

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MINUTES

February 4, 1977

Father Paren Avedikian gave the invocation at 8:15 P.M.

Mr. Harry Terzian, Chairman of the Parish Council, welcomed the members of the Assembly, stating that their interest in the Church work was obvious, because they are here in spite of the inclement weather.

He stated that the proceedings of the minutes would be recorded on tape to help the secretary prepare the minutes, therefore the microphones placed throughout the hall should be used.

Mr. Terzian thanked the Parish Council for their efforts throughout the year, for working together and pulling as a team.

He thanked the Bingo Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Vahe Papelian; the Bazaar Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Artin Artinian, and the Building Committee, who week after week have to look after the operation of this building, the chairman of this committee Mr. Armen Hovnanian who will not be present due to illness, but Mr. Rick Apkarian will answer any questions. He also thanked the Parish Council Auditor, Mr. Richard Simonian who helped with many hours, putting financial records on a computer service.

Mr. Terzian asked for nominations for chairman of the day. Mr. George Keurajian nominated Mr. Mihran Hoplamazian. Mr. Martin Manoogian objected to the nomination of Mr. Hoplamazian on the basis that last year a Parish Council member was not acceptable and Mr. Hoplamazian being a Diocesan Delegate should not be acceptable. Mr. Terzian explained that since the Parish Council is reporting their activities for the year to the Parish Assembly, it would not have been proper for a Parish Council member to be chairman of the day. However, a diocesan delegate does not fall under the same category.

Mr. Eli Sarkissian nominated Mr. Harry Zartarian which was seconded. Mr. Harry Keoleian nominated Mr. Simon Javizian. Since Mr. Javizian was not present his nomination was not accepted. Nominations were closed and the candidates were asked to step outside. The parishioners then voted by show of hands and Mr. Mihran Hoplamazian was elected chairman of the day.

Nominations were opened for secretary of the day. Mr. Vahe Papelian nominated Miss Shakey Godoshian who declined the nomination. Miss Betty Hovsepian was nominated who also declined. Mr. Yervant Azadian was nominated. There being no other nominations Mr. Azadian was elected by acclamation.

Mr. Hoplamazian, Chairman of the day opened the meeting with the presentation of last year's minutes which were printed and available to all present. Mr. Hoplamazian asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes. Mr. Vahe Papelian moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Hoplamazian then called the Nominating Committee to present the candidates for various offices.

Mrs. Kora Jamian thanked the outgoing Parish Council members, Miss Mary Ann Karakashian and auditor Mr. John Bahadurian for their unselfish and devoted work in helping the Church. Mrs. Jamian thanked her nominating committee, Mr. George Gargarian and Mr. Martin Manoogian.

Mr. Martin Manoogian presented the candidates for Parish Council.

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| Richard Apkarian (incumbent) | Souren Keoleian (incumbent) |
| Souren Aprahamian | Arthur Mardigian (incumbent) |
| Mary Cholmakjian | Anoush Papelian (incumbent) |
| Hrand Hampikian | Ashod Torosian |
| Adam Karapetian | Leo Zamanigian |

It was asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There being no nominations from the floor it was moved to close the nominations.

Mr. George Gargarian presented the candidates for Nominating Committee.

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| James Baharozian | Berj Kurkechian |
| Charles Boyajian | Sirvart Mezian |
| George Cross | John Semizian |
| Fred Demirjian | Charles Stambouljian |
| Harry Derderian | Simon Tashjian |

Nominations were asked from the floor. There being no nominations from the floor a motion was made to close the nominations.

Miss Elizabeth Bozigian was presented as the only candidate for Auditor. It was moved that since there were no other nominations from the floor Miss Bozigian be elected by acclamation. Miss Bozigian was elected by acclamation.

Ballots were passed out by Edward Jamian, Jack Boladian, Garo Yeghissian, Charles Takessian, Carl Banerian and Arthur Boudakian.

Mr. Ara Haig moved to accept the 1976 Annual Report which was seconded and passed.

Mr. Arthur Mardigian presented the 1977 Budget for approval.

Mr. Mardigian thanked the parishioners for their whole hearted support to the Church. Total assets are \$263,596 which includes \$210,812 in savings accounts. Two years ago the position of the Church was \$163,654 of which \$95,000 was in the savings accounts so that in two years we have increased our assets by \$100,000. Mr. Mardigian pointed out that a new item has been added to the 1977 Budget which is a pledge to Istanbul Patriarch for \$1,000 a year for the next five years.

Mr. Hrant Aginian questioned the budgeting and hiring of an administrator, and asked when would an administrator be hired. He also stated that had an administrator been hired for \$20,000 as the 1976 budget shows, the Church would have operated at a loss. Mr. Mardigian stated that ads have been put in the Torch Bearer and also the local newspapers.

Mrs. Alexanian stated that since the Parish Council has done such an outstanding job she felt that an administrator was not necessary, and that an added clergyman was a better choice.

Mr. Martin Manoogian questioned the increase in salaries of the clergy, and the office and questioned the \$3,300 for computer services.

Mr. Mardigian explained that the pledge system is now on computer services, and the financial reports are also on computer and felt that the computer services have helped in preparing budgets, watching revenues, and keeping a better control on expenditures.

Mr. Manoogian asked what the personnel who was doing the work of the computer is now doing, since the Church School enrollment is down. He also asked about the artifacts and the \$10,000 budgeted for this item. He asked for an inventory of these artifacts. Mr. Mardigian stated that an inventory of the artifacts would be placed in next year's Annual Report Book.

Mr. Martin Manoogian asked about the In Lieu of Flowers for the maintenance of the building. He was under the impression that it was a memorial for future building. Mr. Manoogian said the In Lieu of Flowers was always given to the Apostolic Society.

Mr. Arthur Mardigian explained that since 1970 only half of the In Lieu of Flowers money has been going to the Apostolic Society since the Parish Council is responsible for the maintenance of the building.

Mr. Manoogian asked whether the parishioners who are donating In Lieu of Flowers are aware of this change in policy.

Mr. Mardigian explained that it is in the Parish Assembly minutes of a few years ago.

Mr. Martin Manoogian stated that it is unfortunate that we do not have a report from the Apostolic Society. He also said that a book was to be prepared years and years ago and still has not been printed.

Mr. Ara Haig questioned the budgeted figure for utilities and ground services and thought that the budgeted amounts were low considering the large increases due on utilities. Mr. Mardigian answered the question to Mr. Haig's satisfaction.

Mr. Eli Sarkissian thought that the \$1,000 for the Istanbul Patriarch was low. Mr. Mardigian explained that in budgeting this amount we realize it is not very large, but it is a start and hopefully will inspire other sister parishes to do the same.

Mr. Martin Manoogian made a motion to earmark the \$38,500 from Bingo to future building projects. There was no second to this motion.

Mr. Sooren Gozmanian moved to accept the Budget as presented. Motion seconded and passed.

Mr. Rick Apkarian presented the building report.

New Hall Rental Policy - Use of Cultural Hall at Parishioner's Discount

1. Member* must be in good standing for three consecutive years including the year in which rental takes place.
(* Pledge member)
2. Pledges must be paid in full by the date of the rental.
3. If a member is in good standing for one year the discount will be 1/3 the difference between regular rate and parishioner rate.
4. If a member is in good standing for two years the discount will be 2/3 the difference between regular rate and parishioner rate.
5. If a member is in good standing for three years the discount will be the full difference between regular rate and parishioner rate.
6. A member in good standing from another Armenian Church of the Diocese, is eligible for the parishioner rate provided they join St. John's Armenian Church upon permanent resident status in Detroit. Discount to be pro-rated as in 1 through 5 above.

7. Eligibility for parishioner rate is extended to the bride, groom or parent of either the bride or groom.
8. Eligibility will be extended to the grandparents of either the bride or groom provided the grandparents are the renters. Discount to be pro-rated as in 1 through 5 above.
9. In cases covered in 7 above, the discount applied will be for the rentor with the longest membership to enable offering the largest discount but no combination of membership years will be allowed.
10. Reinstated members not eligible for discount.
11. Delinquent^{*} members not eligible for full discount.
(* Pledges are payable from January through the Parish Assembly of the following year. Pledges from previous year not paid by Parish Assembly of following year are considered delinquent).

Mr. Apkarian answered some questions put to him regarding the above rental policy. This policy will be printed for everyone to read.

Mr. John Semizian asked for clarification of the catering figure under revenue and difference in disbursements. Mr. Apkarian explained that it was a matter of bookkeeping such as a carry over from one year to another.

Hall rental rates were discussed and questions asked as to prices of dinners, hall rental without dinners, parishioners rates and non-parishioners rates. Mr. Apkarian answered all these questions.

Mr. Art Artinian questioned the usage of the hall on weekend days and asked if parishioners have expressed complaints that the hall is not available to them for use. Mr. Apkarian explained that the hall was available on weekends in 1976 if they choose to use it.

Mr. Jack Kazanjian asked if the building usage could be adjusted so that organization meetings could be held on one particular day so that the building could be closed some evenings to save on expenses. Mr. Apkarian explained that this is being done now. All meetings are held on Mondays and Wednesdays. The building is closed on Tuesday evenings, and Bingo is held on Thursdays.

Mr. Harry Terzian explained the fees for sacraments.

Baptism: Fee \$25.00

- A. Fee is waived for those members in good standing who have fulfilled the previous calendar year's pledge obligation.
- B. Eligibility is extended to the mother, father, godmother or godfather of the person to be baptized.

Wedding: Fee \$150.00

- A. Fee is waived as in A above.
- B. Eligibility is extended to the bride, groom or parent of either the bride or groom, or the bestman or maid of honor for the wedding.
- C. \$150.00 fee will be applied towards first year pledge if couple decides to join the Church at the time of the wedding.

Funeral: No Fee

- A. Any member of the Armenian Church may receive the funeral rite.

Miss Lucy Merzian asked if the Nominating Committee for next year could include in the candidates resume not only the candidates job description but also the candidates participation in Church affairs.

Mr. Harry Zartarian asked if someone could enlighten the parishioners on the unity question which has been appearing in the American-Armenian newspapers.

Mr. Hoplamazian explained the proceedings of the Diocesan Assembly on the question of Unity. To this point a new unity committee is to be formed, to come up with a new program acceptable to both the parties involved. Mr. Harry Terzian, at this point, explained that two special parish meetings were called to specifically explain the proceedings of the Diocesan Assembly to our parishioners. Mr. Terzian said that meetings will again be scheduled before and after the Diocesan Assembly for the parishioners and hopefully a large number will be in attendance.

Mr. Hoplamazian reported that the articles which appeared in the newspapers were distorted in regard to the Diocesan Assembly.

Mrs. Gloria Mikaelian reported that she had written a letter to the Parish Council regarding her objections to some items. The Parish Council suggested that these points be brought to the Annual Parish Assembly. The points that Mrs. Mikaelian objects to are: spot commercials on TV regarding the Bazaar and the sale of hard liquor at the Bazaar are not proper for a Church Bazaar.

Mr. Sooren Yavruian shared Mrs. Mikaelian's feelings about the Bazaar and also Bingo, and suggested that we eliminate both Bazaar and Bingo and raise our pledges by \$75.00 per person.

At this point Mr. Sooren Yavruian made a motion that we increase our pledges by \$75.00 and eliminate hard liquor from the Bazaar, and also eliminate Bingo. Motion was seconded. A discussion followed the motion which was then voted upon and defeated.

Mr. Daniel Shahan moved that a committee outside of the Parish Council be formed to evaluate what is acceptable to our Church. Motion seconded and carried. Mr. John Semizian suggested to the Parish Council that Mr. Shahan be a member of the committee. This suggestion will be considered by the Parish Council.

Mr. Masa Carman asked if the surplus monies had been invested. It was explained to him that the monies referred to were in an interest bearing account as indicated in the Annual Book.

Mr. Hoplamazian asked if there were any by-laws amendments or proposals for the Diocesan Assembly. Mr. Ara Haig suggested that at the special meeting which will be held before the Diocesan Assembly, proposals be discussed at that time, giving more time in preparing for the Diocesan Assembly.

Mr. Richard Norsigian, Secretary of the Parish Council, read a proposal of the Parish Council in support of the office of Primate. He referred to some publicity in the press which was negative, directed to the office of Primate of our Diocese and proposed that on behalf of St. John's Parish the following letter be sent to the Armenian press, Diocesan clergy, parish council chairmen, Diocesan delegates, with an abridged version in the form of a mailogram, to the Primate. The letter is as follows:

"We, the members of St. John's Armenian Church of Greater Detroit, meeting in our Annual Parish Assembly, February 4, 1977, resoundingly endorse and praise His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of North America, for his forthright and clear position regarding unity within the Armenian Church. Through his resolute actions of seeking true and lasting unity, His Eminence has ably carried out the decisions of the Seventy-fourth Diocesan Assembly. Obviously, neither the Diocese nor the Primate were swayed or weakened by certain outside, unfounded pressures.

St. John's Armenian Church members wholeheartedly and completely adhere to the position taken by the Diocese and the Primate to seek permanent unity of the Armenian Church. St. John's Church members seek true and total unity. Mere cooperation is not unity.

His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom is both a dedicated prince and devoted servant of the Armenian Church and people. Consistently, in addition to his pressing duties as Primate, he has tacitly and faithfully continued to fulfill the responsibilities of a priest toward his flock.

His leadership has brought impetus to the youth-oriented activities of the Diocese. Through his support and guidance, the Diocese has innovated, reorganized, and regenerated numerous youth programs involving the Church School, Armenian School Language Laboratory, and A.C.Y.O.A.

Through his foresight and concern, Archbishop Torkom has brought the Armenian Church to the American public spectrum. In these media-conscious times, he has effectively promoted the Armenian Church by a concerted public relations program, by taking active part in the National Council of Churches of Christ in America, through his involvement in Metropolitan New York civic affairs, and through national television broadcasting. In addition, he has made every effort to keep the Armenian people abreast of the vast activities of the Diocese through the Armenian press. Indeed, Archbishop Torkom is to be commended for this coordinated public relations which provides public awareness of our Church and community life.

Thus, we, the Parishioners of St. John's Armenian Church of Greater Detroit, recognizing that these efforts, respectively serve to both maintain the true character of the Armenian Church and bring long overdue public recognition to our Church in America, commend His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian for his forthright leadership as Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of North America.

On behalf of the Parish
Assembly of St. John's
Armenian Church of Greater
Detroit"

Mr. Arthur Mardigian made a motion that St. John's Parish Assembly unanimously approve the resolution that was presented and be released to the proper sources. Mr. Ara Haig seconded the motion with the exception that the ('s) be deleted from St. John's.

Mr. Herman Missirlyan stated that to make it "unanimous" you are disregarding the Parish Assembly and he felt this was not proper and asked to have a lawyer's opinion if one was present.

It was suggested that the word "unanimous" be changed to "overwhelming". After discussion a vote was taken and the motion passed.

Mr. Daniel Shahan asked how strong are we in our belief that such a telegram is in order. He stated that through the regular channels of parliamentary law, we should have opened the discussion.

Mr. Hoplamazian as the chairman decided to re-submit the motion for discussion.

Mr. Daniel Shahan stated that at times we over react and act too fast, thus creating a problem that does not exist. He stated that this was the first time he had heard of such a situation developing in this community or the United States and would like to be better informed if there is such a situation prior to his voting for or against the motion.

Mr. Mihran Hoplamazian explained that one of the Armenian American papers has printed letters and articles, many of them character assassination type writings relative to our Primate.

Mr. Daniel Shahan stated we can be carried away by the news media and know that they can make certain subjects very enticing. Mr. Shahan asked whether we were creating a problem or helping to solve a problem by sending a telegram. He stated that some years ago at the Diocesan Council they acted too fast and therefore had to retract what they had said.

Mr. Martin Cholakian spoke on the subject by saying that the articles were there and have been collected. He stated that the Parish Council did not come with this resolution because they felt like praising the Primate. The resolution was in support of the office of the Primate in addition abuse, personal attacks and insults, vile mail that he has received against the Primate personally through some Armenian American papers.

Mr. Missirlyan commented that he was sure that there was enough evidence presented, but if this is true that some of the clergy who are subject to the Primate's authority if they are on the descending side then there is definitely a problem in question. Mr. Missirlyan suggested that rather than make a hasty decision here, since the Parish Council has enough material collected, he would rather see another parish assembly meeting to discuss this item rather than send a telegram to the other parish councils and the Primate, go to the actual papers who print those fallacies if they are so, and make them binding because if we send a telegram to the Primate and other parish councils, the same papers are not obligated to print it.

Mr. Harry Terzian explained that one telegram will be sent to the Primate relating this information and the support of this parish to him. The letter read by Mr. Norsigian will be sent, in letter form, to the newspapers for release. Mr. Terzian stated that we have no control over what newspapers print. He also pointed out that the assumption of this Assembly is that we are making a hasty decision. He stated that the Parish Council has been weighing this for several months. The appropriate time was to bring it to the Assembly. Mr. Terzian explained that the Parish Council has been angered by the articles and felt surprised that more of the parishioners did not feel the same way, because it is an attack on our Church, it is attacking

the man that heads our Church and therefore, it is attaching each one of the parishioners. Mr. Terzian again repeated that this was not a hasty decision and that what the Parish Council is asking is that we all support the Diocese and Primate of this Church.

Mr. Hrant Aginian stated that he too has read those articles, and stated that they were by individuals, members of the Diocese. He felt that "if this group could not make any criticism against our Primate, this is a free democratic country, people criticize the president of the United States and you don't see people writing letters. Everyone is entitled to his own opinion." He stated that there was no church that wrote against the Primate. He recommended that if letters are to be sent they be sent as individuals, because you are embarrassing them, and stated that maybe there are people who don't like what the Primate is doing. Mr. Aginian suggested that the question be put to vote by secret ballot because there are personalities involved.

Mr. Hoplamazian again asked for a vote on sending the letter prepared by the Parish Council and presented by Mr. Norsigian. A vote was taken. The motion passed by overwhelming majority. Only six people opposed.

Mr. Baharian asked that the details of unity be presented to the people because the majority of them do not know what is going on.

Mr. Hoplamazian stated that at the next Special Parish Assembly the facts will be presented.

Mrs. Margaret Gozmanian stated that there were two special meetings called for this purpose in 1976 and only about 50 people attended.

Mr. Hoplamazian stated again that a special meeting was called before the Diocesan Assembly so that the parishioners could direct the Diocesan Delegates with any questions or proposals that they may have had at that time, and only 50 people showed up. He also stated that after the Diocesan Assembly another meeting was called to inform the people of what transpired at the Diocesan Assembly and not more than 70 people cared to show up.

Miss Lucy Merzian said that she has asked the Parish Council through the Parish Assembly that a Diocesan report be included in the Annual Booklet. Also it was mentioned that if it cannot be placed in the booklet that a short brief report be given of the highlights of the Diocesan Assembly. Miss Merzian stated that she attended both meetings, before and after, and agreed that the attendance was poor.

She again emphasized that we have some type of report, either written or oral for next year.

Miss Barbara Zamanigian stated that in the 1950's we witnessed the breakdown of the Armenian Church. She stated, "Lets not have another breakdown in the 70's and 80's. I agree with Lucy. If we only had 50 people attending that means that either it was not important, I can't admit to that, that it was not important, otherwise you would not have 400 people here tonight. I think it is up to the Parish Council to adjust that meeting where the parishioners can attend."

Mrs. Victoria Zamanigian suggested that if this bit of information is of such importance that something should be put in the Torch Bearer so that the membership would be aware of what is going on and we would be notified in the proper manner, and be able to discuss it sensibly.

Mr. George Elian referred to page 8 of last year's Annual Assembly Minutes, where Mr. Baylerian made a motion that in next year's annual report a condensed report of the Diocesan Assembly be included.

Fr. Paren Avedikian expressed annoyance at those members of the Parish Assembly who do not fully read the minutes prepared for them. In last year's meeting, at the end of the meeting, Miss Hovsepian suggested that the Diocesan Delegates be instructed on how to vote on issues by the parishioners. At that time he felt that if the parishioners would like to instruct the delegates then this would necessitate a parish meeting before the Diocesan Assembly.

Fr. Paren felt that the two special parish assemblies which were held in 1976 informing the parishioners before and after the Diocesan Assembly, of the actions of the Diocesan delegates, override the motion for a written report.

Mrs. Kora Jamian, the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, was called upon to give the results of the election. Mrs. Jamian announced that there were 331 ballots cast. The Parish Council members elected were: Souren Aprahamian, Souren Keoleian, Arthur Mardigian, Anoush Papelian, and Leo Zamanigian.

The Nominating Committee members elected were: George Cross, Harry Derderian, Sirvart Mezian, John Semizian, and Charles Stamboulian.

By acclamation the Auditor is Miss Elizabeth Bozigian.

Mr. Vahe Papelian reported on the Bingo. Mr. Papelian pointed out that the 92% of monies derived from Bingo come from non-Armenians. He reported that in the last three years Bingo has made approximately \$80,000 for the Church. Mr. Papelian pointed out that none of the Bingo committee workers gets paid. They volunteer 6-7 hours every Thursday to work the Bingo. Mr. Papelian also pointed out that the ACYOA Seniors have the food concession and their profits more than pay for their annual rental dues.

Mr. Mihran Hoplamazian asked the parishioners to refer to page 46 of the annual booklet where the auditors of our church encourage our parishioners to use checks, rather than cash, in making donations of any kind to the church or church auxiliaries.

Then Father Paren gave his closing remarks. First, in regard to the letter presented by the Parish Council. The Parish Council reads the American Armenian newspapers and is fully aware of what is going on. Others seem to be unfamiliar with the situation. A point was made to use the Torch Bearer to inform our people of what is taking place. It is unbecomfitting for us to print in our Torch Bearer that our Primate, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian is being attached by the American Armenian press.

It was asked why was it necessary to write such a letter? Fr. Paren stated that he is a member of the Diocesan Council, and the question of the articles printed in the newspapers have been discussed at the Diocesan Council meetings, the Primate does not want to respond, the Diocesan Council does not want to respond, yet we know that someone must respond to the charges in the Press. The Parish Council felt that it was best for the Parish Assembly to respond.

Fr. Paren informed the parishioners as to what takes place at the Diocesan Assembly. The meetings of the Diocesan Assembly lasts three days, the budget, and many other issues are discussed, unity being only one among many. Because of the voluminous business conducted at the Diocesan Assembly, to expect a report is not a sensible expectation.

Fr. Paren told the parishioners not to expect a Diocesan Assembly report in the Annual Report Book next year, nor in the Torch Bearer. The only means of communication with our parishioners will be, and is the Special Parish Meetings which will again be held, as they were last year.

As to the question of why we must write a letter, Fr. Paren explained that our reason is to support our Primate who now happens to be Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, and the Diocesan Council. That the St. John's Parish is in full support of their actions in accordance with the rulings of the 74th Diocesan Assembly. He said, we realize that we cannot respond to every criticism, every malice which appears in the newspapers. He said that we certainly can stand up for the office of Primate and this Diocese when we feel that the criticism is out of order.

Fr. Paren stated that concerning unity, one paper, one paper in particular has given itself the right to publish every junk regarding the issue, and claims to be the most knowledgable in this country, and claims to have private sources.

Fr. Paren said that as the Chairman stated, the 74th Diocesan Assembly took a clear and distinct position regarding the Unity issue. The majority opinion at the 74th Assembly was that under the guise of Unity the Separated Brethren want to advance cooperation and stop there. I feel that if we give in emotionally and naively to the attraction of Unity, we will forever forget Unity of the Armenian Church in this country. This should be clear to us. Fr. Paren stated that we are only for Unity, not cooperation.

Fr. Paren reported on the Etchmiadzin Fund which he headed with the assistance of Mr. Vahe Papelian and Mr. John Semizian, and encouraged the people to send in their donations. The goal of this drive is to restore the Holy Virgin Mary Church in the city of Etchmiadzin. Fr. Paren reported that so far the committee has raised about \$27,000. Our goal was, at the time of the drive, \$75,000 but we actually only need \$50,000. Since the drive was held in the summer, and many parishioners were on vacation and unaware of the drive, Fr. Paren again made a plea for donations.

At this point someone made a remark to which Fr. Paren answered. I understand Mr. Bogosian, during my absence, has objected to the Etchmiadzin Fund Drive, because supposedly it interfered with the Lebanon Relief Drive, but, Father Paren continued, during the Lebanon Drive, Mr. Bogosian for some obscure reason objected to the drive also.

Fr. Paren said that the Parish Assembly was an enjoyable opportunity to be informed of the concerns of the parishioners, as well as to inform the parishioners of our concerns. He congratulated those who were elected for Parish Council, Nominating Committee, and Auditor, and thanked those who have served this Parish in the various three capacities in the past, and will be unable to serve this year. He also thanked the officers of the day for their service.

Fr. Paren closed the meeting with the benediction at 11:30 P.M.

Fr. Paren Aradikian
President

Armen Hymazian
Chairman

Edward Y. Azad
Secretary