ARMENIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY RESURRECTION NEW BRITAIN, CONN.

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY JANUARY 27, 1985

The annual Parish Assembly meeting of the Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection was held on January 27, 1985 with 51 parishioners attending which was enough for a quorum.

At 1:30 Fr. Vartan Der Assadourian opened the meeting with a prayer after which Sarkis Yirigian, Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council asked for nominations for a chairman and a secretary.

Edward Simonian was nominated chairman and Armen Michalak volunteered to be the secretary for the day.

The minutes of the 1983 annual Parish Assembly were read by John Chiloyan.

There was a moment of silence for all deceased members. Harry Azarigian reminded the Parish Council that the names of all deceased members of the previous year be mentioned.

Hurach Azarigian made the motion that the minutes be accepted as read. Harry Der Assadourian seconded it. The motion was carried.

Fr. Vartan gave his annual report. A motion was made to accept the pastor's report as given. Motion carried.

The Parish Council report was read by Harry Der Assadourian.
A motion was made to accept the parish council's report as given.
The report was accepted with the following addition. Credit was given to Richard Kallajian for acting as Pledge Custodian.

The Auditor's report was given by Hurach Azarigian. Margaret Bagdigian made the motion to accept the report. Rose Mosey seconded it, all were in favor and the motion was carried.

The reports for the Women's Guild, Sunday School, Choir, Mr. & Mrs. Club, A.C.Y.O.A. Sr. A.C.Y.O.A. Jr. and Armenian School were all accepted as read. No report was made by the Senior Citizens.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS

Looy's editor, Mary Abrahamian gave her report. She said this was the first year it carried itself.

Lucy Simonian mentioned that the Antrania Dance Program was a social and financial success. The final tabulation isn't in as yet.

Harry Hougas gave the report on the Pledge Committee. They were able to raise it from \$16,900 to \$24,000.

Mary Abrahamian gave a report on the Memorial Plaque Program.
A suggestion was made by Rose Mosey to get a price from Imperial Trophy in New Britain before making a final decision.

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NEW BUSINESS

Harry Der Assadourian presented the 1985 budget for review and approval. Some of the parishioners asked how and where cours could be made. Hurach Azarigian said that the budget was a bare bone budget and should be accepted.

One suggestion was to cut the travel and lodging expenses for conventions and meetings. Harry Badrigian said he didn't think that was the place to cut.

Harry Azarigian questioned the stipend increase. Harry Der Assadourian said it was less than what the Diocese Stipend Committee recommends. Harry Azarigian said it was too much of an increase for our small parish.

Given Hoosigian made a motion to change the stipend back to last year's figure; \$21,100 to \$19,600. It was seconded by Harry Azarigian.

A closed vote was taken and by a 35 to 15 vote with one abstaining, it was passed to reduce it to last year's figure.

George Simonian made a motion that the proposed budget be passed with the revised figure. It was seconded by Marge Onanian and passed.

Fr. Vartan reminded the Assembly Members that their action under stipend is illegal, non-binding, and subject to changes by the Primate, the Diocesen Council, and the Stipend Committee.

Questions were raised on the insurance expenses. An estimate of replacement cost will be provided by Monty Bagdigian.

PARISH COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS

It was agreed upon to complete the Memorial Plaque Program.

A discussion regarding the purchase of the Peterson House was not resolved. Hurach Azarigian suggested that the Parish Council meet and discuss it.

The question of why we didn't have adult Armenian School classes came up and Fr. Vartan stated that only three people had registered so far.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Rose Badrigian recommended we have a P.R. man from the Parish Council to discuss problems with the Parish.

Harry Azarigian asked the Parish Council to check their rental rates and see if they can be raised.

Steve Der Margosian made the following suggestions:

- (1) He would like to have circulars sent out for special occasions such as Easter, Christmas, or any other religious services.
- (2) At every annual Parish Assembly Meeting he would like the names of the Council members going out of office and those remaining made known to the parishioners.
- (3) He would like to have a fire extinguisher put into the candle chapel room.

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Sarah Yagoobian asked if there was a tie vote, who breaks it, and Der Hyre explained that the presiding officer which is the Priest votes to break the tie. (Article # 24 in the By-Laws of the Armenian Church of the Eastern Diocese.

Harry Badrigian suggested a list of church members be mailed to each member once a year. Harry Hougas said that its up to the Council .

Harry Hougas suggested that a committee be formed to get new members; it should not be a Council burden.

Violet Galazan said she felt that Der Hyre wasn't doing enough to interest non-armenians to come to church or teach young boys to become altar boys. Suggested perhaps a younger priest might do more.

Harry Hougas made a motion that we form a committee to look into the possibility of getting a new priest so that we can be prepared in case Fr. Vartan decides to retire. This will be done with Fr. Vartan's help. His experience and knowledge would guide us in this endeavor. This motion was seconded by Rose Badrigian and passed by the members. The following members volunteered to be on the committee.

John Maljanian, Harry Hougas, Harry Badrigian, Steve Der Margosian and Rose Mosey.

ELECTION RESULTS

Parish Council			
John Maljanian 50 Peter Bagdigian 45 Given Hoosigian 45 Sarkis Daouidlarian 38	5	Monty Bagdigian Harry Der Assadourian Violet Galazan Harold Onanian	28 27 20 10
The top four were elected.			
Auditing Committee			
Hurach Azarigian 52 Charles Hovsepian 3 Ruth Waite 3	7	George Simonian Arthur Simonian Gregory Abrahamian	30 26 26
The top three were elected.			
Nominating Committee			
Rose Badrigian 42 Rose Mosey 39 Sharan Vartanian 38	9	Sarah Yagoobian Armen Michalak Sonia Ohanian	30 26 24
The top three were elected.			

Emil Mosey made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Margaret Bagdigian.

The meeting closed at 5:45 P. M. with a prayer by Fr. Vartan.

Respectfully submitted.

Ray Vartack Carabaresa

Edward & Simonian CHAIRMAN

Armen B. Michalak

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