

ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR ARMENIAN CHURCH

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

February 8, 1977

The annual Parish Assembly Meeting was held on Sunday, January 23, 1977 at 1:25 P.M. in St. Gregory's Armenian Church Hall.

- I. Mr. Nishan Ketchoyian, chairman of the Parish Council called the meeting to order followed by Der Kevork Arakelian's invocation.
- II. Mr. Nishan Ketchoyian read the roll call. Sixty-three were paid and a quorum of 36 was present. (4 out of the 36 were new members)
- III. Election of Assembly Chairman and Secretary Pro Tem.
  - A. Deacon Hrair Dekmejian moved that Dr. Robert Bogdasarian be chairman pro tem. The motion then being seconded by Harry Kradjian - unanimous decision
  - B. Deacon Hrair Dekmejian moved to nominate Hagop Injajigian as Secretary Pro Tem. Harry Kradjian seconded motion - unanimous decision.
- IV. The minutes of the 1976 Annual Parish Assembly were read by Secretary Pro Tem Hagop Injajigian and minutes were accepted as read.
- V. Old Business:

Mr. Nishan Ketchoyian, Parish Council chairman gave a recap of 1976 events. Some of the highlights were

- A. Pledge Dinner at House of Yu
- B. Annual Diocesan Assembly
- C. Annual Choir Assembly held in Detroit
- D. Surpazan Torkom Manoogian's visit in December
- E. Donation of Port Crane property by Mr. Arsham and Kenneth Kradjian to be used for religious and recreation purposes
- F. Donation of Bevier St. property by attorney Jerome Knalond
- G. Operation of church for the past year was in the black at which chairman pro tem concluded the past year as being one of successful years ever
- H. 1. Church contents appraisal as being \$26,000  
80% of this amount being co-insured
2. A record of membership, weddings and funerals have been recorded in one book dating back to 1923

## VI. Treasurer's Report

1. Mr. John Bogdasarian read the treasurer's report. Some important notes brought up were;
  - A. A projected 10% increase in operating cost over the last year.
  - B. The importance of pledges - more dollars must come from here.
  - C. Parish Council Chairman Nishan Ketchoyian stated that pledges alone amounted to 12-14,000 at which question brought forth of separating pledges from other items in INCOME FROM CHURCH OPERATIONS.
  - D. Mr. Ara Misakyan questioned relief fund for Lebanese Armenians. The proceeds of the dinner plus any donations were given to the Lebanon Relief fund.
  - E. Mr. Harry Mahakian requested explanation of memorial funds and how they were being handled.
    - Dr. Bogdasarian suggested "Let's use these funds. Why leave them stagnant?"
    - Der Kevork then gave the various memorial fund listings.
      1. Manoog and Azniv Bogdasarian Fund - \$999
      2. Turekian Fund - \$540 - of which \$262 was used for gold gospel cover.
      3. Dan Sognalian Fund - \$774 - \$250 used for icon of Last Supper and remainder went into church operating fund.
      4. Mac Kallam Fund - \$170 - not used.
      5. Ann Sarkisian Fund - \$330 - \$200 used for Kushots with \$130 remaining.
      6. Pete Rejebian Fund - \$1200 - not used.
    - Mrs. Anoush Dekmejian then said that parish council consults families concerned on how these monies should be used.
    - The other topic discussed was the \$450 bus transportation of the Komidas Choir plus \$50 donation to choir. The total being \$500 plus free meals.
    - Mr. John Bogdasarian and Mr. Michael Ketchoyian were thanked for efforts in preparing treasurer's report.
    - Although the Women's Guild Report occurred at the end of meeting, Mrs. Alice Bogdasarian, chairperson of Women's Guild presented \$500 on behalf of the Women's Guild to the parish council. The Women's Guild also paid for the compactor and stove for use in the refurbished kitchen.

## VII. Old Business

- A. Dr. Bogdasarian showed the concern for conserving heat at which time parish council chairman Mr. Nishan Ketchoyian suggested that social events take place at the same time. (\$195 gas bill for 12/76)

## Old Business (continued)

- B. Dr. Rejebian in behalf of pledge committee thanked the committee for 95% of pledges coming thru the past year.
- C. Mrs. Louise Kontos brought to attention that there was no mention of Bicentennial Dance Group in report at which time parish council chairman Nishan Ketchoyian apologized.
- D. Mrs. Kontos then asked the council if this Dance Group could use the church hall at which time the dance group status was brought up. - AGBU or church group?
- E. Mr. Nishan Ketchoyian then assured Mrs. Kontos that parish council was willing to back the group.
- F. Dr. Bogdasarian stated that there appeared to be no relationship of the AGBU Dance Group to the church and the AGBU is a separate entity upon which
- G. Mr. Ara Misakyan injected that we as a church should not be involved in non-Armenian community services (that of Der Kevork's) if it comes from church pocket.
- H. Henry Kachadourian made a motion to investigate the above affair at a later date and to form a committee to look into the situation - motion was seconded and carried thru.

## VIII. New Business

## A. Capital Improvements

- 1. Mr. Nishan Ketchoyian stated that cash flow was inconsistent and that the cash reserve fund of \$15,000 for capital improvements be reduced to a proper amount for available cash which would then be replaced at a later date. Before 12/31 of fiscal year
- 2. Dr. Rejebian suggested we keep this limit of \$15,000 due to inflation and borrow it at anytime.
- 3. Mr. Harry Kradjian made a motion to make \$5,000 available of capital improvement fund to parish council for use as they see it and to be replaced by 12/31 of the fiscal year ending. - Michael Ketchoyian seconded the motion - motion was un-animously passed and carried.
- 4. Mr. Nishan Ketchoyian brought up the fact that we need a committee to set up the development of recently acquired church property.

## B. Approval of 1977 Budget

Deacon Hrair Dekmejian made motion to approve budget - motion was seconded by Dr. George Rejebian and carried thru.

## C. Formation CCAN (Committee concerned for Armenian Needy)

- 1. Deacon Hrair Dekmejian explained the purpose of this committee (to be set up) is to help thru financial and other means Armenian individuals and or families who have been left destitute as a result of tragedies which have visited the Armenian Nation in recent times.

## New Business (continued)

2. Mr. Nishan Ketchoyian thought that this matter should have been brought up earlier and thought that Parish Council could handle it without committee.
3. Mrs. Carol Bogdasarian made a motion that a mission committee chairman be appointed by Parish Council to organize any relief of this sort. Mrs. Anoush Dekmejian seconded the motion - unanimous approval - motion was carried.

## D. Nominations and Elections

- Mrs. Marion Rejebian brought to attention that having a woman as a Parish Council member served as a vital bridge.

- 35 out of a total of 39 members voted

1. The following were nominated to the Parish Council:

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| * a. | Nishan Ketchoyian   | 24 |
| * b. | Henry Kachadourian  | 21 |
| * c. | John Bogdasarian    | 29 |
|      | d. Vasken Alexanian | 14 |
|      | e. Hagop Injajigian | 16 |

The first three were elected.

2. Election of the Auditing Committee. The following were nominated for the Auditing Committee:

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| a. | Michael Ketchoyian  | 32 |
| b. | Raymond Serayderian | 33 |

They were both elected.

3. Election of Nominating Committee

The following were nominated for the nominating committee:

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| * a. | Garabed Fattal    | 29 |
| * b. | Marion Rejebian   | 30 |
| * c. | Harry Sarkisian   | 27 |
|      | d. John Kassapian | 17 |

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- Deacon Hrair Dekmejian, Mr. Harry Mahakian and Mrs. Louise Kontos all made motions for nominations to close for all three categories.

- All motions were carried.

## IX. Adjournment and Benediction

Motion was made by Mr. Edward Serayderian with Hagop Injajigian seconding the motion. The benediction was given by Der Kevork and the meeting officially adjourned at 4:12 P.M.

- Many thanks to Mrs. Rose Ketchoyian for typing this report.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Hagop Injajigian*  
 Secretary Pro Tem  
 Parish Assembly Meeting