconded. Ms. Paklaian accepted the nomination.

Mr. Kegham Parsegian nominated Ms. Michelle Babikian. It was seconded by Dr. Hrach Hitik. Ms. Babikian accepted the nomination.

Mrs. Agnes Pedian nominated Mr. Armen Zakarian. It was seconded by Mr. Matt Klujian. Mr. Zakarian accepted the nomination.

Mr. Nishan Babikian motioned to close the nominations. It was seconded by Mr. Michael Jack Hagopian.

Nominating Committee Election Results

	VOTES
1. Ann Kazarian	32
2. May Nahabedian	28
3. Sandra Hitik	26
4. Armen Zakarian	22
5. Michele Babikian	15
6. Cynthia Paklaian	13
7. Agnes Pedian	6

Mr. Walter Baronian announced that three persons are to be elected for the Auditing Committee and a minimum of six names will be needed for the slate. At this time, the floor was opened for nominations for the Auditing Committee.

Mr. Jack Cholakian nominated Mr. Armen Zakarian and it was seconded by Mr. Nishan Babikian. Mr. Zakarian accepted the nomination.

Mrs. Linda Zakarian nominated Mrs. Mary Sommese. She declined.

Ms. May Nahabedian nominated Mr. Matt Klujian. It was seconded by Mr. Armen Zakarian and Mr. Klujian accepted the nomination.

Mrs. Linda Zakarian nominated Mr. Arnold Koresian who also declined.

Mr. Nishan Babikian nominated Dr. Hrach Hitik who declined.

Mr. Walter Baronian nominated Ms. Michelle Babikian. Dr. Hrach Hitik seconded and Ms. Babikian accepted the nomination.

Mr. George Nahabedian nominated Mr. Shahan Temerian. It was seconded by Mr. Ed Pajian. Mr. Temerian accepted the nomination.

Mrs. Agnes Pedian nominated Mr. Kaz Kazarian. It was seconded by Dr. Hrach Hitik and accepted by Mr. Kazarian.

Mrs. Sadie Marcantano nominated Mrs. Linda Zakarian who declined.

Mr. John Mrofcza nominated Mr. Walter Baronian. It was seconded by Mr. Armen Zakarian. Mr. Baronian accepted the nomination.

While the votes for the Auditing Committee were being tabulated, the floor was open for nominations for Diocesan Delegate.

Mr. Baronian announced the following names as presented by the Nominating Committee: Mr. Nishan Babikian, Mr. George Nahabedian, Dr. Hrach Hitik. One is to be elected and the person with the second highest votes will be the alternate delegate. Mrs. Agnes Pedian asked if there is a limit for the number of years a delegate can serve. Mr. George Nahabedian said to his knowledge he did not know of a limit.

Mrs. Agnes Pedian nominated Mr. Armen Zakarian. Mr. Nishan Babikian seconded the nomination. Mr. Zakarian accepted the nomination.

Ms. May Nahabedian moved to close the nominations and it was seconded by Mr. Michael Jack Hagopian.

Mr. George Nahabedian suggested that the Parish Council send an alternate to the Diocesan Assembly as well as the delegate since the Assembly is in Racine, Wisconsin in 1986. Mr. Walter Baronian said this was something the Parish Council will have to take into consideration.

Auditing Committee Election Results

	VOTES
1. Armen Zakarian	42
2. Matt Klujian	33
3. Walter Baronian	28
4. Shahan Temerian	22
5. Kaz Kazarian	15
6. Michele Babikian	8

Diocesan Delegate Election Results

	VOTES
1. George Nahabedian	24
2. Hrach Hitik	18
3. Nishan Babikian	4
4. Armen Zakarian	3

At this time, Mr. Walter Baronian turned the meeting back to the Assembly Chairman, Mr. Shahan Temerian. Mr. Temerian asked for old business to discuss at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Agnes Pedian asked if we might discuss the new kitchen plans. Mr. Walter Baronian, Chairman of the Renovation and Extension Committee explained that a report was given to the Parish Council by the sub-committee. Costs and results were also given to the Parish Council for them to consider further. Mr. Baronian's committee is currently waiting to hear from the Council as to what they want. Mr. Michael Jack Hagopian asked what exactly was going to be done. Mr. Baronian said the committee presented their findings and it is up to the people to decide what is to be done, and anyone from the congregation can ask for the report by the sub-committee. Mr. Hagopian further inquired as to how much we would lose in the parking lot. Mr. Baronian said we would lose two parking spaces. Mr. Hagopian asked that a report be given by the Parish Council at this time. Mrs. Agnes Pedian,

in agreement, suggested that since the Parish Council has received the report it is now up to them to present it to the congregation. She suggested that a decision be made within the next three months.

Mr. Nishan Babikian and Mr. Walter Baronian showed blueprints to the members and gave an explanation of their findings.

Mr. Michael Jack Hagopian suggested that we table this matter and call a special meeting informing members as to the same. Mrs. Stephanie Hagopian thought it might be a good idea to post plans on a wall of the church to be studied by the parishioners. Mr. Michael Jack Hagopian made a motion that indeed the plans should be posted for all to see. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hrach Hitik. Mr. John Mrofcza suggested that they add further to the motion by setting a target date. Mr. Hagopian said that would not be a part of his motion and it would be up to the Parish Council to set a date and inform the congregation accordingly. The motion was passed by a show of hands.

At this time the meeting was turned back to Assembly Chairman, Mr. Shahan Temerian who asked for any additional old business. Mr. Michael Jack Hagopian asked permission to approach the podium to say a few words to the members.

Mr. Temerian then asked for any additional old business. Mr. Walter Baronian said that last year three new committees were established: a Welcoming Committee, a Cultural Committee, and a Renovating Committee; he would like to hear from the two other committees. Dr. Hrach Hitik reported that he accepted to be Chairman of the Cultural Committee and when he asked several members to serve with him, they all declined. It has become a committee of one. The three churches organized a very successful concert.

He further explained that he was able to get Professor Kherlopian of Armenia to speak in English on Armenian Youth in America. However, when he asked the Women's Guild to help they declined suggesting that a lecture on Saturday night would interfere with a dinner that was to be given the next day. Set up for the Sunday dinner is done Friday night and they were not willing to make any concessions by setting up after the lecture. Dr. Hitik said he needs help from the Parish Council and all church organizations to bring cultural events to the church which will in turn bring revenue.

Mr. George Nahabedian complimented Dr. Hitik on doing a great job especially in view of the fact that he did it alone.

There was no report from the Welcoming Committee.

The last item for old business was an announcement by Mr. George Nahabedian of a dinner/show on February 16, 1986 to see a Chorus Line. There were currently 23 reservations and a total of 43 are needed.

Mrs. Linda Zakarian announced that six children from our Sunday School took the Diocese examination and have graduated from Sunday School.

#### New Business

Mrs. Agnes Pedian suggested serious thought be given to the questions of liability. Mr. George Nahabedian pointed out that the Parish Council should sit down and discuss this at a Parish Council meeting with Mr. Shahan Temerian. Mr. Temerian will investigate liquor liability and pointed out that we are insured for church functions serving liquor but not to those we rent the hall to who serve liquor.

Mr. Arnold Koresian thanked Mrs. Linda Zakarian and her staff for a job well done on our Sunday School.

At this time, envelopes were presented to the following persons by Mr. Nishan Babikian on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary in appreciation for their work: Ms. Violet Koresian, Ms. May Nahabedian, Der Vahram Hazarian, Mrs. Georgette Mrofcza, Mr. Kegham Parsegian, the Sunday School and the Parish Council.

Mr. Babikian thanked the Loosavorich staff for their tireless efforts and work on the news letter.

Mr. Babikian presented envelopes to the following on behalf of the Parish Council: Der Vahram Hazarian, Raffy Hazarian, Joseph Utas, Ari Caliskan, Vahe Caliskan, Mr. Kegham Parsegian, Mrs. Georgette Mrofcza, Ms. Violet Koresian and Mrs. Linda Zakarian. Mr. Babikian thanked Mr. Shahan Temerian for chairing the Assembly meeting.

Der Hazarian took the podium to address the congregation. He said that with 110 members in our church there are only 49 at this meeting. There should be more members represented. The work in a church cannot be done by one or two people. It takes the efforts of all. He congratulated newly elected persons and concluded with a closing prayer.

Mr. John Paklaian made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:08 p.m. and it was seconded by Mr. Arnold Koresian.

Respectfully submitted,  
*(Mrs) Sandra Hitik*  
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1985 Assembly Secretary