

Annual Parish Assembly
St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church
Binghamton, New York
December 15, 1991

The meeting was called to order by President Pro-Temp Nishan Ketchoyian at 11:30 AM. There were thirty-seven members present, which constituted a quorum. (One member left, and therefore, thirty-six voted in the elections). Minutes of the previous meeting were unavailable. A motion to dispense with the minutes of the 1990 annual meeting was passed.

I. Old Business

A. Parish Council Chairman's Report - Nish Ketchoyian

In 1991, there were: 11 meetings, 11 badarak services, 7 different priests, 1 wedding, and 2 funerals in the church.

Highlighted events were: a SUNY conference (2/91), badarak with former St. Gregory pastor Fr. George Arakelian, and annual church picnic (7/91), and 60th Anniversary Banquet and Celebration of our church in conjunction with the annual visit of Archbishop Khajag Barsamian.

With regard to finances: Mr. Ketchoyian stated that the church is "holding its own with money in the bank."

B. Church Organization Reports

1. The Sunday School program has been discontinued due to a lack of students.
2. The Women's Guild report was prepared and read by Virginia Terrell. (Financial report for 1991 is enclosed)
3. Women's Guild hosted 12 events, shows a \$3,530.94 current balance, and will donate \$1,000. to the Parish Council in January, 1992.
4. Women's Guild in the Binghamton area was organized in March, 1924.
5. Highlights of this year's activities include Armenian Christmas and Mid-Lenten Dinners, Basterma Breakfast, tribute to Mrs. Saterig Ketchoyian for 67 years of membership and service, retreat at the Apalachin Methodist Church, bake sale for donation to Armenian Relief Society, and continuation of the monthly Armenian cooking class sessions.
1991 President - Alice Bogdasarian
1991 Delegate to Diocesan Assembly - Louise Kachadourian
6. The Auditor's report was read by Mike Ketchoyian (report of income and expenditures included). Liquid assets have increased by 8-9 thousand over 1991.
7. Memorial donations were high, interest items totaled over \$3,000., and the summation of isolated events in 1991 have brought in over \$10,000. (Committee - Mike Ketchoyian, John Bogdasarian, Ursula Findikyan).

C. Financial Report and Adoption of Budget:
(report for 1992 proposed budget enclosed)

1. The Financial report and proposed budget was prepared and read by Treasurer Lucas Sarkisian.
2. There is \$2,000- \$3,000 to go from operating account into Capital Reserve Account when money can be accessed.
3. Income and expenditure figures are proposed similar to 1991 figures since inflation is relatively low at present. A new item for 1992 is a Refugee Resettlement category (shown with equal amounts for income and expenses) to assist the Armenian family from Baku, Azerbaijan who has recently arrived, and other families who may also settle in the Binghamton area. Donations for resettlement are figured for one month's support per family.
4. A motion was made to have donations for Refugee Resettlement made under a separate fund. The motion was made by Dr. George Rejebian, seconded by Mike Ketchoyian, and passed.

II New Business

A. Capital Reserve Fund

1. Motion made by Mike Ketchoyian to have 2-3 person committee to look into:
 - a) administration of CRF
 - b) uses of money
 - c) requirement to tap from principalThe motion was then withdrawn.
2. Next motion made by Adrienne Kachadourian for (new) Parish Council to have original documents present at meeting with family representatives to determine requirements to tap from principal. Motion was seconded by Diran Kradjian and approved.

B. Refugee Assistance/Resettlement Fund

1. One family from Baku arrived 12/8/91 in Binghamton area (another family to arrive); sponsored by the Armenian Civic Association. The designated coordinators to assist the family are Joe and Ellen Azadian. Food donated by Dr. Garabed Fattal and Lucine Szentendrey. The family will be moved to a new location to live 1/1/92.

2. There was a motion made and unanimously approved (by affirmation) to establish a specific Refugee Resettlement Fund. Income and expenditures for the fund will be tracked by means of a separate ledger, not a new bank account.

C. Report of 89th Diocesan Assembly (5/91) * Teaneck, N.J.,

1. Prepared and read by Alice Bogdasarian.
2. The messages of our Archbishop Khajag Barsamian were for our 50-parish Diocese to work together, and that the present status of the Armenian Church is one of "spiritual awakening." Our Catholicos Vasken I endorses the by-laws of the Coalition for Church Unity (which has been in existence for 20 years.)
3. The 1992 Diocesan Assembly is in Boca Raton, Florida (Hosts - St. David Armenian Church) and the theme is "Youth in Our Church".

D. Elections for Parish Council, Nominating and Auditing Committees:

1. Nominations for Parish Council (4 positions)

	# of votes
Art Kachadourian	14
Garo Kachadourian	6
Adrienne Kachadourian	10
Arslan Kachadourian	6
Pam Russell	28
Dr. George Rejebian	29
Mike Ketchoyian	25

Pam Russell, Dr. George Rejebian, Mike Ketchoyian, and John Bogdasarian were elected to the Parish Council.

2. Nominations for the Nominating Committee

Diran Kradjian	35
Hagop Injajigian	29
Pam Russell	18
Louise Kontos	6
Lucas Sarkisian	17

Diran Kradjian, Hagop Injajigian and Pam Russell were elected to the Nominating Committee.

* This report was read with new business topics, not with other committee reports.

3. Nominations for the Audit Committee

Ursula Findikyan	19
Lucas Sarkisian	23
Nish Ketchoyian	31
Dr. Vivian Rejebian	33

Lucas Sarkisian, Nish Ketchoyian, and Dr. Vivian Rejebian were elected to the Audit Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 PM.

Nishan Ketchoyian
P.C. Chairman

Respectfully submitted by

Dr. Vivian A. Rejebian

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