

ARMENIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY RESURRECTION
PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1987
FR. MICHAEL BUTTERO, PRESIDENT

1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

At the March 9, 1987 Parish Council meeting, the members of the newly formed council were elected to the following offices:

Chairman	Harry Hougas
Vice Chairman	Gary Hovhannessian
Secretary	Charles Hovsepian
Treasurer	Hurach Azarigian
Pledge Custodian	Berj Kallajian
Assistant Pledge Custodian	Emil Mosey
Advisors	Peter Bagdigian, Jr. John Bagdasarian Harry Der Assadourian

2. MEETINGS:

Twelve regular monthly Parish Council meetings were held to conduct church business. In addition, two meetings were held with the Hartford and Springfield churches to discuss matters of mutual interest.

3. PARISH PRIEST:

With great sadness we mourned the passing of Father Vartan Der Assadourian this past year. A kind, patient, and peaceful man, he was our spiritual leader for 19 years and under his guidance we experienced church growth both spiritually and materially. May he repose in peace with God.

As respects Father Michael Buttero this is his first full year as our parish priest. He has worked diligently and cooperatively with the Parish Council and all church organizations. He has developed and implemented many innovative ideas for our Church enterprises and activities in addition to conducting his spiritual duties. Details of his activities and accomplishments are included in his "Pastor's Report".

Let us also note at this time that Yeretzkin Patricia has been very active in many areas, most notably with the choir and with our young children.

4. CHURCH ENTERPRISES AND ACTIVITIES

The following enterprises and activities were conducted in cooperation with various church organizations and individual volunteers:

a) Picnic

Held outdoors on church premises on August 30, 1987 under the chairmanship of Sarkis Yirigian and assisted by our church organizations and individual parishioners. It was a very successful social and financial affair.

b) Sayat Nova Dance Group

Sponsored jointly with St. Mark Armenian Apostolic Church of Springfield, Mass. It was held at the Springfield High School on September 27, 1987 and with the guiding hands of our respective Women's Guilds and Parish Councils this event was a fine example of inter-church cooperation which was not only profitable but culturally rewarding.

c) 46th Anniversary Banquet

Chaired by Gloria Azarigian and with the assistance of a very able committee, the banquet was held in the Abrahamian Auditorium on October 11, 1987. Guest speaker was Dr. Agnes Missirian with Vahig Alkhasian as master of ceremonies. A well organized and successful banquet in all respects.

d) Sarah Yagoobian Scholarship Fund

A separate report will be presented by the Scholarship Committee which was established to administer this fund. The Parish Council commends the Committee for its dedicated efforts to develop guidelines and select the 1987 recipients. Being a permanent Committee it will henceforth be included on future agendas to give a specific report as to its activities.

e) Parishioner of the Year Committee

A separate report will be presented by this Committee. The Parish Council commends the Committee for its efforts in re-establishing this award. Being a permanent Committee it will henceforth be included on future agendas to give a specific report as to its activities.

f. Pledge Committee

A separate report will be presented by this Committee. While the Parish Council commends this Committee also on its efforts to increase pledges we must point out that response by parishioners fell far short of expectations.

g. Memorials

While significant donations were received this past year, a number of memorial items are still available. Mary Abrahamian is the coordinator of this on-going project. Parishioners interested in commemorating a memorial to their loved ones should contact her or the Parish Council.

h). New England Region

On September 9, 1987 we met with Zavin Kasparian, Chairman and Stephen Panosian, Treasurer of the New England Regional Council. It was a get-acquainted type meeting with general discussion of their activity to date. The Regional Council is engaged in studying, developing or improving programs of mutual interest throughout the region, most notably in the fields of religious education, youth development and social services programs. They will also coordinate Regional involvement with the Diocese as respects the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Armenian Church in America. Our representatives to the Regional Council for general liaison are Harry Der Assadourian, Gary Hovhanessian and Peter Bagdigian, Jr. For specific department liaisons our representatives are Gary Simonian - Religious Education and Sharon Vartanian - Youth Development. Volunteers are needed for Social Services and for Regional Programming.

5. ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

During 1987 the following church improvements were made:

- a) an exhaust fan and additional cabinets were installed in the kitchen
- b) shelving was installed behind the Altar
- c) no parking signs were installed along the driveway
- d) new Divine Liturgy books were purchased
- e) new "Wedding Chairs" were purchased
- f) a new photcopy machine was purchased
- g) a new page numbering system (for use during Divine Liturgy) has been purchased and is scheduled for installation.
- h) our property insurance was increased as follows;
 - Buildings - to \$750,000
 - Contents - to 75,000
 - Stained Glass - to 50,000

6. APPRECIATION

It seems appropriate at this time to voice our thanks and appreciation to all of our church organizations, individual parishioners and friends who have contributed of their time, effort and monies for the betterment of our church.

Look about you. We don't have any paid employees, yet the snow is removed from the parking lot, the grass is cut in summer, the auditorium floor is washed and waxed, carpets are cleaned, flowers are on the altar, refreshments are on hand during the fellowship hour. These and many, many other items get done because of our generous spirit. What can we say except thank you and God bless you all.

7. BUDGET

The proposed 1988 budget is attached and will be presented later in the agenda for your review and approval.

8. 1988 PLANS

- a) Art show and sale - tentative
- b) Tri-city church activity - to be determined
- c) Choir convention
- d) Annual picnic
- e) 47th Annual Banquet
- f) Vartanantz Day Commemoration - Feb. 11, 1988
- g) Martyr's Day Commemoration - April 24, 1988

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) the Scholarship Committee mail the Scholarship Guidelines to all parishioners no later than April 1, 1988 and that a copy be on permanent display on the church bulletin board.
- b) the Parishioner of the Year Committee mail its guidelines to all parishioners no later than April 1, 1988 and that a copy be on permanent display on the church bulletin board.
- c) a new Pledge Committee of 5 (five) parishioners be formed to initiate a program to increase pledge income.

Respectfully submitted

Parish Council

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Chas. Horvath, Secy.
Harry Hough, Chairman