

MINUTES OF THE 1982 PARISH ASSEMBLY

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

FAIR LAWN, N.J.

The Parish Assembly of St. Leon Armenian Church, 12-61 Saddle River Road, Fair Lawn, was opened at 11:45 A.M. on Sunday, February 14, 1982, by Parish Council Chairman, Sarkis Soultanian. A quorum was declared: 84 eligible voters were present out of a count of 200.

John Nakashian was elected to chair the assembly and Agnes Kapoian as recording secretary. Joseph Basralian was elected as parliamentarian.

The minutes of the 1981 Parish Assembly was read by Agnes Kapoian and approved by the Assembly.

Ballot voting took place at this time for 5 Parish Council seats, 3 Auditing Committee members and 3 Nominating Committee members. At this time the voting took place and the following members were appointed to count the tally: Sebouh Jessourian, Marge Semonian and Harry Zoraian.

The chairman, John Nakashian, then invited Rev. Paree Metjian to deliver his annual address. In a prepared booklet everyone followed his address. He stated the achievements of the past year and his hopes for the future growth of the Parish. He concluded by reiterating that the 50th Anniversary of our Parish should be the beginning of better things and this will attract wonderful people to help us fulfill these dreams.

The chairman of the assembly then asked the heads of each organization to highlight the year's activity. (see printed organization reports in "1981 Annual Report.")

Women's Guild- Olga Chongoushian

Armenian School-Gloria Zoraian

Senior Citizens-Harry Boyadjian

Choir-Charles Pinajian

Sunday School-Barbara Hovsepian

Auditing Committee-Vahram Varjabedian

Men's Club-Sarkis Gabrellian

The chairman then invited Zaven Dadekian to speak on the Building Committee Report. He recommended that the Building Committee be dissolved and a new committee be formed to handle the mortgage, incoming funds, etc.

At this time the 1982 Budget was presented by Jacques Tossounian, Treasurer. Questions were raised on the caretakers salary by Jim Noorigian. Jacques indicated that the cottage was to be used by the caretakers as part of the monetary compensation. The budget was then approved as presented.

With completion of old business, new business was opened to the floor.

NEW BUSINESS:

4 Resolutions were presented, seconded and passed. (See attached Resolution reports.)

Noubar Jessourian then presented, from the floor, a proposal that St. Leon host the 1984 Diocesan Assembly in our new Community Center. Although no decision was made, it was understood that the Parish Council will take this action in advisement.

The ballot count now finalized was read by Sebouh Jessourian.

PARISH COUNCIL

Edward Torosian	60	Alfred Ferraro	50
Sarkis Kachigian	51	Martin Kapoian	50
Arline Dadekian	50		

1st Alternate-Gabriel Kaprelian-46

2nd Alternate-Tom Asbahian 41

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Jacques Tossounian	75
Berjoughie Feredjian	69
Steven Kachigian	57

Alternate-Leon Hovsepian 43

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dovie Tilbian	59	Zaven Dadekian	45
Sarkis Gabrellian	54	Sebouh Jessourian	45

(Assembly approved 4 members to the Nominating Committee due to tie.)

The Chairman John Nakashian then invited Der Paree to make the closing remarks and benediction. Der Paree expressed his joy in being a part of the Parish and he invited everyone to work together for the glory of God and the Community.

The assembly was adjourned at 1:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Agnes Kapoian*  
 Agnes Kapoian  
 Recording Secretary

February 14, 1982

*Rev. Paree Metjian*  
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 Rev. Paree Metjian  
 Assembly President

*John Nakashian*  
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 John Nakashian  
 Assembly Chairman

RESOLUTION #1

Proposed by: Parish Council and  
Building Committee

To dissolve the Building Committee and authorize the Parish Council to appoint a special committee accountable to the Parish Council. This committee is to be charged with the responsibility to discharge the interest and principal on present mortgages and other loans by collection of previously made pledges, secure new pledges, and memorials, and other fund-raising activity to meet this responsibility.

RESOLUTION #2

Proposed by; Sarkis Gabrellian  
Endorsed by Parish Council

All funds received, in lieu of flowers, be accepted only as operating funds for the church as a budgetary item of the Parish Council. In lieu of flowers monies cannot be used for a memorial.

RESOLUTION #3

Proposed by; Sarkis Gabrellian  
Endorsed by Parish Council

That Parish Council establish a St. Leon Church Endowment Fund and appoint an appropriate Endowment Fund Committee to secure endowments and invest the funds as they are received and to use the income from such investments for the operation of the church.

RESOLUTION #4

Proposed by: Sarkis Gabrellian

Whereas, the complexity of operation of the Diocese, especially new business and administrative activities, has become proportionately greater and would benefit from an increase in lay membership of the Diocesan Council, now therefore, be it resolved that the St. Leon Armenian Church Parish hereby recommends that the by-laws of the Diocese, with respect to the membership of Diocesan Council, be amended to increase the lay membership from 5 lay members to 7 lay members.