

ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING

DECEMBER 6, 1998

- I. The meeting was called to order at 12 noon.
- II. Roll call was taken.
- III. Robert George and Grace Baradet were elected Chairman Pro-Tem and Secretary Pro-Tem respectively.
- IV. Reports
 1. Minutes of the 1997 meeting were accepted.
 2. Chairman's 1998 report was read by Dr. Garabed Fattal.
 3. Deacon George Devejian presented his report.
 4. Reports - Women's Guild
 - a. Women's Guild Chairlady Louise Kontos read her report and presented the Parish Council a check for \$1,800.00.
 - b. There were no Choir or Sunday School reports.
 5. Diocesan Delegate's report submitted by Alice Bogdasarian was highlighted by Hagop Injajigian.
 6. Nominating Committee Chairman Hagop Injajigian presented the slate of officers, asked for nominations from the floor, and passed out the ballots. The marked ballots were collected.
 7. The Treasurer, Vahe Garabedian, presented four reports.
 - Page 1 - Income and Expense Report 12/1/96 through 11/30/97 is in the red \$5,788.43
 - Page 2 - Income and Expense Report 12/1/97 through 11/30/98 is also in the red for \$2,300.25.
 - Page 3 - Net Worth Reports as of 11/30/98 and 11/30/97. Money was borrowed from reserves to pay bills. The Treasurer called Ruby Cassidy about the Hagopian Memorial Fund and was given permission to use it for Sunday School, Armenian School and lecturer expenses.
 - Page 4 - Budget for 1999. The Parish Council is looking to increase pledges and functions for more income. The proposed budget can be revised. The Operating Reserve is in a savings account and is used when necessary. The Building Fund and Capital Reserve were moved into the Operating Reserve. The surplus from checking goes into the Operating Reserve

which is interest bearing.

V. Old Business.

Sunday School is now held once a month and a parishioner wondered if it was held every week would it boost attendance. This issue should be brought up at a Sunday School parents' committee meeting.

VI. New Business.

The focus of the parish is on revenue generation and, to further that concept, the attendees were asked to split into the following committees.

Maintenance - Vahe Garabedian, Chairman

Dance - Louise Kontos, Chairman

Family Dinners - Kathy Kerjilian, Chairman

Non-Active Member Solicitation - Dn. George Devejian

Finance Committee - Robert George (This committee will oversee the subcommittees and generate other ideas.)

Picnic Committee - Kevork Papazian.

Everyone was asked to participate in at least one committee. It was suggested that these committees report each quarter on their progress.

Several suggestions were made for consideration by the Parish Council: soliciting money from grown children living outside the area; doing away with all committees but have one large event instead of many small functions; assess \$1.00 a day from each person instead of pledges.

After these committees met for 20 minutes, the chairmen reported the following:

Maintenance committee consists of 3 people and will be looking into bids for a new roof.

Family Dinners - some individuals felt prices were too high and that quantity of people attending was more important than price. They also wanted more publicity. Families will be contacted to underwrite the dinners. (Suggestion was made that charges for the dinners should be consistent and set by Parish Council)

Non-Active Members Solicitation - Deacon George Devejian and Rose Keyian have some ideas that they will work on.

Finance Committee - They will draft a letter to mail to church alumni for individual contributions.

Dance Committee - Inquiry will be made into charges for places, bands, and dates.

These committees will report to Parish Council as needed.

VII. Announcements

Christmas greeting letter needs someone to make calls and collect the money. Ruth Garabedian volunteered.

Deacon George was congratulated on his engagement to Linda Chagachbanian.

The birth of Remy Farrell to Dr. Michael and Corinne Farrell.

Deacon George was given a vote of confidence and thanked for moving the parish forward.

VIII. Election of New Officers

Parish Council - Pick 3 to serve 2 years.

1. Vahe Garabedian - 34 votes *
2. Kevork Papazian - 29 votes *
3. Alice Bogdasarian - 13 votes
4. Karni Kachadourian - 26 votes *

Nominating Committee - Pick 3 to serve 2 years

1. Diran Kradjian 31 votes *
2. Vivian George 27 votes *
3. Jack Injajigian 29 votes *
4. Lucas Sarkisian 15 votes

Auditing Committee - Pick 3 to serve 1 year

1. Michael Ketchoyian 10 votes
2. Vahe Garabedian 30 votes *
3. Diran Kradjian 24 votes *
4. Mark Ketchoyian 28 votes *
5. Lucas Sarkisian 7 votes

Diocesan Delegate - Pick 1 to serve 4 years

1. Art Kachadourian 7 votes
2. Jack Injajigian 23 votes *
3. Michael Ketchoyian 4 votes

* New Parish Council Members

IX. Adjournment - 2:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Grace S. Baradet
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Secretary Pro-Tem