

MINUTES OF THE 1986 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, N.J. was called to order at 12:30 PM on Sunday, February 2, 1986, by Parish Council Chairman, John Nakashian who welcomed the members. There were 83 eligible voters present. Der Arshen Aivazian opened the meeting with a prayer.

Elected from the floor were the following officers of the day:

Chairman	Sarkis Bedevian
Secretary	Margaret Tfrank
Parliamentarian	Charles Pinajian

The Chairman changed the agenda, having the elections held first to allow proper time for the counting of the ballots. Since there were no additional nominations from the floor, he introduced each candidate and then ballots were collected. Arthur Ohnikian thanked the nominating committee for presenting a full slate and having printed profiles of each candidate.

The 1985 minutes were accepted as presented in the annual report. Tony Tungrian made a motion that future public minutes not include the number of votes given each candidate and that information be only in the official records. The motion was carried.

The Pastor's report was accepted as presented in the 1985 annual report. Rex Kachigian asked that, in the future, Der Hayr include the number of church members.

The Parish Council report was accepted. John Nakashian named the members of the council and thanked them all for their cooperation. He also acknowledged the diligent work and time given by the members of the management committee.

Reports of Organizations:

Sunday School - Barbara Hovsepian stated 85 children were attending. A new curriculum was being prepared by the Diocese at a cost of \$250,000 and donations would be appreciated.

Armenian School - no discussion.

Choir - Berj Feredjian made a motion that the budget include \$1,000 for the needs of the choir, such as sponsoring delegates to the choir convention. The motion was not passed, but the parish council would assist the choir when necessary. Barbara Hovsepian suggested that a Junior Choir be formed.

ACYOA - The need for transportation of the young people was discussed. Der Hayr stressed that parents should be responsible to get the children to various church activities and impress on them the importance of these activities.

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Women's Guild - no discussion.

Senior Center - Manoog Capan read an explanation of the activities of the group, numbering 90. He presented a check for \$600.00 to the Parish (this includes the 85% - \$321.00 given to parish council at end of fiscal year). It was suggested that the van be used to transport Seniors to church on Sundays.

Building Committee - Sarkis Bedevian and Vahram Varjabedian stated their main work was to collect the balance of the \$25,000 in unpaid pledges.

The following election results were presented:

PARISH COUNCIL

Vahram Varjabedian	77	Nancy Burdman	40
Ara Hourdajian	60	James Soojian	39
Vazken Ohanian	50		
Alternates - Walter Bandazian		33	
Leon Hojegian		29	

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Jacques Tossounian	67	Richard Chongoushian	40
Berdjouhi Feredjian	51		
Alternate - John Voskian		37	

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dorothy Karamian	57	Sebouh Jessourian	46
Rose Najarian	53		
Alternate - Lucy Chagachbanian		41	

Jacques Tossounian, chairman of the auditing committee, reported that the Treasurer's books for 1985 were examined and found to be in proper order. He thanked the various organizations for their prompt presentation of records.

Treasurer, Ara Hourdajian, presented the Proposed 1986 Budget which was accepted. Discussed was the fact that \$2,000 was not given to St. Nersess Seminary as in 1984 due to a budget deficit. He told of the ramps for the handicapped to be built. Der Hayr stressed that no one other than the handicapped should park in the allotted areas. Barbara Hovsepian suggested that a canopy be built over the rear church entrance.

New Business:

Ara Houdajian, parish council member, moved that annual membership dues be increased from \$50 to \$75 and for Senior Citizens \$25 to \$50. The motion was not passed. A new motion by Ann Kachigian, that minimum adult dues be \$100 and that the Senior dues remain \$25, was passed unanimously.

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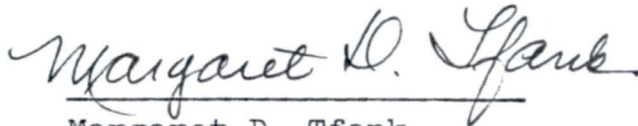
Rose Najarian moved that Diocesan delegates report to church members in the Annual Report what occurred at the convention. The motion was passed.

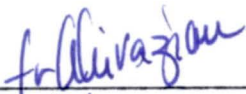
Der Hayr stated that if any member had comments on today's meeting, he should do so within 10 days, at which time the final minutes would be sent to the Diocese.

Following the benediction, the meeting was adjourned at 2:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

February 5, 1986

  
Margaret D. Tfank

  
Rev. Arshen Aivazian  
Assembly President

  
Sarkis Bedevian  
Assembly Chairman