

MINUTES OF THE 1989 PARISH ASSEMBLY
ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
FAIR LAWN, NEW JERSEY

The Parish Assembly of St. Leon Armenian Church, 12-61 Saddle River Road, Fair Lawn, N.J. was called to order at 1:15 P.M. on Sunday, February 19, 1989 by Vice-Chairman of Parish Council Sarkis Soultanian in the absence of Chairman Arthur Ohnikian.

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

Chairman	Walter Bandazian
Secretary	Florence Gulkasian
Parliamentarian	Joseph Basralian

There were 71 eligible voters present. Four additional nominations for Parish Council were made from the floor: Sarkis Jamgochian, Martin Kapoian, Richard Ohnikian and Berdj Feredjian. Two additional names were added to the Nominating Committee: Jan Royland and Jacques Tossounian.

The 1988 minutes were accepted.

REPORTS OF ORGANIZATIONS:

SENIORS:

Manuk Capan thanked Der Hayr and also the members. A check for \$582.22 (80% of 1988 net income) was presented to Parish Council with an additional check in the amount of \$2,000.00.

PARISH COUNCIL:

Report was accepted as presented. Question asked about membership. Last year reported 188 members, this year 167.

CHURCH SCHOOL:

No discussion.

ARMENIAN SCHOOL:

Rose Najarian reported they are progressing in their work.

CHOIR:

Training acolytes. Vazken Ohanyan urged the congregation to join in singing with the choir.

ACYOA JRS.

Having a fund raiser, please support them. Proceeds will go to the Armenian Earthquake Fund.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Poor attendance. Charles Pinajian reported the Women's Guild image seems to be that they work in the kitchen. Barbara Hovsepien Chairman, reported she has sent notices of Women's Guild meetings to all organizations of the church. They are planning trips to New York Cathedrals, theater parties. The By-Laws will be amended and sees a future in getting younger women to join.

ENDOWMENT FUND

Records are on file, for whatever the fund is assigned for. Some are specified in a trust fund agreement, others to Parish Council needs.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Report was accepted as presented.

1989 BUDGET: Discussion on 1988-89 budget were:

1. Custodial Insurance of \$13,000.00 includes Custodian's salary and insurance.
2. Diocesan Assessment went up from \$1,300.00 a month to \$1,700.00 a month. Formula used for our Parish is 60% based on membership; 5% on clergy; 5% on funerals, baptisms and weddings; 25% on pledges and donations and 5% number of delegates. The above formula was based on 238 members as reported in the previous year's report but should be 167 members for 1989. The Treasurer's office will resolve this matter with the Diocese.
3. Motion to reduce Diocesan Assessment from 23,000.00 to \$21,000.00 passed.
4. Increase our income budget for Special Funds of \$2,000.00 for the van - passed.
5. Car allowance expense \$3,000.00 - passed.
6. We now have 3 delegates from our Parish.
7. Make sure members by number are reported correctly, to have Dioceses Assessment more accurate, and number of delegates allocated to us is correct.

Passed - accept budget from 1988-1989 as amended.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Proposal by the Parish Council to establish St. Leon's Outstanding Service Award (attached) was passed by a majority of 29 votes versus 21 votes.
2. Proposal was passed that a Community Center capital improvement fund be created and that 10% of the Community Center Annual Gross Income be set aside every year and put into the Community Center Capital Improvement Funds; the monies to be deposited into a Money Market Account.
3. Proposal not passed to relieve organizations of the expense of preparing Hospitality Hour food. Only coffee, tea to be served. Special occasions to be furnished by families. Parish Council supply coffee & tea.
4. Recommended - Once a year when we have our Parish Assembly Meeting, Church be over at 11:30 A.M. in order to start our meeting earlier; Not passed.
5. Recommended - All Parish Council members be listed in Parish Council report. Passed.

People on the ballot was asked to stand to be recognized. The names of Richard Ohnikian and Steve Tomasian, nominees for Parish Council to be dropped from the slate. Both do not meet eligibility requirements set forth in the Diocesan By-Laws.

The following election results were presented:

Parish Council

Charles Pinajian	Martin Kapoian
Jan Royland	Dr. Knarig Katchadurian
Rex Kachigian	Dr. Berdj Feredjian
1st Alternate - John Demirdjian	
2nd Alternate - Sarkis Jamgochian	

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Jacques Tossounian
Leon Hovsepian
Sebouth Jessourian
Alternate - Margie Ajamian

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Peter Bedevian
Ara Hourdajian
Andrea Halejian
Alternate - Susan Dadekian

After lunch plans will be shown by Chairman of Feasibility Committee, Sarkis Gabrellian and Tom Ashbahian.

Following the benediction by Der Arshen, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Florence Gulkasian

Florence Gulkasian, Assembly Secretary

February 19, 1989

Arshen Divasian

Rev. Arshen Divasian
Assembly President

Walter Bandazian

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Assembly Chairman