

ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR ARMENIAN CHURCH, BINGHAMTON

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

1984 MINUTES

The annual parish assembly was held on December 9, 1984. The meeting was opened with a prayer at 1:30 p.m. A roll call of the current paid-up church members was taken. Dr. Garabed Fattal was elected president pro-tem and Grace Baradet was elected secretary pro-tem.

The minutes of the December 11, 1983 meeting was read and accepted.

Father Sooren Chinchinian read the pastor's report followed by the parish council report read by Dr. George Rejebian. The parish council report was amended to also thank Dr. Michael Bogdasarian for his work on the parish council.

The auditor's report, given by Michael Ketchoyian, showed a net loss of \$4,529.05 for the fiscal year 1984. Because of the change in date from January to December for the parish meeting, 1983 was an 11 month fiscal year. Diocesan dues are heavy for our parish, as was discussed last year, but the problem is resolved and it should be less in the future. In the coming year the deficit should be equalized. The big expense in 1985 will be a new church roof toward which three people have donated \$2,500.00. A typing error in the financial report was pointed out. The organ cost \$2,500.00 not \$125.00 as stated under Income from Operations. The total remains the same.

The proposed 1985 budget was accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

The issue of Hayr Soorp's letter of resignation was brought up for discussion. At issue is the yearly increments in salary which our parish cannot finance alone. It was proposed, after consultation with the Prelate, to share the priest with Syracuse. Syracuse has been negotiating with Rochester and Niagara Falls parishes to share a priest from the Canadian diocese.

Hayr Soorp is willing to stay on until May without an increment. After lengthy discussion, a motion was made and seconded to continue negotiations with Hayr Soorp to see whether a compromise on salary is possible and if he will continue on 6 months to one year so the parish can retain a sense of stability. The motion was unanimously carried.

Parishbners were reminded that their pledges and Sunday offerings are needed to keep the church doors open.

Nominating committee chairman, Diran Kradjian, reported that last year two members who were not up for reelection were inadvertently voted upon. In order to correct the situation, the following nominees are proposed for parish council:

Kevork Papazian, Dr. Art Kachadourian, Jack Injajigian and Diran Kradjian.

Since there were no nominations from the floor, one ballot was cast and carried for the proposed nominees.

Motions were made and carried for the following committees:

Auditing Committee for 1985: Michael Ketchoyian and Harry Kradjian.

Nominating Committee for 1985: Diran Kradjian, Hagop Injajigian, and Harry Kradjian.

Women's Guild Treasurer, Manoush Seraydarian reported a balance as of November 27, 1984 of \$2,817.32 and presented Parish Council a check for \$1,000.00.

Diocesan delegates elected two years ago for four years are Dr. Art Kachadourian and Gary Rejebian. Alice Bogdasarian, Henry Kachadourian, and Jack Injajigian were voted in as alternates.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Grace S. Baradet  
Secretary Pro-Tem