

St. Gregory the Illuminator
Armenian church
of Binghanton

The annual Parish Assembly meeting was held on Sunday
January 20, 1974 at 1:30 P.M. at 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 following which
he announced that 1974 membership dues must be paid
before one can vote at this assembly. Dr. Garabedian
also stressed the fact that we must have a quorum in
order to conduct business. Of the ~~42~~⁶⁰ paid members, 35 paid members
were present:

Mrs. Sandra Arakelian
Dr. Nubar Astarjian
Mr. & Mrs. John Bogdasarian
Dr. & Mrs. Robert Bogdasarian
Mr. & Mrs. Armen Boyajian
Dr. & Mrs. Hrair Dekmejian
Dr. & Mrs. Garabed Fattal
Dr. & Mrs. Vahe Garabedian
~~Mr. Nubar Astarjian~~
Dr. & Mrs. Aristaks Kachadourian
Mr. & Mrs. Parsek Kachadourian
Mr. ~~& Mrs.~~ John Kassapian
Mr. Kerroppe Ketchoyian
Mr. Michael Ketchoyian
Mr. & Mrs. Nishan Ketchoyian
Mrs. Satenig Ketchoyian
Mrs. Louise Kontos
Mr. Arthur Kradjian
Mr. Harry Kradjian
Mr. Harry Mahakian
Mr. ~~& Mrs.~~ Ara Misakyan
Dr. & Mrs. George Rejebian
Mr. Pete Rejebian
Mr. Edward Seraydarian
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Medzigian

III Election of Assembly Chairman and Secretary Pro Tem.

- A. Dr. Robert Bogdasarian was elected acting chairman of the annual Parish Assembly.
- B. Mrs. Louise Kontos was elected as Secretary Pro Tem.

IV Minutes of the 1973 Annual Parish Assembly were read by Secretary Pro Tem Louise Kontos.

V The following reports were read by the respective chairmans or representatives:

- A. Mr. Michael Ketchoyian, superintendent of Sunday School read his report. Report is attached.
- B. Mr. Paul Ketchoyian, choir director, submitted his report on behalf of the church choir.
- C. Armenian School report was read by Dr. Robert Bogdasarian. Report is attached.
- D. Youth Group report was read by Mrs. Marion Rejebian, director. Report is attached.
- E. Mrs. Ruth Garabedian read the Women's Guild report. Following her report, Mrs. Grace Baradet on behalf of the Women's Guild made a presentation of \$700. to the Parish Council.
- F. Ara Misakyan, delegate to the 1973 Diocesan Assembly in Worcester, Massachusetts, read his report. Report is attached.
- G. Father Kevork Arakelian, Parish Pastor, read his report on the activities of this Parish. Report is attached.
- H. Parish Council
 - 1. Parish Council Chairman, Dr. Nubar Astarjian gave his report commending his board and his committees for their faithful cooperation, assistance and attendance at meetings, thus making 1973 a memorable one. Report is attached.

H. Parish Council (continued)

2. Nishan Ketchoyian read the report of Parish Council Secretary, John Bogdasarian. Emphasis being placed on the following: (report is attached)
 - a. The church picnic
 - b. Church dance
 - c. Pilgrimage to St. Vartan's Cathedral
 - d. Future plans for the church
3. Treasurer, Dr. Vahe Garabedian thanked the Women's Guild for their \$700. presentation to the Parish Council and then proceeded with his report for 1973. Also presented to the assembly was the proposed budget for 1974. Anticipated income: \$16,934; anticipated expenditures \$17,000.

VI There were no communications present.

VII Old Business

- A. Father Kevork Arakelian read a proposed bi-law change allowing the deacon-in-charge a vote at the Diocesan Assembly. The proposal was voted upon and passed unanimously.

VIII New Business

- A. Dr. Nubar Astarjian proposed that a change from 4 years to 2 years, the term of office for a delegate or delegates to the Diocesan Assembly. This proposal was also voted upon and passed unanimously.
- B. Dr. Astarjian also proposed the change in membership dues. It was decided that the \$15.00 minimum suggested in the church bi-laws be instituted commencing January 1, 1975.
- C. Michael Ketchoyian proposed additional classrooms for the growing number of children.

New Business (continued)

- D. Anoush Dekmejian also emphasized the need for additional classroom space.
- E. Louise Kontos requested that a remedy be found to eliminate the almost constant parade of parishioners to the rear of the church during Badarak.
- F. Nominations and elections

1. The following were nominated as tellers:

- a. Mrs. Adrienne Kachadourian
- b. Mrs. Irma Fattal
- c. Mr. Armen Boyajian

2. Elections of nominating committee

- a. The following members were nominated by the nominating committee:

* Dr. Robert Bogdasarian	21
* Dr. George Rejebian	21
* Dr. Garabed Fattal	24
Mrs. Anoush Dekmejian	8
Mrs. Ruth Garabedian	14
Mr. Arthur Kradjian	7

The first three were elected to the new nominating committee.

3. Election of Auditing Committee

- a. The following members were nominated by the nominating committee:

* Michael Ketchoyian	25
* Harry Mahakian	23
* Carol Bogdasarian	20
Gus Kerjilian	6
Kerrope Ketchoyian	4
Ara Misakyan	15

The first three were elected to the new Auditing Committee

F. Nominations and Elections (continued)

4. Election of Parish Council Members

a. The nominating committee suggested the following slate:

* Dr. Nubar Astarjian	27
* Dr. Vahe Garabedian	31
* Dr. Aristaks Kachadourian	27
* Edward Serayderian	25
Harry Sarkisian	10
John Kassabian	6
Armen Boyajian	6

The first four names were elected to the Parish Council.

G. There being no further business to transact, a motion was made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The chairman of the assembly adjourned the meeting at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise K. Kontos
Secretary Pro-Tem
Parish Assembly Meeting

February 13, 1974