

MINUTES OF THE 1987 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 12:45 PM on Sunday, February 1, 1987, by Parish Council Chairman, Mirjan Kirian, who welcomed the members. There were 105 eligible voters present. Der Arshen opened the meeting with a prayer.

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

Chairman	Sarkis Bedevian
Secretary	Margaret Tfank
Parliamentarian	Sarkis Sultanian

The Chairman changed the agenda, having the elections held first to allow proper time for the counting of the ballots. Nominated from the floor for Nominating Committee slated was Berdj Feredjian. There being no further nominations, the slate was accepted as presented. The ballots were distributed and elections took place.

The 1986 minutes were accepted after the correction of a misprint.

The Pastor's report was read by Der Arshen Aivazian. He added that he had finished the required courses for his Doctorate degree and that only the testing and dissertation remain.

The Parish Council Report was accepted as printed. Mirjan Kirian also stated that Vahram Varjabedian has assumed Chairmanship of the Management Committee. Rex Kachigian thanked the following who had served so well on this committee: Barbara Boghossian, Anne Kachigian, Rose Kirian, Grace Pinajian, Berjoughie Varjabedian, John Voskian, and Violet Voskian. Also, past members: Siran Gabrellian, Martin Kapoian, and Alfred Voskian. Mr. Kirian thanked outgoing Parish Council members John Chagachbanian and John Nakashian.

Reports of Organizations:

ACYOA - Leslie Boghossian apologized that the report was incomplete due to the fact that the ACYOA was not properly notified of this need. She requested that the ACYOA receive written notice of what was required. Since Gail Voskian no longer could be advisor, Barbara Boghossian and Rose Najarian volunteered to be the new ones. Leslie reported that there were 27 paid members and the officers were:

Chairman	Leslie Boghossian
Vice-chairman	Diana Kradjian
Treasurer	Nora Tossounian
Rec. Secretary	Danielle Tashjian
Cor. Secretary	Sybil Pechdimaldji
Publicity	Karin Yilanjian, Aimee Capizzi

Diocesan Delegates - 1. Rex Kachigian asked where the money came from for the \$250,000 deficit. The new council will be asked about this in September. However, many books and publications for

the Sunday School Curriculum were donated.

2. Rose Najarian asked that the delegates' report be published in advance for the church members. Der Hayr stated next year's would be printed in the Lradoo immediately after the convention.

3. High-Rise Project - Sarkis Bedevian said the Diocesan Council has approved the concept but that it now needs to give it more study.

4. The Diocesan Assembly responded to the matter of ordination of women with mixed feelings.

5. Endowment Fund - Two million dollars was raised this year from three wills alone. The Fund had five and a half million as of Dec. 1986, the individual churches adding their funds to the Diocesan Fund for the purpose of greater interest yield.

6. Church Unity - Rose Najarian felt that members should be told of progress in this direction. Der Hayr said that Zaven Dadekian is heading this independent committee in our church and it will meet in April.

Sunday School - Regina Ohanian said that the loss shown in the report is really due to the purchase of new equipment for \$1,000 and \$1,000 was given to the Diocese for new book printing.

Armenian School - no discussion.

Choir - no discussion.

Women's Guild - no discussion.

Senior Center - Manoog Capan read a report in Armenian, stressed that the group is self-supporting, and gave a check for \$600 to the Parish Council. Alfred Voskian moved the report be included in the minutes. Carried.

Building Committee - Vahram Varjabedian reported that the church has no loans or mortgages. The balance of \$16,000 on the pledges will be put aside for building repairs.

The following election results were presented:

PARISH COUNCIL

Sarkis Sultanian	Arthur Ohnikian
Mirjan Kirian	John Demirdjian
Charles Pinajian	Jan Royland
Alternate - Leon Hovsepian	

AUDITING COMMITTEE

John Voskian	Peter Bedevian
Bergjoughie Feredjian	
Alternate - Richard Chongoushian	

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

John Nakashian	Olga Chongoushian
Sarkis Kachigian	
Alternate - Janet Hamalian	

Jacques Tossounian, chairman of the auditing committee, reported that the Treasurer's books for 1986 were examined and found to be in proper order. He suggested that all finances should be computerized.

Treasurer, Ara Hourdajian, presented the Proposed 1987 Budget which was passed unanimously. Discussed were:

1. Membership is dropping and pledge money is not increasing.
2. The 40% of the income is from the Community Center and that money should actually be used for improvements, repairs, etc.
3. Barbara Hovsepian, in showing need for money for the Sunday School new curriculum, was told that the Parish Council will give it from the general fund.
4. Secretarial expenses have increased due to more working hours on her part.
5. Steven Kachigian asked why Handicapped Ramps were not built since a vote to do so was passed last year. Mirjan Kirian said the plans had been unsatisfactory and new ones were a priority for the Parish Council.

New Business:

Arthur Ohnikian stated that Handicapped Parking areas should be properly enforced by the Parish Council. Der Hayr and Parish Council members were given a vote of confidence to call the police when necessary.

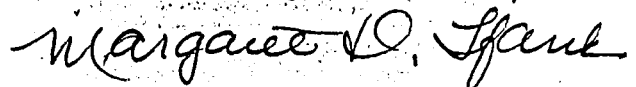
Alfred Voskian asked why the Annual Report was not mailed two weeks in advance of the Annual Assembly as was voted on several years ago. Der Hayr said that delay in the financial statements held up the report.

Rex Kachigian moved that the Parish Council institute a membership drive in 1987. The motion was carried unanimously.

Rose Najarian, regarding the Church Unity subject, made the following resolution: St. Leon's Parish, meeting at its Annual Assembly on February 1, 1987, expresses its feeling that the Parish, through its delegates, Parish Council, and other Church bodies, support all efforts within the Diocesan structure to accomplish church unity with the Prelacy.

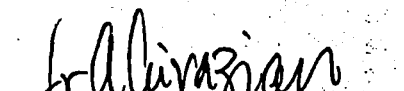
Following the benediction by Der Arshen, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,




Margaret D. Tfrank
Assembly Secretary

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Rev. Arshen Aivazian
Assembly President



Sarkis Bedevian
Assembly Chairman