

ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER DETROIT
ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MINUTES
FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1992

I. INVOCATION AND CALL TO ORDER

The Assembly was called to order by Parish Council Chairman, Vahram Fantazian, at 8:25 p.m. The Very Rev. Fr. Samuel Aghoyan, Assistant Pastor, offered the invocation and presided over the Parish Assembly Meeting at the request of the Primate, Bishop Khajag Barsamian. Father Aghoyan read the following passages from the New Testament: 1 Corinthians Chapter, 13 verses 1-8; Colossians Chapter 3, verses 12-17.

LETTER OF RESIGNATION

The Very Rev. Fr. Aghoyan addressed the concerns of the Parish regarding a rumor about the resignation of Very Rev. Fr. Paren Avedikian. He verified that a resignation had been tendered, but that at 2:15 p.m. (today) Fr. Paren had informed him that the Primate, His Grace Bishop Khajag Barsamian had rejected his resignation from his pastoral duties as Pastor of St. John's Armenian Church and that he is still our Pastor. The Assembly responded with a long and thunderous standing ovation. As noted above, Fr. Samuel presided over the Parish Assembly. This was confirmed by a telephone conversation between Fr. Samuel and the Primate at 5:45 pm today. Father Samuel wished all a peaceful, harmonious and successful meeting stating that whatever we do or whatever we decide will be for ourselves, our church, our youth and future generations.

Mr. Vahram Fantazian, the Parish Council Chairman, then read the letter of resignation tendered on March 26, 1992 to His Grace Khajag Barsamian, Primate of Eastern Diocese:

"Your Grace, After much deliberation, I have made the decision to tender to you my resignation from the pastorate of St. John's Armenian Church Parish of Greater Detroit effective as of March 27, 1992. I anxiously await to be reassigned to another Parish. Respectfully yours, Fr. Paren Avedikian. Carbon Copy: Vahram Fantazian, Parish Council Chairman; Mr. Alex Manoogian; Mr. Edward Mardigian."

Mr. Edmond Azadian made a **MOTION** that the Parish request the Primate to decline Fr. Avedikian's resignation as an expression of the Parish's sentiment. The motion was seconded, voted on, and passed to add this to the Agenda under New Business.

II. VERIFICATION OF THE LEGALITY OF THE MEETING, ELIGIBILITY OF MEMBERS AND QUORUM

A **MOTION** was made, seconded, voted on, and passed to make the Parish Assembly legal due to the fact that the meeting date was moved from February to March 27, 1992.

Mr. Vahram Fantazian reported that the members present had been verified and he declared a quorum. There were 550 members present. He reviewed the rules and regulations which govern Parish Assemblies.

III. ELECTIONS

Mr. Greg Jamian, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, introduced the Nominating Committee and thanked those who assisted the Committee. He reviewed and identified the positions to be elected and explained the voting eligibility and procedures. There were to be two ballots. The first would be for the Chairman of the Day and the Secretary of the Day. The second ballot would be for members of the Parish Council, Auditing Committee and Nominating Committee.

ELECTION OF PARISH ASSEMBLY OFFICERS

CHAIRMAN OF THE DAY

The elections proceeded with the slate for Chairman of the Day. Mr. Jamian asked Mr. Martin Cholakian and Dr. Dennis Papazian to come forward for introduction. Mr. Fantazian asked for nominations from the floor. Mr. Richard Norsigian was nominated from the floor. Dr. Dennis Papazian withdrew his name from the slate.

A **MOTION** was made, seconded, voted on, and passed to close the nominations.

Mr. Jamian presented the candidates for Assembly Chairman.

Martin Cholakian
Richard Norsigian

A **MOTION** was made, seconded, voted on, and passed to dispense with the reading of the biographical sketches.

SECRETARY OF THE DAY

The nominees for Secretary of the Day were presented. There were no nominations from the floor.

A MOTION was made, seconded and passed to close the nominations. Mr. Jamian present the candidates.

Angie Banerian
Gloria Korkoian

A MOTION was made, seconded, voted on, and passed to dispense with the reading of the biographical sketches.

Ballots for Chairman of the Day and Secretary of the Day were cast. While the tabulation of the votes was taking place, Mr. Jamian proceeded with the election of members for the Parish Council, Auditing Committee and Nominating Committee.

A MOTION was made, seconded, voted on, and passed to extend the voting time from 9:30 pm to 10 pm due to the late start and the overwhelming turn out of members.

PARTIAL ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS (6)

Mr. Jamian presented the slate of 12 candidates for six (6) Parish Council positions. Mr. Fantazian asked for nominations from the floor. Martin Manoogian, John Semizian and Harry Terzian were duly nominated. They were invited to come forward and join the other candidates.

A MOTION was made, seconded, voted on, and passed to close nominations. A MOTION was made, seconded, voted on, and passed to dispense with the reading of the biographical sketches. The candidates were then introduced.

Guy Amboian	Janet Mardigian
Elizabeth Aprahamian	Elizabeth Roberts
Ohannes Boyajian	John Semizian
Kathy Mekjian	Andy Tarpinian
Garry Javizian	Harry Terzian
Richard Kehyian	Carl Varadian
Nancy Kevonian	Dr. Joyce Yeghissian
Martin Manoogian	

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (5)

Mr. Jamian presented the slate of 10 candidates for five (5) Nominating Committee positions. Mr. Fantazian asked for nominations from the floor. Mr. Arthur Apkarian, Mrs. Mary Keoleian, and Mr. Ara Kazanjian were duly nominated. They were invited to come forward and join the other candidates.

A **MOTION** was made, seconded, voted on, and passed to close nominations. A **MOTION** was made, seconded, voted on, and passed to dispense with the reading of the biographical sketches. The candidates were then introduced.

Sylvia Aglamishian	Suzanne Nazoyan
Arthur Apkarian	Carol Palaian
Yerchanig Joy Callan	Rosalie Papazian
Dr. Harry Joboulian	Cathy Sarkesian
Mary Keoleian	Franklin Shehigian
Edward Karamanian	Alice Toroyan
Ara Kazanjian	

AUDITING COMMITTEE (3)

Mr. Jamian presented the slate of 6 candidates for three (3) Auditing Committee positions. Mr. Fantazian asked for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor.

A **MOTION** was made, seconded, voted on, and passed to close nominations. A **MOTION** was made, seconded, voted on, and passed to dispense with the reading of the biographical sketches. The candidates were then introduced.

Robert Aginian	Mark Kaylian
Edward Bedikian	Roseann Manoogian
Armen Hovnanian	Tom Stamboulian

Ballots were passed out for electing members to the above mentioned positions.

IV. ELECTION RESULTS - PARISH ASSEMBLY OFFICERS

Mr. Fantazian announced that he had the results for the Parish Assembly Officers, but that he had a dilemma due to the fact that balloting was open until 10 pm.

Mr. Martin Cholakian made a **MOTION** to accept the results and close the balloting as of 9:57 p.m. for Parish Assembly Officers. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Fantazian announced the results and invited the officers to come forward and introduced them.

Richard Norsigian	Chairman of the Day
Gloria Korkoian	Secretary of the Day

Mr. Richard Norsigian thanked Greg Jamian and the Nominating Committee for their efforts in presenting the slate of candidates.

He then thanked the Assembly on behalf of himself and Miss Korkoian for the confidence they showed in electing them Parish Assembly Officers.

V. MINUTES OF THE 1991 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

A **MOTION** was made, seconded, voted on, and passed to dispense with the reading of the 1991 Annual Parish Assembly Minutes.

VI. 1991 ANNUAL REPORT

Pastor's Report

Since the Pastor was not present, questions were not entertained.

Parish Council and Organization Reports

Mrs. Violet Cholakian commended the Parish Council for their efforts in providing the Super Saturday Program, which is a well rounded program for our children. The program was developed by Dr. Joyce Yeghissian and Mrs. Joanne Nasser. She thanked the instructors for their work with the children.

Mr. Harry Zartarian commended the Food for Armenia Program, but requested more information about the program (page 18). Mr. Fantazian explained that the Parish Council has an agent in Armenia, Mr. Edigarian, who oversees the project and submits reports.

Mr. Garry Javizian noted that under Youth Coordinators (Page 17) ACYOA Activities are listed. He had heard that the youth had approached the Parish Council to appropriate funds for a clergyman to

attend the annual ACYOA Sports Weekend and no funds were allocated. He asked if this was true and why the Parish Council didn't support our youth?

Mr. Fantazian stated that the Council has always been in support of our youth, but at that time due to financial reasons and budgets, there were no monies available.

Mrs. Arlene Baylerian, member of the Komitas Choir, publicly thanked two members - Mrs. Violet Cholakian and Mrs. Marianne Dardarian - for their time and effort in making our Lenten Service beautiful and for other tasks.

There being no other questions on Item #6 of the Agenda, The 1991 Annual Report - Questions & Answers, the Chairman moved on to Item #7, Review of the 1991 Financial Reports.

VII. REVIEW OF THE 1991 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Martin Cholakian questioned the management of the Endowment Fund (on Pages 26-27 of the Balance Sheet). He asked: Is it controlled by a trust document or a document of the Parish Council and is the investment activity directed by the Parish Council? Can the principal be invaded by this Parish and if not, what are the risks to the donors of the erosion of the principal?

Mr. Peter Egigian, Treasurer, and Mr. Richard Vahratian, Assistant Treasurer, addressed this question. Mr. Egigian stated that the principal is secure and cannot be invaded by the Parish Council, that there is a document on the donations, and that they are restricted as far as their use.

Mr. Cholakian further asked if the proceeds are for the General Operating Funds of the Parish or if they are designated for the Choir, Church School, Library, Museum, etc. He suggested that the 1992 Parish Report designate how the funds are allocated. He questioned the interest rate of 3.3% on the \$303,000 that earned only \$10,000.

Mr. Egigian stated that investments will be addressed later in the agenda by a special person. Mr. Martin Manoogian explained that the Endowment interest shown was not just from the Endowment Fund but from all donations and that the Parish Council has to get it organized. The Parish received donations, which were put in the bank. The Endowment has grown over the last two years and the Parish Council is not organized to handle it. The vehicle of investments has not been there, but

the Parish Council is now looking into various investment plans.

Mr. Martin Manoogian explained the financial situation of the Balance Sheet (Pages 26-27). The Special Projects do not bring in sufficient money to run the church. There has been a deficit for two years. The Parish needs contributions from the membership on which we can depend.

Mr. Richard Vahratian stated that on page 20 under Professional Services many fine people are named one of which is Martin Manoogian and he publicly thanked him for a fine job.

A MOTION was made, seconded, voted on, and passed to accept the Balance Sheet as presented.

Mrs. Nancy Kevonian commented that there has been a decline in membership and recalled that a survey had been taken, but that the results were not shared with the Parish. She recommended that another survey be taken and the problems be revealed at the next Parish Assembly.

Mr. Moe Assarian commented that there is a major problem in the Church and until there is harmony we are not going to get any new members. He asked the Parish Council to take responsibility to straighten it out during their next year in office.

VIII. 1992 BUDGET

The Chair recognized Mr. Armen Hovnanian, who presented the 1992 Budget. He stated that the Budget indicates a \$50,000 deficit and that action must be taken during the coming year.

Mr. Martin Cholakian addressed Line Item 9, which shows that no appropriation has been made for paying the dues of the Church School Graduates, which was instituted by a decision of the Parish Assembly.

A MOTION was made, seconded, voted on, and passed to add \$400 to Line Item 9 for Church School Graduates dues.

Mr. Guy Amboian stated that the compatible partners of dedicated Council reach out to the parishioners and try to understand the problems, talk to them and address the issues. Then those who can afford it will automatically increase their pledges. It won't happen until we realize that we are compatible partners.

Mr. Greg Mamassian questioned the Travel (line Item 16, page 29) and noted that it was underspent by \$712.

Miss Laura Gononian asked if there was a provision in the Budget that would allow a Parish Priest to be present at the ACYOA Sports Weekend. Mr. Norsigian stated that the line item is there for travel expense.

Miss Gononian made a **MOTION** that under Line Item 16 - Travel, a provision be made to allow a Parish Priest to attend the ACYOA Sports Weekend. There was a second and discussion was held.

Mr. Garry Javizian commented that our priorities are with our youth and we should appropriate \$500 for Travel to the ACYOA Sports Weekend.

Miss Ann Marie Egigian commented that Fr. Paren had supported youth projects for many years. He attended retreats at Camp Ararat and every person who attended Sports Weekends were reimbursed some money.

Mr. James Stamboulian addressed the need for a vision to support our youth and that we need to improve the process with a goal and mission. Mr. Richard Norsigian stated that he should bring this up under New Business.

Mr. Harry Terzian urged the Parish Council to make every effort to make the youth feel supported and have a clergyman with them at their Assembly.

Mr. Armen Hovnanian explained that the Parish Council spends over \$50,000 a year on the youth. To continue spending more we could end up closing the church doors.

Miss Sarah Andonian spoke on the ACYOA request for Travel Funds and asked the Parish Council if the ACYOA could raise the funds.

Mr. Fantazian responded that it was not a Budget question and that the Parish Council will take this issue seriously and will decide if funds are available. (A vote was not taken on this motion since Mr. Fantazian stated that the Parish Council will address this issue.)

Dr. Gary Assarian made a **MOTION** that in light of the deficit that Item 26 - Artifacts - be stricken from the budget for 1992. There was a second and discussion.

Mr. Armen Hovnanian stated that the money was to be used to save and preserve Armenian cultural history.

Mr. Edmond Azadian commented that the artifacts are more important than the cows we send to Armenia. On a \$1 million Budget, \$10,000 is only a small portion.

Mr. Garry Javizian responded to Mr. Azadian's comments that \$10,000 is a small amount, but \$500 for clergy travel expense to the Sports Weekend could shut the Church Doors.

Mrs. Annette Mamassian commented that it is wonderful to preserve our heritage through artifacts but if there is no Parish, if we have to close our doors, if we don't have people here, then we won't need a museum.

Mrs. Nancy Kevonian responded to Mr. Azadian stating that its great to preserve artifacts but it won't save a life. The cows in Armenia are feeding the people, who are starving. She recommended that the \$10,000 be deferred for one year and the money be spent in other ways.

Mrs. Nora March questioned how many people had seen the artifacts or been in the Museum, which is not open.

There being no further discussion, a vote was taken on the motion. The **MOTION** was defeated by a vote of 165 for and 241 against.

Mr. John Semizian addressed the need to raise annual pledges.

He made a **MOTION** that family pledges be raised from \$250 per year to \$350 and single pledges from \$125 to \$175. The motion was seconded and discussion was held.

Mrs. Linda Assarian spoke against the motion stating that if the priorities of the Church are not rearranged, more people are going to leave or withhold their dues. The people who are 30-50 years old want their children to grow up in this Church with a purpose, with religion, with fellowship and with service. Until that is put as a high priority, she will not pay higher dues.

Mr. Douglas Takessian commented that this is the first time he saw over 500 people at a Parish meeting and that a lot of phone calls must have been made. He spoke against the motion on behalf of members on limited income. He encouraged organizations to hold more fund raising functions and, if that was not feasible, then suggested a freeze on salaries and to eliminate annual bonuses.

Mr. Masa Carmanian spoke against the motion on behalf of the Senior Citizens with limited incomes.

Mrs. Nancy Kevonian spoke against the motion stating that raising the dues may push people away. She suggested reorganizing the hall rentals to outside organizations to bring in money.

There being no further discussion, a vote was taken. The **MOTION** was defeated.

Mrs. Sarah DerGazarian requested clarification on what youth activities are supported by the \$50,000, what line items, and shouldn't they be listed within the Budget, especially if losses are incurred? Mr. Hovnanian explained that it goes towards various line items such as the Recreation Center, the Youth Director and other items.

The Chair entertained a motion to accept the budget as amended. Mr. Martin Cholakian made a point of order and requested a final number on both sides of the Budget before the vote. Mr. Norsigian restated:

The Expenditures were increased by \$400 in Line Item #9 for dues for Church School Graduates, which brought the total to \$778,576. There were no other additions or changes. The Receipts remained the same.

A **MOTION** was made and seconded, voted on, and passed to accept the 1992 Budget as amended.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Harry Zartarian made a **MOTION** to add an agenda item to the New Business to discuss displaying the flag of Armenia. The motion was seconded, voted on, and passed.

Mr. Martin Cholakian made a **MOTION** to display the flag of Armenia in the Cultural Hall. The motion was seconded and discussion was held.

Mr. Garo Yeghissian asked for the Diocese's position on this. Mr. Martin Cholakian stated that the Primate of the Eastern Diocese issued a directive that each Parish will make the decision to place the flag of Armenia in their facility.

Mr. Harry Terzian asked for clarification and then spoke in favor of the motion.

The **MOTION** was voted on and passed to place the flag of Armenia in the Cultural Hall.

Mr. Vahram Fantazian requested a new item of business regarding financial investments. Because of falling interest rates, the Parish Council has been consulting with Miss Marie Vanerian, a Financial Counselor with Merrill Lynch, to explore new avenues of investment. Currently our policy on investments calls for U.S. Government issues only. Miss Vanerian's proposed changes to the investment strategy have been endorsed by the Parish Council.

A **MOTION** was made, seconded, voted on, and passed to add this item (Miss Vanerian's Presentation on Investment Strategy) to the agenda.

Miss Marie Vanerian was invited to make her presentation. Miss Vanerian has 15 years of experience at Merrill Lynch as an Investment Counselor. She attended several Parish Council meetings to discuss investment strategy, which would include a possible change in the Investment Guidelines to include corporate bonds.

Currently our policy in investments calls for U.S. Guaranteed Investments only that includes purchases of U.S. Treasury Bills, U.S. Treasury Notes, U.S. Treasury Bonds, U.S. Government Guaranteed or U.S. Government Agencies and Federally insured Certificates of Deposits. At this time corporate bonds are not allowed within the Investment Guidelines. Her recommendation to the Parish Council is that we would be well served to have a partial exposure to corporate bonds. The top three bond ratings are AAA, AA, and A, which are rated by Standard and Poors. The bond purchases would be restricted to those of A or better. Corporate bonds yield 3/4% to 1% more than government guaranteed issues in the 1980s. So there would be at least a direct bottom line return by considering a partial exposure in high quality corporate bonds.

Miss Vanerian recommended looking at several companies to add to our portfolio: AT&T, Boeing, Campbell Soup, Exxon, Ford Motor, General Electric, General Motors, Walmart, IBM, Michigan Bell and Johnson & Johnson. She suggested a limited use of corporate bonds to 40% of the overall funds for investment. She currently oversees portfolios for a variety of other foundations, non-profit organizations, religious orders and various other organizations, which have the same goals and objectives as our organization - the desire for protection of principle, solid income flows and high quality portfolios. All permit some exposure to corporate bonds with ratings of A, AA, and AAA.

Miss Vanerian answered questions from the Assembly.

Mr. Martin Cholakian spoke against the recommendation stating that there are pitfalls which may expose us to some liabilities. He opposed any investment that was not guaranteed and protected at 100% face value.

Mrs. Alice Toroyan spoke in favor of the recommendation, but suggested that we use a smaller portion than 40% to start with and to limit the purchase to bonds with AAA or AA ratings.

Mr. Harry Terzian raised the question on the risk factor and noted that the rate of return was not a major difference.

Dr. Dennis Papazian spoke against the recommendation stating that the 3/4 % to 1 % was not worth the risk.

Mr. Edmond Azadian suggested that the Parish Council and Investment Committee invite knowledgeable members to discuss the proposed investment strategy and make changes to the Investment Guideline.

Mr. Azadian made the **MOTION** to close the discussion. The motion was seconded, voted on, and passed.

Mr. Norsigian thanked Miss Vanerian for her presentation.

Mr. Azadian made the **MOTION** that this Parish Assembly respectfully request of Bishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, to decline the resignation of our Pastor, Very Rev. Fr. Paren Avedikian, who has served eminently the Parish of St. John's Armenian Church of the last 22 years. The motion was seconded, voted on, and passed.

Mrs. Mary Ann Artinian made a **MOTION** to add to the Agenda of New Business her thoughts. The motion was seconded, voted on and passed.

Mrs. Artinian then shared her thoughts and concerns as a parent raising American/Armenian children. She spoke on the challenges that children face in today's world and the need to provide an atmosphere for acceptance, support and a place to reflect and share with our clergy and members and for preservation of our cultural heritage, which includes the Church. She stated that the Church must support the positive, nurture self esteem, stroke our children and parishioners in order to have a future and live. Mr. Norsigian asked Mrs. Artinian for a copy of her thoughts for the Parish Council.

Mrs. Alice Toroyan questioned the disposition of Miss Vanerian's presentation. Mr. Norsigian stated that the Parish Council will be taking

it under advisement. Mr. Vahram Fantazian stated that the Parish Council will discuss it and come back to the Parish Assembly next year for approval of any changes in the investment strategy. The 1992 investment strategy will remain unchanged.

Mrs. Annette Mamassian made a **MOTION** that the Parish Council present a balanced budget for 1993 to the Parish Assembly next year. The motion was seconded, voted on, and passed.

Mr. Martin Manoogian made a **MOTION** to add to the Agenda of New Business a discussion to increase dues \$50 per person. The motion was seconded, voted on, and defeated (121 for and 152 against).

Mr. Moe Assarian made a **MOTION** to add to the Agenda of New Business a discussion for a Fundraising Committee to be appointed by the Parish Council. The motion was seconded, voted on, and defeated.

Mr. James Stambouljian made a **MOTION** to add to the Agenda of New Business a discussion on goals for the Parish. The motion was seconded, voted on and passed.

Mr. Stambouljian made a **MOTION** that the Parish Council propose a 5-year and a 10-year Vision and Business Plan. The motion was seconded and discussion held.

Mr. Harry Terzian spoke against the need for a business plan, but for the need to address all people's concerns and to address those concerns.

Mr. Guy Amboian spoke for the motion and changes in policy, not personnel, to lay ground work for next year with a strategy to raise dues.

Dr. Dennis Papazian spoke for the motion in order to reiterate our values.

Mr. Edmond Azadian spoke for the motion and that the Parish Council include plans to reactivate committees for Fund Raising and Membership.

Mr. Stambouljian's **MOTION** that the Parish Council prepare a 5-year and 10-year Plan for the Parish was voted on and passed.

Mrs. Denise Karakashian made a **MOTION** to add to the Agenda of New Business her thoughts. The motion was seconded, voted on, and passed.

Mrs. Karakashian expressed her thoughts and concerns that our Church community is a place where we should be able to feel no matter who we are, no matter what we have, no matter what our opinions may be on any particular issue, that we are accepted in a spirit of caring, encouragement, support and love. She was concerned about what appears to be at times a lack of Christian spirit and made a plea for harmony and for everyone to work together to make our church, once again, a place to come to for spiritual nourishment and Christian fellowship. Mr. Norsigian asked her for a copy of her thoughts for the Parish Council.

Mr. Saznek Betrosian commented that this is the first time he had seen so many people at a meeting. He spoke on behalf of the Bingo Program and asked for volunteers to help. They are short handed and with more help more money could be raised.

Mrs. Alice Toroyan requested clarification on the last motion regarding the 5-year/10-year Plan and wanted to know when we are to expect it. Mr. Richard Norsigian said that it wasn't stated.

Mr. Edmond Azadian made a **MOTION** to form an Outreach Committee, independent of the Parish Council, to go out into the community to enroll new members and reach out to the families that have dropped their membership and report to the Parish Assembly next year. The motion was seconded, voted on, and passed.

Mr. Souren Gozmanian made a **MOTION** that a deadline of next year's Parish Assembly be put on the Vision and Business Plan. The motion was seconded, voted on, and passed.

Mr. Gary Gozmanian made a **MOTION** to add to New Business a one-year and three-year Business Plan in addition to Mr. Stamboulian's. The motion was seconded, voted on, and passed.

Mr. Gary Gozmanian made a **MOTION** that the Parish Council include in the one-year and three-year Plan business plans for the Youth Program, Investments, Hall Rental, Building Improvements, and Church Dues. The motion was seconded and discussion held.

Mr. Martin Manoogian spoke in favor of the motion and stated that we need more volunteers since the Parish Council only has 11 members.

Miss Margie Simonian encouraged all those who made motions to come forward and volunteer to serve on those proposed committees.

Mrs. Margaret Gozmanian spoke in favor of the motion and stated that only certain people are asked to serve on Committees and that many more would like to serve.

The **MOTION** was voted on and passed.

Mr. Garry Javizian made a **MOTION** that the Minutes of The Parish Assembly be made available to the Parish immediately after approval by the Diocese. The motion was seconded, voted on, and passed.

No additional New Business was introduced.

X. The Chair declared the following individuals were elected to the Auditing Committee:

Tom Stamboulian	3 year term
Roseann Manoogian	2 year term
Robert Aginian	1 year term

The Chair declared that the following individuals were elected to the Nominating Committee:

Arthur Apkarian
Yerchanig Joy Callan
Mary Keoleian
Edward Karamanian
Ara Kazanjian

The Chair declared that the following individuals were elected to the Parish Council:

Guy Amboian
Elizabeth Aprahamian
John Semizian
Andy Tarpinian
Harry Terzian
Dr. Joyce Yeghissian

XI: ASSISTANT PASTOR'S CLOSING MESSAGE, PRAYER FOR THE DECEASED AND BENEDICTION

Because of the absence of the Pastor, The Very Rev. Paren Avedikian, Richard Norsigian announced that there will be no Pastor's Message. He

then invited the Assistant Pastor, The Very Rev. Samuel Aghoyan, to offer a Prayer for the Deceased and the Benediction.

The Very Rev. Fr. Samuel Aghoyan, as the President of today's Assembly, gave a closing message in the absence of Very Rev. Fr. Paren Avedikian.

"The number of parishioners attending tonight for the Parish Assembly is very encouraging. The manner in which the issues were discussed and resolved is commendable. By your attendance in this great number you inspired me and increased my hope for the future of this Parish. Even though it seemed to you that there was a crisis and the issue or the issues might have grown into serious problems. This Church needs you all, at all times, crisis or no crisis. Believe me your absence and your non-participation in the activities, planning, and taking serious responsibilities become devastating and a disappointment to the youth of our community. You remember very well how this whole complex was built, what kind of labor and money was spent. It was believed that the Church was the center of our community life, and I still believe that it can serve the same purpose.

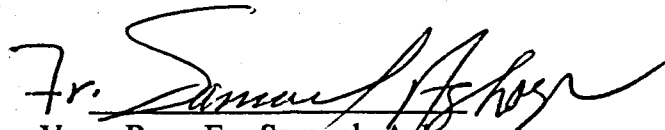
We all should be able to foresee the demise of the Church every time we ignore the separation of each and every young person. There is no magic solution for me to present to keep everyone close to the Church and to the community life other than to remind you to come to your senses and realize the importance of it and change our apathy into an active and positive attitude. The person who is in pain must seek a remedy himself. The finger goes where the pain is. I personally believe that knowledgeable parishioners should be accountable for the failures and successes of this Church. To realize or to know the problems does not mean we are seriously interested. Parishioners, including our youth, must come forward and prove that they are interested and are ready to sacrifice their time, knowledge, money and everything else that is required to accomplish and to succeed in our goals and missions.

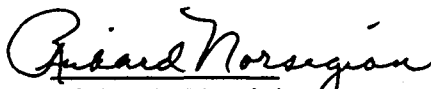
Without going further, I leave it up to your clear conscience and honest judgment, the future of our youth, the community and the Church. It is your game. You must learn first how to play and then win the game. I am more than willing, as long as I am among you, to work with you by encouraging our youth, the parishioners and the community for their growth and success. By all means, we should not forget that this is a religious institution and we all must adhere to the principles of the Church. The essence or the core of all principles is Christian love. St Paul describes the meaning of love very well, which I read in the beginning of this Assembly. Therefore, when you depart from this hall, take this one thought with you - 'How can I change and improve myself and everything around me.' I thank you for your sincere efforts and

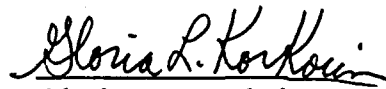
and everything around me.' I thank you for your sincere efforts and patience."

Fr. Samuel asked the Assembly to rise and offered a prayer for those members of our community who died in 1991. The benediction followed.

XII. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 a.m.


Very Rev. Fr. Samuel Aghoyan
Assistant Pastor - *President*


Richard Norsigian
Chairman


Gloria L. Korkoian
Secretary