

## 1981 PARISH ASSEMBLY MINUTES

The Parish Council Chairman, Dr. Hrach Hitik, called the meeting to order with a prayer led by Hayr Jirayr Tashjian at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 14, 1982.

Dr. Hrach Hitik presented the agenda of the meeting. Miss Violet Koresian gave a brief explanation of who is an eligible voter. Roll call was taken. Out of a total of 102 paid members, there were 48 paid members present. Miss Violet Koresian declared there to be a quorum and the meeting continued.

Dr. Hitik administered to the election of the Assembly Officers. Mr. George Nahabedian, Mr. Arnold Koresian, and Dr. Vahe Karachorlu were nominated for the position of Assembly Chairman, with Mr. Nahabedian being elected. Mrs. Georgette Mrofcza, Mrs. Susu Klujian and Miss Michelle Babikian were nominated for the position of Assembly Recording Secretary, with Miss Babikian being elected.

Hayr Jirayr recited a prayer for the deceased members (Henry Babikian) of our Church in 1981.

Mr. George Nahabedian read the minutes of the 1980 Parish Assembly meeting. The only correction to the minutes was the amount of the check given to the Parish Council from the Women's Guild, which should have been \$697.87. Dr. Hrach Hitik moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Mr. Matthew Klujian Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT - Hayr Jirayr Tashjian read the Pastor's Report. For details, please refer to the file copy.

PARISH COUNCIL - The report of the Parish Council of St. Gregory was read by Chairman Hrach Hitik. For details, please refer to the file copy.

DIOCESAN DELEGATE REPORT - Mr. Nishan Babikian, delegate to the Diocesan Assembly, gave an oral report. In his report, he defined several of the issues discussed at the Assembly.

### CHURCH ORGANIZATION REPORTS:

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY - Mrs. Siranoush Minassian read the Women's Auxiliary Report, which stated that \$263.00 was being given to the Armenian School Fund, and \$1054.00 (60%) was given to the Parish Council. For details, please refer to the file copy.

WOMEN'S GUILD - The Women's Guild Report was read by the Chairman Mrs. Silva Karachorlu. A check for \$1303.67 (60%) was given to the Parish Council, along with a check for \$210.00, which was a contribution from the Women's Guild Volleyball Team. The total submitted by them was \$1513.67. For details, please refer to the file copy.

A.C.Y.O.A. SENIORS - Miss Michelle Babikian read the report of the ACYOA Seniors. A check for the amount of \$1700.00 will be forwarded to the Parish Council. For details, please refer to the file copy.

A.C.Y.O.A. JUNIORS - No report was given, however a check for \$350.00 was submitted to the Parish Council.

NAIRI CHOIR - Mr. Sarkis Gircikian read the report of St. Gregory's Nairi Choir. For details, please refer to the file copy.

At this point, the Assembly Chairman requested deviating from the agenda to skip to the Reserve Fund report.

RESERVE FUND REPORT - Dr. Hrach Hitik, Dr. Vahe Karachorlu and Mr. Haig Pedian reported that the Reserve Fund opening balance for 1981 was \$37,636.17 in Certificates of Deposit, and received \$3,964.34 in interest. The closing balance as on December 31, 1981, was \$41,600.51. This fund will expire in April, 1982, at which time the Committee will re-invest it at the best possible rate.

There was discussion as to whether 10% of the Parish Council treasury should be deposited into the Reserve Fund each year.

It was brought to our attention that each Parish must maintain a Reserve Fund, according to our Church Bye-Laws, however the amount of treasury money deposited into it is not specified.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT - The Financial Report was read by the Parish Council treasurer, Mr. Garo Sazian. The total income for the year 1981 was \$112,985.91 as stated in Financial Report I. The only correction to this was that the amount of \$675.00 was actually submitted by the ACYOA Junior.

The disbursements for the year 1981 were outlined in Financial Report II.

Mr. Sazian reported that the total cash on hand as on January 1, 1982, was \$30,212.02. There was \$719.91 in a savings account, \$14,492.11 in the checkbook and \$15,000.00 in a money market account.

Discussion was held as to why the \$15,000.00 entry was placed on the disbursement page, since it is not a disbursement but an investment. Mr. Sazian explained that this amount was on the disbursement page because a check was written for it, and every check written was accounted for on the report.

Dr. Vahe Karachorlu, a member of the Auditing Committee, commended Mr. Sazian on his excellent job of bookkeeping.

Mr. Armen Zakarian moved to accept the Financial Report. Dr. Hitik seconded the motion, which carried.

AUDITING COMMITTEE - The Auditing Committee consisted of Dr. Vahe Karachorlu, Mr. George Nahabedian and Mr. John Mrofcza. Mr. Nahabedian stated that the way in which the financial report was done was in accordance with the Auditing Committee Report.

He wished to thank Mr. Arnold Koresian and Dr. & Mrs. Vahe Karachorlu on behalf of the Auditing Committee for their help.

He also commended the treasurer, Mr. Garo Sazian, on behalf of the Auditing Committee, for doing such a good job of keeping the books, and also commended the Parish Council on the good report.

1982 BUDGET - Mr. Sazian passed out the 1982 Budget sheet. Discussion was held as to why we have Clergy expenses on the budget since we no longer have a Clergyman. It was explained that we must keep this amount on the budget for expenses relating to either our Clergy or visiting Clergy for the year 1982.

Mr. Sazian urged everyone to pay their dues as early as possible.

Dr. Karachorlu moved to accept the 1982 Budget. Mr. Armen Zakarian seconded the motion, which carried.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - Mrs. Silva Karachorlu and Mrs. Linda Zakarian presented the following slate of seven candidates for Parish Council:

Mr. Nishan Babikian  
Mr. Garo Sazian  
Mr. Garo Evran  
Mr. Arsen Jerian  
Mr. Matthew Klujian Jr.  
Mr. Peter Bedrosian  
Mr. Jack Cholakian

The following nomination was made from the floor:

Mrs. Georgette Mrofcza

The motion was made to close the nominations and was seconded. Four members of the Parish Council were to be elected. The result of the Parish Council election was as follows:

Mr. Arsen Jerian	-	35 votes	*
Mr. Nishan Babikian	-	34 votes	*
Mr. Matthew Klujian Jr.	-	31 votes	*
Mr. Garo Sazian	-	31 votes	*
Mr. Garo Evran	-	22 votes	
Mr. Peter Bedrosian	-	19 votes	
Mr. Jack Cholakian	-	1 vote	
Mrs. Georgette Mrofcza	-	0 votes	

The Committee presented a slate of 2 candidates for the position of Diocesan Delegate, of which one was to be elected:

Mr. George Nahabedian  
Mr. Nishan Babikian

Mr. Armen Zakarian moved to close the nominations. Mr. Walter Baronian seconded the motion, which carried. The results of the election of the Diocesan Delegate was as follows:

Mr. George Nahabedian	-	28 votes *
Mr. Nishan Babikian		13 votes

The Committee presented the following candidates for the Nominating Committee:

Mrs. Susu Klujian  
Mrs. Georgette Mrofca  
Mr. Charles Babikian

The following nominations were made from the floor:

Mrs. Sandra Hitik  
Mrs. Seta Jerian  
Miss Cynthia Paklaian

Mr. Armen Zakarian moved to close the nominations. Mr. Matthew Klujian seconded the motion, which carried. Three of the six candidates were to be elected. The results of the elections were as follows:

Mrs. Susu Klujian	-	31 votes *
Mrs. Seta Jerian	-	22 votes *
Mrs. Georgette Mrofca	-	21 votes *
Mr. Charles Babikian	-	20 votes
Mrs. Sandra Hitik	-	18 votes
Miss Cynthia Paklaian	-	6 votes

The Committee presented the following candidates for the Auditing Committee:

Mr. Arnold Koresian  
Mr. George Nahabedian  
Dr. Vahe Karachorlu  
Mr. John Mrofca

The following nominations were made from the floor:

Mr. Armen Zakarian  
Mr. Sarkis Gircikian

Mr. Armen Zakarian made a motion to close the nominations. Mrs. Sandra Hitik seconded the motion, which carried. Three of the six candidates were to be elected. The results of the election were as follows:

Dr. Vahe Karachorlu	-	32 votes *
Mr. Arnold Koresian	-	24 votes *
Mr. George Nahabedian	-	24 votes *
Mr. Armen Zakarian	-	15 votes
Mr. John Mrofcza	-	10 votes
Mr. Sarkis Gircikian	-	9 votes

OLD BUSINESS - Mr. Walter Baronian made a motion to terminate the old Roof Committee since the roof had been repaired. Dr. Hrach Hitik seconded the motion, which carried.

NEW BUSINESS - Mr. Garo Sazian moved to raise the membership dues. Dr. Hrach Hitik seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion was defeated.

Mr. Arnold Koresian moved that a committee be formed to look into the ways and means of gaining more money for the parish. Mrs. Pauline Nahabedian seconded the motion, which carried. This committee would report to the Parish Assembly meeting. The following three people volunteered for this Committee:-

Mr. George Nahabedian  
Mr. Sarkis Gircikian  
Mr. Arnold Koresian

The Assembly Chairman asked if there were any proposals for the 1982 Diocesan Assembly. Miss Violet Koresian suggested that we propose that 1% of each Parish's income be given to the St. Nerses Seminary for the education of our seminarians. Hayr Soorp informed us that His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian has issued a directive to this effect already.

Dr. Vahe Karachorlu moved to close the new business. This motion was seconded, and it carried.

As all business was completed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m. with a prayer and Hayr Mer led by Hayr Jirayr.

Respectfully submitted,

*Michelle Babikian*

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Recording Secretary