

**ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER DETROIT
ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MINUTES
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1997**

I. INVOCATION AND CALL TO ORDER

The Parish Assembly ("Assembly") was called to order by the Chairman of the 1996 Assembly Mr. Arthur Mardigian at 7:40 PM. The Very Rev. Fr. Baret Yeretjian, Pastor, offered the Invocation . Gloria Korkoian, Secretary of the Day will record minutes until the 1997 Parish Assembly Officers are elected.

II. VERIFICATION OF THE ELIGIBILITY OF MEMBERS AND QUORUM

Mr. Mardigian read the Diocesan By-laws definition on what constitutes a quorum: the presence of 1/3 of the eligible voters or 50 members shall constitute a quorum and decisions should be rendered by majority vote. Mr. Mardigian stated that there are clearly more than 50 members present and if there are no objections from the Assembly, the Secretary will record that a quorum is present. There were no objections. A quorum was present.

The eligibility of members had been verified by the Parish Council as parishioners registered.

At 8:10PM there were 150 eligible members present.

At 9:30 PM, when balloting was closed, there were 159 eligible members present.

Correction to agenda:

Correction to item 7 in the agenda item A will be item B, item B will be item C. A will be a call to for new business, they must be submitted proir to this item in writing an d signed by the presentor. The Chairman will read only the intent of the new business, if the assembly votes yes, then it will be discussed under 7C.

A **MOTION** was made to accept the agenda with corrections. The **MOTION** was voted on, seconded and passed.

III. ELECTIONS

Mr. Mardigian introduced Dr. Ara Yagoobian, Chairman of the 1997 Nominating Committee, to conduct the Election of the Parish Assembly Officers. Dr. Yagoobian stated that the elections would close at 9:30 p.m. and that some candidates were absent do to their children's school breaks/vacations.

ELECTION OF PARISH ASSEMBLY OFFICERS

CHAIRMAN OF THE DAY

Dr. Yagoobian asked Arthur S. Mardigian and Gloria Korkoian to come forward for introduction. Dr. Yagoobian asked for nominations from the floor. There being no nominations from the floor, the nominations for Chairman of the Day were closed. He asked that we dispense with the reading of the biographies. There being no objections, the biographies were not read.

SECRETARY OF THE DAY

Alex Alexanian was asked to come forward for introduction. Dr. Yagoobian asked for nominations from the floor. There being no nominations from the floor, the nominations for Secretary of the Day were closed. He asked that we dispense with the reading of the biographies. There being no objections, the biographies were not read.

Dr. Yagoobian presented the candidates for Parish Assembly Officers.
Chairman of the Day: Arthur S. Mardigian and Ms. Gloria Korkoian
Secretary of the Day: Alex Alexanian

Dr. Yagoobian explained the balloting rules and added the Nominating Committee did it's utmost to fill the slate. There being no objections, the ballots were passed out.

Mr. Mardigian made a **MOTION** to close nominations. The **MOTION** was seconded, and **PASSED**.

ELECTION RESULTS - ASSEMBLY OFFICERS

Dr. Yagoobian announced the election results and congratulated the Officers:

Chairman of the Day: Gloria Korkoian
Secretary of the Day: Alex Alexanian

The Officers took their positions. Gloria Korkoian thanked the Assembly for their confidence and stated that both candidates for Chairman of the Day and Secretary of the Day were excellent candidates. She extended the gratitude of the elected officers to the Assembly.

ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Dr. Yagoobian presented the slate of 7 candidates for five (5) Parish Council positions.

The Chair then asked for nominations from the floor. No nominations were made.

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

The Candidates were introduced:

Onnig Boyajian	Janet Mardigian
Alberta Godoshian	Lazarus M. Surabian
Edward H. Korkoian	Janice Torosian
Arthur S. Mardigian	

Dr. Yagoobian asked the Assembly if he could dispense with the reading of the biographies for all candidates for Parish Council, Nominating Committee and Auditor. There were no objections.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (5)

Dr. Yagoobian chairman of the nominating committee presented a slate of 7 candidates for five (5) positions.

The candidates were introduced:

Richard Baylerian	Ara Ekizian
Stephen Daghlian	George Kourajian Jr.
Agnes Dourjalian	Landa Mavian Mycek
	Margaret Oknaian

AUDITING COMMITTEE (1)

Dr. Yagoobian presented a slate of 1 candidate for one (1) position.

The candidate was introduced:

Edward Bedikian

Dr. Yagoobian reviewed the balloting procedures, reminding the Assembly that 5 are to be elected for the Parish Council, 5 for the Nominating Committee and 1 for Auditor.

Recess for vote tabulation

V. MINUTES OF THE 1996 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Dr. Yagoobian asked the Assembly if they had any questions on the 1996 Minutes. The minutes were approved by the Archbishop and would be available some time in April.

A **MOTION** was made to dispense with the reading of the 1996 Annual Parish Assembly Minutes and to ratify them as the official record of the 1996 Parish Assembly. The **MOTION** was seconded, voted on and **PASSED**.

VI. 1996 ANNUAL REPORT

The Chair stated that the Reports would not be read, but that the Pastor and Parish Council would answer questions. She asked for questions on the Reports page by page. There were no questions.

VII. REVIEW OF 1996 FINANCIAL REPORT

Father Baret Yeretizian suggested to send regrets for the loss of Alex Manoogian to R. manoogian and L. Simone on behalf of the assembly. The **MOTION** was made, seconded, voted on and **PASSED**.

The Chair asked for questions on the **1996 Financial Report**.

Harry Amarkanian asked why the endowment funds balance for 1995 did not equal the balance stated in the 1995 report. (on page 22 of the booklet). The reason given was that two contributions were added to endowment funds after January of 1996. The adjustment was late.

There were no further questions on the 1996 financial report.

VIII. BUDGET

The chair asked if there were any questions on the 1996 Budget.

John Semizian referred to page 25 of the booklet and asked if the Choir Director could be added in the \$360,000 salaries column. The chairman of the Parish Council responded that the Parish Council would provide the funds for the Choir Director. Father Baret added that he was in the process of locating a Director from Armenia.

A question was asked on where item 7 on the receipt column, gift money, came from? Andy Tarpinian, Parish Council treasurer responded that Richard and Louise Manoogian gave it as a gift to the church.

Father Baret added that a donation to the Church of \$8000 from the A.C.Y.O.A. was late and would be added to next years budget.

A **MOTION** was made to accept the budget, voted on, **Seconded** and **PASSED**.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Korkoian asked for any new business from the floor. None was submitted

In Lieu of Flowers:

Andrew Tarpinian referred to the policy as addressed in the booklet. He stated the need for funds to maintain the Church and explained the changes made to the In Lieu of Flowers policy.

Arthur Mardigian made a **MOTION** to **AMEND** the motion on the floor to state that it would become effective on February 22, 1997.

The **AMENDMENT** was seconded and **Passed**. The **MOTION** for the in Lieu of Flowers as amended was seconded and **PASSED** with two votes against.

X. ELECTION RESULTS

The Chair asked the Chairman of the Nominating Committee to announce the election results. Dr. Yagoobian announced the election results and congratulated the new members of the Parish Council, Nominating Committee and Auditing Committee.

Parish Council:	Onig Boyajian	Alberta Godoshian
	Edward H. Korkoian	Arthur Mardigian
	Janice Torosian	

Nominating Committee: Richard Baylerian
Stephen Daghlian
George Kurajian

Agnes Dourjalian
Ara Ekizian

Dr. Ara Yagoobian extended his thanks to his fellow nominating committee members and to all those who helped make the evening as successful as it was.

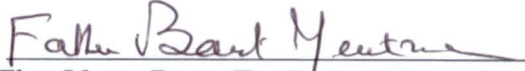
XI: PASTOR'S CLOSING MESSAGE AND BENEDICTION

The Very Rev. Baret Yeretzian made a suggestion that in the future the balloting should end at 9:00 P.M.. The suggestion was passed with unanimous consent. He then went on to say that the evening had been one of the shortest and smoothest in history. He thanked the Assembly. He stated that the purpose of the Annual Meeting is to come together and work for the good of the Parish. He asked that we continue to work together. He added a special thanks to Helen Armoudlian whose dedication to the Church as secretary for over 50 years was appreciated on the occasion of her retirement.


He concluded with the Benediction.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The Parish Assembly adjourned at 9:47 PM


The Very Rev. Fr. Baret Yeretzian
President


Gloria L. Korkoian
Chairman, Parish Assembly


Alex Z. Alexanian
Secretary, Parish Assembly

March 3-97
Date