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1984 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING

MINUTES

The Annual Parish Assembly meeting was held on January 29, 1984 in the Abrahamian Auditorium of the Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection.

The Meeting was called to order by Parish Council Chairman Harry Hougas at 1:05 PM. Father Vartan DerAssadourian delivered a prayer to open the meeting. A silent prayer was held for all deceased members of the Church. Those who passed away in 1983 were Charles Avedisian, George Kevorkian, Alice Onanian, and Vartouhi Yessian.

Nominations were entertained for meeting Chairman and meeting Secretary. Harry Badrigian accepted nomination for meeting Chairman and Guy Simonian accepted as meeting Secretary.

Minutes of the 1983 Parish Assembly were read by Harry DerAssadourian. The minutes were approved by Margaret Abrahamian with a second by Beverly Hoosigian.

Harry Badrigian, meeting chairman, extended thanks to the ACYOA Jr's from all of the parishoners present for providing a fine Letmajoon Lunch.

Three reports were then read with the parish body agreeing to amend and accept the three reports after they had been read.

Father Vartan DerAssadourian read the Pastor's report.

Harry Hougas, Parish Council Chairman read the 5 page report of the Parish Council following its distribution. John Chiloyan read the four page Auditor's report, also distributed.

No questions were raised on the report of the Parish Priest.

A question was raised on the Parish Council report by Paul Abrahamian concerning the 1984 Annual Picnic location. Harry Hougas reported it most likely to take place in the Abrahamian Auditorium. Betty Vartanian questioned the Picnic date. The meeting Chairman raised a point of order and referred her to the New Business of the meeting.

The Auditor's report was first questioned by Margaret Abrahamian who inquired as to the \$17,000 sum reported as disbursement under Fund Transfer.

Hurach Azarigian, Parish Treasurer, explained that the money went into a savings account called "the Quantum Fund". Hurach also brought to the parishoners attention the \$11,000 that would be required to offset proposed 1984 expenses, and that were it not for a very substantial "in lieu of flowers donation" from 1983, the 1983 balance sheet would have looked far worse than it did.

Beverly Hoosigian posed Hurach a question asking him to explain what the Quantum Fund was. Hurach replied, describing the Quantum Fund as a

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type of savings account which yielded a high rate of interest income which increased with the amount in the account. Also the funds could be withdrawn as needed without penalty.

Steve DerMargosian asked the status of the Stock Plan Mutual Fund. Harry Hougas replied that it was dissolved to pay debts of the Building Committee.

Harry Badrigian asked Hurach if the report meant we were in the black or the red. Hurach reported that we were in the black, reiterating his earlier statements that this was largely due to the large sums collected in behalf of our deceased members, large organization donations, and low expenses.

Betty Vartanian moved to accept the three reports with no changes. Charles Hovsepien, Jr. seconded, and the motion carried.

Next, the reports of individual church organizations were read with the parishoners again voicing agreement to the meeting Chairman's suggestion that all questions be asked following the last of these reports.

The Women's guild report was read by Rose Mosey followed by a round of applause led by Paul Abrahamian. Chairwomen of the guild is Rose Mosey.

Berg Kalajian read the report of the Sunday School was written on behalf of Superintendent Henrietta Kallajian.

Rose Mosey read the choir report on behalf of choir director Adrienne Damian.

The Mr. & Mrs. Club report was read by Chairman Marge Onanian.

The ACYOA Sr's report was read by Guy Simonian on behalf of chairman Adrienne Damian.

The ACYOA Jr's report was report by chairman Lisa Yirigian.

Sirvart Simonian, chairman of the Armenian school read, in Armenian, its report.

The Senior Citizen's report was read by chairman Monty Bagdigian.

The report of the Looy's, the Church newsletter was read by Roxie Maljanian although no formal report was submitted.

Questions posed to the individual organizations were as follows:

Sara Yagoobian asked the ACYOA seniors the exact cost of the sign in front of the church. Guy Simonian replied that it was approximately \$1600 while Hurach Azarigian interjected that the exact cost was \$1672.75.

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Steve DerMargosian questioned the \$9000 disbursement by the ACYOA Seniors. Guy Simonian responded that \$3000 was donated to the church and that more than \$5000 was paid to the ACYOA Central Council. Hurach Azarigian added that 50% of the profits realized by the ACYOA from the 1982 Sports Weekend/General Assembly had to be paid to the Central Council according to their bylaws.

Santook Sandy asked as to how much the Senior Citizen group contributed to the Church? A point of order was called by the Chairman with Arthur Simonian proclaiming that the question was legitimate. Monty Bagdigian replied that since they were a newly formed organization, no contributions have been made as of yet.

Hurach Azarigian moved that the organization reports be accepted and Sarah Yagoobian seconded. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Meeting chairman Harry Badrigian opened the floor to Old Business.

Given Hoosigian was the first with comments. Given stated concern over the status of the property adjacent to the church. In Given's words we should "reinvestigate this purchase."

Emil Mosey then questioned the Parish Council regarding the \$30,000 that had been committed by the individuals who held the property.

Harry Hougas directed the question to Arthur Simonian. Arthur stated that a 10 member group still held the property and would in his opinion make a determination as to whether or not to hold the property longer. The group would hold the property until after Today's meeting.

Harry Badrigian called a point of order on discussing this topic at the Annual meeting. Arthur Simonian responded that according to the bylaws, discussing real estate at Parish meetings was legal.

Hurach Azarigian commented that "We are beating our heads against the wall, let's organize a special assembly for the house."

Steve DerMargosian pondered a "workable compromise." Steve asked if the 10 member body would accept a statement on the parishoners behalf.

Arthur Simonian replied that "yes, they would."

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Sarah Yagoobian expressed her opinion that we should "pursue this matter."

Hurach Azarigian made a motion as follows:  
"That this parish assembly give its approval to the holding committee indicating that we are interested in the purchase of the former Peterson property but that we request time to convene a special assembly for final decision."

The motion was seconded and discussion followed. Given Hoosigian stated that this was an important decision which a committee should be responsible for.

Harry Hougas asked Arthur Simonian if it was the intent of the group to formulate a plan as a church committee? Arthur Simonian responded that the group would formulate a plan as a church committee, and would allow a three month time period for approval.

Harry Azarigian referred to the quorum that approved plans to pursue the existing church building, here was a similar opportunity. The vote was called:

34 in favor, 9 opposed, the motion carried.

The committee is as follows: Peter Bagdigian Sr., Monty Bagdigian, Armen Michalak, Peter Bagdigian, Jr., Given Hoosigian, Harry DerAssadourian, Arthur Simonian.

Santook Sandy posed closing comments in Armenian saying that, "You all talk, you all have money, and you are all reluctant to give."

NEW BUSINESS:

Beverly Hoosigian questioned the travel expenses in the 1984 budget. Sarah Yagoobian commented that we really needed more income. Harry Hougas stated that we would need a pledge drive to cover our 1984 expenses. Sarah Yagoobian recommended an auxiliary committee for the pledge.

Arshall Hoosigian asked why the pledge membership had decreased 9 members. Harry Hougas replied that all pledge cards were not submitted.

Arthur Simonian said that a 50% pledge increase may be unrealistic. The parish should cut spending as much as possible.

Harry Hougas said that the stipend for the parish priest was not only below what the diocese recommended but far below what they required. Also that the travel reimbursement program be supported.

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Arthur Simonian agreed in concept but that we should come to our senses concerning the deficit. Each group that meets here should contribute to its (the churches) operation.

Betty Vartanian argued that the diocese was not recommending ways to increase income. We should establish a minimum pledge for membership.

Roxie Maljanian stated it was not appropriate to pay travel expenses, and that the dues paid to the diocese should be the minimum for membership.

Hurach Azarigian voiced support for the pledge committee.

Harry Hougas stated that \$27 is the minimum.

Sarah Yagoobian asked the status of the Endowment Fund. Hurach replied that pledges to date have yielded \$35 in interest to the church.

Harry Hougas added that those who could contribute to the endowment fund were encouraged to do so.

Harry Azarigian computed that with the current membership, \$384 per member was all that was needed to balance the budget.

Betty Vartanian declared that the church could not be sustained on only \$2 per week. Harry Badrigian said that Harry's \$384 figure represented a little more than \$6 per week per member.

Guy Simonian moved that "travel and lodging expenses not be allocated for 1984." Roxie Maljanian seconded and discussion followed.

Harry Hougas stated that he was strongly opposed to such a move.

Paul Abrahamian discussed some of the travel savings he was able to obtain over the past year.

Harry Azarigian suggested another plate be passed for traveling delegates.

Hurach Azarigian stated that it was difficult for the parishoners to ask for reimbursement, and that we should pay everyone's way.

Harry DerAssadourian moved the question and the vote was called. The motion was strongly defeated with only two votes in favor.

Arthur Simonian moved that the budget be accepted as is. Lucy Simonian seconded. Before calling the vote, Arthur stated that certain items on the budget could be paid by parishoners who would realize income tax savings, and that these and other plans suggested by the diocese should be explored. The majority were in favor of the proposed 1984 budget with 3 opposed.

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The next topic covered was the suggestion to the parish council that a memorial plaque be installed.

Arthur Simonian stated that an artistic person was needed who could lay out the plaque, as well as a leader who would direct the committee.

Bev Hoosigian suggested that two members, Brenda DerMargosian, and Debby Maljanian were capable to do this. Lucy Simonian suggested they be paid. Mary Abrahamian argued that an artist was not required. Arthur Simonian suggested that we give the committee authority to hire an individual who could complete the task. Roxie Maljanian argued for a simple memorial. Rose Badrigian opposed, stating that the ideal would be calligraphy on parchment for about \$500. Hurach Azarigian stated that we needed a working plan for pursuit. Siranoosh Simonian agreed to the idea of the plain memorial without referencing amounts pledged.

Hougas

Harry called members of the memorial plaque committee to continue. Members are: Arthur Simonian, Harry Badrigian, Rose Badrigian, Sarah Yagoobian, and Mary Abrahamian.

The "Parishoner of the Year" program was discussed and the committee of Queenie Hovhanissian, Monty Bagdigian, and Ruth Waite was expanded by the addition of Alice Avedisian and Guy Simonian.

The Adult Armenian language school was discussed briefly but little interest was noted.

A pledge committee was established whose members are: Harry Azarigian, Harry Hougas, Art Simonian, Marge Onanian, and Gloria Azarigian.

Margaret Abrahamian reiterated an earlier comment that discussion of the Looys be put on next year's agenda.

Harry Badrigian stated that the Arch Bishop asked that students not be sent to school on January 6th. "Let's open the church that day and have a program."

Harry Azarigian raised 5 points:

1) There's a shortage of clergy. Let us suggest to the diocese that existing clergy be allowed to travel and possibly perform Badarak more than one day of the week. Der Hayr responded that the Sourpason has a plan he hoped would solve this problem. Paul Abrahamian suggested filling out the forms, making a formal request to the A.D.A.

2) Let's publish the picture of our officers in the newspaper and do other things to get publicity. Our self-respect and public recognition are very important.

3) Let's hold religious classes for the teenagers, teaching them proper greetings to priests and bishops.

4) A nursery school in the Abrahamian Auditorium could be a money making proposition.

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5) Let's get a device that would display the page # of the translation book during Badarak.

Steve DerMargosian recommended that we propose a By-law change so that 18 year olds be allowed to vote in parish meetings, not simply be paying members.

Roxie Maljanian recommended buying the page display device. John Maljanian said the device costs \$700. Harry Azarigian said that in order to keep people interested in the service and ultimately in church membership, such a device was needed. He would pay for the page display device.

Emil Mosey moved that the meeting be adjourned. Hurach Azarigian thanked the meeting Chairman and secretary for their service, and Harry Hougas thanked all of the parishoners in attendance' and called for the election results which were as follows:

PARISH COUNCIL:

✓ Clev Azarigian 15  
✓ Donald Azarigian 33 \*  
✓ Harry Badrigian 32 \*  
Peter Bagdigian, Jr. 22  
✓ John Chiloyan 51 \*

✓ Vatche DerAssadoruian 25 \*  
Samuel Hougas 20  
Baggy J Hovhanessian 30 \*  
Harold Onanian 24  
Lucy Simonian 25  
↳ (withdrew from race)

AUDITING COMMITTEE:

Hurach Azarigian 47 \*  
Lillian Azarigian 10  
Quennie Hovhanessian 20

Richard Kallajian 42 \*  
Arthur Simonian 20  
Ruth Waite 30 \*

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Margaret Abrahamian 14  
Rose Badrigian 30 \*  
Violet Galazan 32 \*

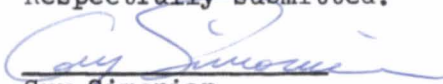
Gary Hovhanessian 23  
Armen Michalak 28  
Sharon Vartanian 42 \*

\* denotes winners

Harry Hougas congratulated the winners of the election and said he looked forward to the old and new council working together until March.

Father Vartan closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Guy Simonian  
Meeting Secretary