

Saint Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church



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The annual Parish Assembly Meeting was held on Sunday, January 25, 1976 at 1.00 P.M. in the church hall.

- I. Dr. Nubar Astarjian, chairman of the Parish Council called the meeting to order. Reverend Kevork Arakelian gave the invocation.
- II. Dr. Vahe Garabedian read the roll call. Dr. Astarjian announced that we had a quorum so that we could conduct the business of the day. Paid members present were 35,
- III. Election of Assembly Chairman and Secretary Pro Tem.
 - A. Professor Hrair Dekmejian was elected chairman of the annual Parish Assembly.
 - B. Mrs. Adrienne Kachadourian was elected as Secretary Pro Tem.
- IV. Minutes of the 1975 annual Parish Assembly were read by Secretary Pro Tem Adrienne Kachadourian.
- V. Summaries of each program were read by Dr. Astarjian, which he divided into ten headings:
 - A. Organization
 - B. Religious Functions
 - C. Affiliated Organizations
 - D. Diocesan and Regional Activities
 - E. Social and Educational Functions
 - F. Financial
 - G. Fixed Assets
 - H. Maintenance
 - I. The future of the church
 - J. Conclusion
- VI. A circular sent from the Diocese was read regarding the election of delegates to the Diocesan Assembly.
- VII. Old Business:
 - A. Dr. Garabedian announced that the treasurer's duties have become a monumental task and therefore there must be a change in the bookkeeping system.

Old Business (continued)

1. Mr. Michael Ketchoyian suggested ways to help improve this system.
2. Dr. George Rejebian made a motion that professional help be sought to help with the bookkeeping system.
3. Mr. Michael Medzigian suggested that the new Parish Council bring up this problem.
4. Mr. Harry Kradjian suggested we look into bookkeeping systems of other churches to see how they do theirs'.
5. Mr. Michael Ketchoyian offered to help re-do the system.

B. Savings Accounts:

1. A proposal was made not to draw from the Savings Account for operating expenses.
2. At present, the Savings Account includes monies for:
 - a. Two Scholarship funds
 - b. Memorial funds
 - c. Non-committed portion.
3. Dr. Fattal made a motion that monies in the savings account that are not ear-marked be used as a reserve fund for capital improvements in the sum of \$15,000. 20 - for; 4 - against.

C. As more of the individual points were brought up under Dr. Astarjian's report, it was suggested that the Trustees should administer solutions to problems under each of the categories mentioned. The assembly did not feel each problem should be solved at this meeting.

1. Mr. Ara Kradjian made a motion that the new Parish Council should be responsible in handling problems in each of the Parish Organizations. 20 - for; 9 - against.

D. Treasurer's Report:

1. Dr. Garabedian read the treasurer's report for 1975. Attached is a copy of that report.
2. Women's Guild chairman, Alice Bogdasarian, presented a check for \$500. to the Parish Council.

VIII. New Business:

A. Proposed Budget for 1976:

1. Dr. Garabedian read his proposed budget for 1976. He projected an expense of \$34,480. and an income of \$30,000. Included in this income is a possibility of the rental of the hall.
2. The projected expense figure included a major repair on the church hall floor. Mr. Asham Kradjian offered to pay for the expense of the floor thereby bringing the total expense for 1976 down. Therefore, Mr. Ara Misakyan made a move that the proposed budget for

New Business: (continued)

1976 be assepted as is. Approved unanimously.

B. Dinners:

1. All members except three agreed to continue monthly dinners.
2. Mrs. Margaret Medzigian made a motion that the job of organizing the meals be turned over to the Women's Guild. Approved unanimously.

C. Dr. Astarjian proposed that the Audit Committee should audit the accounts of Women's Guild. Approved Unanimously.

D. Newsletter:

Origianlly the Newsletter was stopped because of the lack of assistance with the exception of the typing. At this meeting, this problem was brought up again.

It was proposed that the Newsletter be published quarterly with the help of the parishioners. Defeated. 17 - opposed; 10 - for.

E. Bookkeeping:

1. Dr. Rejebian again proposed that the board be authorized to get professional help, voluntarily or paid to set the books up according to the way the board wants it. Approved unanimously.

F. Semi-Annual Assembly:

1. Dr. Astarjian proposed that a semi-annual special assembly be established to discuss the financial situation of the Parish. Defeated.

G.

Nominations and Elections:

1. Election of the Parish Council Members:
The following were nominated to the Parish Council:

* Vahe Garabedian	31
* Asham Kradjian	28
* George Rejebian	30
* Edward Serayderian	26
Ruby Hagopian	4
Paul Ketchoyian	5
Gus Kurjilian	3
Kevork Papazian	13

The first 4 were elected.

New Business (continued):

G. Nominations and Elections: (continued)

2. Election of the Auditing Committee

The following were nominated for the Auditing Committee:

- * Michael Ketchoyian 33
 - * Raymond Serayderian 28
 - * Aristaks Kachadourian 23
- Louise Kontos

The first three were elected.

3. Election of the Nominating Committee

The following were nominated for the nominating committee:

- * Hrair Dekmejian 32
 - * Marion Rejebian 28
 - * Garabed Fattal 27
- Alice Boyajian 12

The first three were elected.

H. A proposal was made by Mrs. Louise Kontos to have the Parish Council form a committee to put on a 15-20 minute program after the church dinners. 15 - for; 2 - opposed.

I. There being no further business to transact, a motion was made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. After the benediction, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecilia Kachadourian

Secretary Pro Tem
Parish Assembly Meeting

A. Kachadourian