ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR ARMENIAN CHURCH
PARISH ASSEMBLY - MARCH 13, 1977

The meeting was called to order by Mr. George Nahabedian at 1:00 p.m. Hayr Varoujan Kabaradjian led the assembly in prayer. Mr. G. Nahabedian recalled the purpose of this meeting due to the fact that there was some business that was not completed at the previous meeting. The minutes from the February 13, 1977 meeting were accepted as read.

Mr. Nishan Babikian conducted the verification of voters. Of 83 paid members, there were 42 members present. Mr. G. Nahabedian declared there to be a quorum and the meeting continued.

RESERVE FUND COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. G. Nahabedian related to the assembly that he had received a telephone call from Mr. Haig Pedian, chairman of the Reserve Fund Committee. Mr. Pedian explained that the money in the reserve fund had been invested in three areas: (1) General Motors Corporation Notes; (2) Government Treasurey Notes; and (3) Bank Certificates. Mr. Pedian keeps abreast of all maturity dates and relative matters. Financially speaking in terms of dividends, this past year was not as good as others. Approximately $1,200 was earned in interest.

BY-LAW PROPOSAL

Mr. G. Nahabedian reported that as per the motion made at the previous meeting the proposal concerning a change of the by-laws regarding the assignment of clergy had been sent and received by the Diocese and would come up for consideration at the May meeting in Providence, Rhode Island.

A.C.Y.O.A. SRs. REPORT

The A.C.Y.O.A. Report was submitted at this meeting along with a check in the amount of $329.00.

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Mary Sommese reported that after going over the financial report there was a double-entry in that the amount $596.95 appeared under Disbursements (Travel) and also under Misc. Disbursements. This was only a double-entry and did not affect the computation of the financial report. Mrs. Sommese suggested that a book-keeper could assist the Treasurer by taking the responsibility for the posting and billing end of the books. This recommendation will be discussed at the first meeting of the new Parish Council.

Mr. Kaz Kazarian moved to accept the Financial Report with the above mentioned correction. Misak Paloyan seconded the motion and the motion carried.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Miss Violet Koresian, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, reported that they were not any more successful in their attempt to submit at this meeting a slate of nominees for the various positions. Mr. G. Nahabedian said that at the present there were 9 Parish Council Members; 6 out-going and 3 remaining for another year. He suggested that it might be easier to slate nominees for the parish council election if the number of Parish Council members were reduced from 9 to 7. Mrs. Helen Babikian moved that the number of Parich Council Members be reduced from 9 to 7. Mrs. Mary Sommese seconded the motion. The motion carried by a majority vote.

The following members were slated for the Parish Council:

George Nahabedian	)	
Arnold Koresian	)	
Mathew Klujian	)	Out-going Parish Council Members
Peter Bedrosian	)	(automatically slated)
Nishan Babikian	)	
Vahe Karachorlu	)	

Armen Zakarian
Georgette Mrofcza
Barkev Hitik
Kegham Parseghian
Helen Babikian
Mr. Khanjian

It was then explained that due to the fact that the number of Parish Council Members had been reduced, the assembly was to vote for only 4 of the above people.

The results of the voting was as follows:

George Nahabedian	33
Arnold Koresian	31
Mathew Klujian	21
Peter Bedrosian	12
Nishan Babikian	12
Vahe Karachorlu	8
Armen Zakarian	27
Georgette Mrofcza	7
Barkev Hitik	5
Kegham Parseghian	4
Helen Babikian	0
Mr. Khanjian	4

The new Parish Council Members were:

George Nahabedian
Arnold Koresian
Mathew Klujian
Armen Zakarian

Mr. Jack Cholakian moved that in case of a vacancy on the Parish Council, the tie between Peter Bedrosian and Nishan Babikian be decided at this meeting in order to facilitate matters later. Armen Zakarian seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. A vote was taken and should a vacany arise on the Parish Council, Mr. Peter Bedrosian will fill the position.

The Nominating Committee submitted the following slates:

Auditing Committee	Nominating Committee
Sema Kachigian	Lee Matiosian
Mary Sommese	Anette Frankian
Violet Koresian	Annie Kazarian

Georgette Mrofcza moved to accept the nominating committee's slate for the 1977 Nominating and Auditing Committees. Rose Paklaian seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Abezetian, on behalf of the Ladies Auxillary, questioned the feasibility of enlarging the kitchen facilities. A brief discussion was then held resulting in Georgette Mrofcza moving that the Parish Council consider as one of its first priorities the establishment of a Building Committee to be responsible for church renovation and additions, such as a parsonage above the hall and kitchen enlargement. Rose Paklaian seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Georgette Mrofcza then moved that the Parish Council also consider as one of its first priorities the setting up of a committee to work of the direction of the Parish Council to undertake a membership drive. Pauline Nahabedian seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. G. Nahabedian mentioned that the Mid-West Regional Council of Churches will be reactivated with one of its objectives being the possibility of the establishment of a Mid-West Diocese. Mr. George Nahabedian is the representative from the Parish Council and it was decided that Mr. Nishan Babikian would be the representative from the Parish Assembly.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgette Mrofcza

(Mrs.) Georgette Mrofcza
Parish Assembly Secretary