

MINUTES OF THE 1983 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 12:00 noon on Sunday, February 13, 1983 by Parish Council Chairman, Sarkis Soultanian. A quorum was declared. 67 eligible voters were present.

Mirjan Kirian was elected to chair the Assembly and Agnes Kapoian as recording secretary.

The minutes of the 1982 Parish Assembly was read by Agnes Kapoian and was accepted with unanimous vote.

Ballot voting took place at this time. The following members were appointed to count the tally: Haig Changoushian, John Voskian and Dovie Tilbian.

The Pastor's Report was read to the Assembly by Rev. Parea Metjian. He dwelled upon the mission of the church and called upon the members to uphold the church's spiritual and cultural mission. The chair accepted the report.

Mirjan Kirian followed the Assembly Agenda. Organizational reports were reviewed and accepted.

The 1983 Budget was then presented by Sarkis Soultanian. It was proposed an addition of \$2,000 Disbursement for St. Nerses Seminary and balanced with a \$2,000 increase on Income from the Community Center be made. Total proposed budget for 1983 \$115,250.

A discussion was made with regard to the mortgage balance. As of the close of 1982 St. Leon had a mortgage of \$205,000.

Since the beginning of 1983 to date this was further reduced to \$143,000. A special committee is undertaken to dissolve the mortgage in 3 years instead of 5. Sarkis Bedevian stated we would like to pay off mortgage before the 1984 Diocesan Assembly. Pledges not received total \$100,000.

Resolution proposed by Tony Tungriam: That this assembly authorize the Parish Council to select an individual or a couple, as may be the case, and honor in an appropriate fashion annually. A discussion followed with pros and cons. Motion was defeated.

The ballot count now finalized was read as follows:

PARISH COUNCIL

Sarkis Soultanian	60	Noubar Jessourian	53
Dorothy Karamian	56	Arthur Ohnikian	49
John Chagachbanian	53	Tom Ashabahian	44
1st Alternate - Rolan Hepsen	38		
2nd " - Arto Vartukian	30		

DELEGATES

Sarkis Gabrellian	62
Charles Pinajian	60
Zaven Dadekian	53
Alternate - Jim Noorigian	17

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Steven Kachigian 53
Jacques Tossounian 50
Vahram Varjabedian 46
Alternate - Susan Dadekian 43

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Olga Chongoushian 54
Rex Kachigian 42
Berjoughie Feredjian 34
1st Alternate - Sebouh Jessourian 32
2nd " - Charles Pinajian 28

Before adjourning Der Paree made his closing remarks. He stressed two points in particular. The first being the concept of the stewardship. The second concerned our young people. He was hopeful we will come up with a plan in 1983 to be more involved in the growth of our youth programs. Thereafter the benediction was made and an invitation was extended to everyone present to a luncheon at the community center.

The assembly was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Agnès Kapoian
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Recording secretary

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Rev. Paree Metjian
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Assembly President

Mirjan Kirian
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Assembly Chairman