

Annual Parish Meeting of St. Gregory's Church
Binghamton, New York - 1988

The annual parish meeting was held on Sunday, December 4, 1988 at approximately 11:20 a.m.

Carol Bogdasarian was elected chairman pro-tem and Adriane Papazian was elected secretary for the meeting.

Roll was read with 43 members present. Adriane Papazian read the minutes from the 1987 meeting. Diran Kradjian read the chairman's report.

Mary Hagopian read the Womens' Guild report. There was no report submitted for the Sunday School.

Luke Sarkisian read the Financial report. He stated that the Sunday School savings account totaling \$384.00 had been withdrawn and closed in September 1988 from the Binghamton Savings Bank by Adrienne Kachadourian, Superintendent of the Sunday School. At this time the chairman stated that the Sunday School report is required and must be submitted to the diocese in accordance with all organizations of the church.

Michael Ketchoyian raised a question regarding the amount of donations to the church. Luke Sarkisian stated that the majority of checks received do not indicate a specific purpose or designation, therefore; they are considered donations to the church. Michael Ketchoyian also stated he believed the building insurance was too costly. The chairman stated that this issue would be addressed in a future Parish Council meeting.

Louise Kontos inquired about the status of the Endowment fund. The chairman explained that the Endowment fund was still in force but is now known as the Scholarship fund.

Dr. Vahe Garabedian asked if the figure for the diocese assessment was an adjusted amount reflecting our current Parish situation. Luke Sarkisian stated that it was the adjusted figure. It was then decided that the Parish Council would meet with the Diocese Council to discuss a future re-assessment of our Parish. At this time the budget was unanimously accepted.

The auditor's report was read by Michael Ketchoyian. Adrienne Kachadourian questioned the cost for utilities. Michael stated that the church had problems with frozen pipes and the city has experienced several water problems and has raised utility rates. Adrienne also questioned the amount for maintenance. She inquired about

the the agreement with Mr. Jumper, the church custodian. Diran Kradjian stated that Mr. Jumper is paid \$50.00 a month. Mrs. Jumper is called upon by the Parish Council to wash dishes and clean the kitchen when necessary. The auditor's report was then accepted.

Marion Rejebian read the cooking class report and then presented a \$100.00 contribution to the church.

The next order of business was a motion to reduce the number of council members from 8 to 7. The corporation papers state that there must be 5 to 7 council members. The motion was carried to reduce the number of council members.

The nominating report was presented by Dr. George Rejebian. There were 4 nominees and 3 available positions.

The 4 nominees were: Grace Baradet, Dr. Vahe Garabedian, Dr. Art Kachadourian and Diran Kradjian. The following were nominated from the floor: Ghazaros Kerjilian, Pam Russell, Garo Kachadourian, Harout Kerjilian, and Mary Hagopian.

At this time Dr. Art Kachadourian withdrew his nomination. Also, Mary Hagopian withdrew her nomination. The nominations were then closed with the following on the ballot: Grace Baradet, Dr. Vahe Garabedian, Diran Kradjian, Ghazaros Kerjilian, Pam Russell, Garo Kachadourian and Harout Kerjilian.

The nominations to the Auditing Committee consisted of : Louise Kontos, Ursula Findikyan, Michael Ketchoyian and Diran Kradjian.

The Nominating Committee consisted of the following: Dr. Robert Bogdasarian, Dr. George Rejebian and Dr. Art Kachadourian. There were no nominations from the floor, therefore; the committee remained the same.

The election results for Parish Council were: Grace Baradet (34 votes), Dr. Vahe Garabedian (33 votes), and Diran Kradjian (37 votes).

Those elected to the Auditing committee were: Ursula Findikyan (44 votes), Michael Ketchoyan (42 votes), and Diran Kradjian (37 votes).

New Business: There was a motion to move the Parish Council annual meeting to January. The motion was denied.

The issue of the missing vestments was discussed. The majority had been returned to the church with the exception of the belt and arm pieces. Parish Council will inform the diocese of the situation and also submit a report to the insurance company.

A motion regarding accountability was suggested requiring all expenses over \$75.00 from all church organizations must be reported and submitted to the Parish Council for approval. The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Adriane Papazian". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Adriane Papazian