

1979 PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING

Der Hire opened the meeting with a prayer at 11:30 am. There was a count taken for eligible voters, the total was 92 and the meeting was then officially in progress.

Last year's minutes were read by Agnes Voskian. The minutes were then approved as read.

At this time, nominations were taken for this year's Chairman. Joseph Basralian was nominated the nomination was seconded and passed. Al Voskian then asked that the nominations be closed.

Agnes Voskian nominated Debra Noorigian for recording secretary for the meeting which also was seconded and passed.

Joseph Basralian then welcomed the parishioners to the meeting and thanked them for their nomination. He stated that he and his family are fairly recent members of St. Leon and have been very happy here. He spoke of the accomplishments of the church and everything that it had to offer.

A copy of the Pastoral Report was mailed to the parishioners prior to the meeting. With no comments or questions regarding the report there was a motion to accept it, the motion was seconded and carried.

The Council's Report which was also mailed prior to the meeting was accepted as all were in favor of its contents.

The Diocese Report was given and it covered the financial and social activities as well as the major points. There was mention of a pension fund for retired clergy which amounts to approximately \$20,000 a year. The report was accepted.

Next on the agenda was the election. Andy Dabbakian was asked to undertake the process of the election. He had invited each of the nominees to come forward as he gave their qualifications. Joseph Basralian asked Ed Turosian to assist in counting the ballots.

Joseph Basralian introduced the chairperson of each committee and asked if there were any questions to be directed to that person. With no questions, next on the agenda was the Audit Report. Vahram Varsabedian spoke on behalf of the Auditing Committee summing up some of the highlights. Leon Hoguekian made a motion to accept the budget and it was seconded by Sarkis Bedevian.

That brought the meeting to the subject of New Business. Rex Kachigian summarized the extensive report on the Committee of the 80's. Questions were answered and the report was accepted.

The Proposals were read and open for discussion. There was a motion to have more time to review the second proposal in particular. Al Ferraro asked that just the proposal to have a central board be considered and not the whole report of the Committee of the 80's. With that there was a motion and it was seconded to have the proposal reworded. The first two paragraphs of the proposal remain the same. The last two were changed to read: The Parish Council requests the assembly to allocate a sum not to exceed \$2,000 for the purpose of recruiting a superintendent of the school by it and for a stipend for the services of the Superintendent of Education. The formation of the Board of Education by the Parish Council will be required to implement the guidelines as recommended by the Committee of the 80's.

There were some questions answered and then a vote was taken. There were 34 in favor and the proposal was carried.

The first proposal was to form a Financial Advisory Committee to consist of 3 or more persons to be appointed by the Parish Council to serve at the discretion of the Parish Council. This Committee would periodically review the church assets and advise the Parish Council for better investment opportunities. There was a discussion on the proposal, all were in favor and it was carried. There was also a proposal added the the Trustee Committee which has been in existence for a number of years and which has been answerable to the Parish Assembly directly to be disbanded and that the control of the funds be turned over to the Parish Council. All were in favor of this proposal and it was also carried.

Charles Pinajian asked for some time to reword the third proposal and it was granted.

The meeting then moved on to New Business. Al Voskian made a proposal which states that the Annual Report be mailed out to eligible voters with the activities and finances of all committees at least two weeks prior to the Annual Parish Assembly. There was an Amendment to the proposal that the proposals and the agenda also be included in the report. A discussion followed and the proposal was approved as submitted.

At this time the results of the election were announced. The people elected for Parish Council are as follows:

- Peter Jesrally, Sr., Dorothy Karamian, Jack Loughead
- Jon Najarian, Charles Pinajian, Harry Zoraian.
- First alternate, Walter Bandazian, Second alternate, John Yilanjian.

The people elected for the Auditing Committee are as follows:

Sarkis Bedevian, Steven Kachigian, Vahram Varjabedian.

First alternate, Ted Takvorian.

The people elected for the Nominating Committee are as follows:

Sarkis Gabrellian, James Noorigian, Agnes Voskian.

First alternate, Mirjan Kirian.

After the results of the election the third proposal was ready to be given. This proposal was to form a Discipleship Committee to review inactive members and re-establish contact with them and to extend a welcome to the new members. There was an amendment to the proposal to conduct a study to let the committee know whether there is an increasing or decreasing population in the church. After a discussion, there was a vote taken and all were in favor of it the proposal was carried.

At this time, Charles Pinajian extended thanks to all of the members for their participation and he especially thanked Agnes Voskian for helping him out due to his hospitalization.

Der Hire closed the meeting with a prayer at 2:30 and invited the members to join downstairs for a brunch.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Noorigian
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