

**ARMENIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY RESURRECTION
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
FEBRUARY 4, 1996**

The Annual Parish Assembly opened at 12:00 noon with a prayer by Fr. Michael Buttero, Pastor. Gary Hovhanessian, Parish Council Chairman asked for nominations for Chairman of the Assembly. Yeretgin Patricia nominated Harry Hougas, seconded by Emil Mosey. Adrienne Damian asked that nominations be closed. Yeretgin Patricia Buttero volunteered to be Secretary for the meeting.

The Chairman requested the election ballots be passed out and asked the assembly if there were any nominees from the floor. There being no further nominees, a motion was made and seconded to close nominations. Motion carried.

The Chairman announced that the ballot box for election of Parish Council and committees for 1996 would be closed at 2:00 p.m. The assembly recessed for lunch hosted by the members of the Choir.

The Assembly reconvened at 12:50 p.m. at which time Fr. Michael led the assembly in prayer for Siranoush Azarigian who fell asleep in Christ in January 1996. There were no deaths in 1995.

The minutes of the 1995 Parish Assembly was read by Yeretgin Patricia Buttero. The following corrections to the minutes were as follows: Under INVESTMENT COMMITTEE, the balance was ~~\$2,490.79~~ ^{22,907.79} not \$4,907.79 as noted by Harry Hougas; Stephan DerMargosian suggested that the total amount of \$80,250, which was the 1995 Budget, be recorded in the minutes. The minutes were accepted with corrections.

1995 REPORTS

a. Pastor's Report

Fr. Michael presented his report highlighting his activities. There is still a need to recruit young members to serve at the altar, educational programs both religious and historic. "We thank Almighty God for giving us the strength and health to work with you for another year as your Pastor. There continues to be a steady spiritual and physical growth in our parish". In his last paragraph Deacon Steve DerMargosian's name was inadvertently left out. Report was filed with Parish Council.

b. Parish Council Report

The Parish Council report was presented by Gary Hovhanessian, Chairman. His report detailed meetings, enterprises such as the church picnic, the anniversary banquet dinner, coffee hour, church membership, tri-church events, Christmas tree sale, and maintenance of our church and the Manoog and Alice Community Center. Gary stated that we need more church enterprises. If anyone has an idea they should discuss it with

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the parish council. Parish Dues should be brought up to date; every member should take pride in the care of their church. One idea is to have the ACYOA have clean-up day. He also announced that the Looy's editor is asking to be replaced. She is unable to continue as Editor.

Clarification - Harry Hougas stated that money is not coming from the Permanent Trust Fund for maintenance repairs. Correction under repairs to the center: cost of storm windows was \$6,700 not \$6,000. Report was filed by the Parish Council.

Because of previous commitments, order of agenda was changed.

Choir Report was presented by Adrienne Damian, Choir Director and Chairman. Report on file with Parish Council

ACYOA Report was presented by Lauren Swisher, Chairman. Report filed with Parish Council.

c. Auditors

The Auditing Committee report was given by Berj Kallajian. Yerezgin Patricia Buttero commended the committee on the neatness and efficient way the report was prepared. Berj stated that it was due to the work of George Boyajian on his computer.

d. Church Organizations:

Women's Guild - presented by Rose Badrigian, Chairman. Report on file with Parish Council.

Sunday School - presented by Roxie Maljanian, Superintendent of Sunday School. Report on file with Parish Council.

Looy's - presented by Gary Hovhanessian, for Deborah Buttero - Editor of the Looy's. Thanks were given to the parish council for helping with the mailing. 364 copies of the Looy's is mailed each month except for July and August. The Editor would like someone to volunteer to replace her.

Sarah Yagoobian Scholarship - presented by Sarah Yagoobian. There were no Seniors who were planning to attend college so no scholarship was given in 1995.

Parishioner of the Year - Harry Badrigian, Chairman, reported that 1995 winners were Maritza Ohanessian and Peter Egazarian. Report on file with Parish Council.

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Investment Committee - presented by Harry Hougas. On January 17, 1995 \$2,500 was invested. Fidelity Disciplined Equity Fund was added to the portfolio. File on report with Parish Council. 1995 year end balance is noted in the auditor's report.

Permanent Trust Fund Committee - Hurach Azarigian report that there is a principle balance of \$22,020. Due date for the CD is June 9, 1996. At that time the interest will be given to the Parish Council for distribution as directed by the donors. Details, see auditor's report.

Cemetery Report - presented by Hurach Azarigian. He stated 80% of Section 23 belongs to our church. Our church has the burial rights only, we do not own the land. There are 109 available grave sites. He also said that Fairview Cemetery is coming back slowly. There is a part-time superintendent at Fairview, he wasn't sure if they will have a permanent superintendent. Cost of graves - Pledge members \$200 and non-members \$500. Emily Mosey asked about repairing the fence. It was felt by the assembly that if the fence was repaired it would cut down on vandalism in our section. It was suggested that the Parish Council write an official letter to the Mayor's office on this matter. Harry Badrigian stated that he was approached to ask if the Armenian Church would pay for planting trees to beautify our section. Harry Hougas, Chairman, suggested they write a letter to us requesting this. There was no written report at this time.

At this time Violet Galazan on behalf of the Seniors, thanked the parish council for the use of the church for their weekly gatherings and stated that they donated \$500 to the church. Because the Seniors are not an official organization of the Church, there is no report.

OLD BUSINESS - At this time no old business was discussed.

1996 Budget Approval

Michael Kallajian presented the Budget. Hurach Azarigian questioned why Cemetery Plots and In Lieu of Flowers were in the Budget. In the future, the two items should not appear in the Budget. After a short discussion Hurach Azarigian made a motion to accept the budget as presented and Rose Badrigian second the motion. Motion passed. The 1996 estimated Budget is \$88,000. See Budget attached

Parish Council Recommendation

A lengthy discussion was held on the following recommendation made by the Parish Council: "The Parish Council has recommended to suspend the Parishioner of the Year Award and Committee. We feel a need for better guidelines for the selection process." The assembly felt this statement was not properly stated. The committee should have been approached on this matter first. Stephen DerMargosian made a motion

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to accept the Parish Council's recommendation to suspend the Parishioner of the Year Award and Committee action until new guidelines for the selection process established by the Committee and Parish Council. Susan DerMargosian second the motion. Motion passed. The Assembly gave approval to the Parish Council and Committee to make the final decision in this matter.

At this time, Harry Badrigian made a motion to open an access road in back of the parking lot, Sarah Yagoobian second the motion. After a lengthy discussion the motion was defeated.

Hurach Azarigian questioned the Pledges that were in rears. Mr. Azarigian strongly recommends the Parish Council act on this problem by visiting the families and they should get pledges well in advance.

Rose Mosey questioned the spending of a large amount of money on the storm windows for the Manoog and Alice Community Center. Is there a rule on how much money can be used with out assembly approval? It was explained that in this case we have property that has to be maintained and because of problems with the tenants decisions had to be made quickly.

Guy Simonian, Parish Council member, thanked John Maljanian, Sr. and Emily Mosey for the work they are doing to maintain our Church and the Manoog & Alice Community Center on behalf of the Council and parishioners.

Chairman, Harry Hougas suggested that a Pledge Committee and Parish Council come up with a plan to increase our pledge. Visitations to each home should be considered.

The Council will take into consideration the recommendation by Yeretzgin Patricia Buttero to install a motion light at the entrance of the Church for safety reasons.

Harry Azarigian suggested we build a cover of some kind to block the cold air coming into the Church through the back door. He states we lose a lot of heat. Mr. Azarigian also stated that there is too much socializing in the Narthex during services and after services children are running in and out of the Narthex. It should not be used as a playground.

Harry Badrigian suggested that we have many pictures gathering dust in the closet. We should have a picture gallery in the hall between the two rest rooms.

Election Results

The outgoing council members were congratulated on a job well done, Timothy Bagdasarian, Gary Hovhanessian, Michael Kallajian, Guy Simonian and Sharon Vartanian.

PARISH COUNCIL - VOTE FOR 5

Darlene Hovhanessian - 18	Joseph Cannata - 26
Sarkis Davoudlarian - 56*	Gloria Azarigian - 6
Levon Vatian - 46*	Arthur Simonian, Jr. - 44*
Michael Romano - 35*	Vahik Alkasian - 34
Peter Bagdigian, Jr. - 50*	Dr. Robert Badrigian - 9

*Denotes elected

AUDITING COMMITTEE - VOTE FOR 1

Berg Kallajian - 45*	Harry Hougas - 17
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*Denotes elected

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - VOTE FOR 3

Sargis Surabian - 44*	Marie Gleason - 18
Hasmik Cannata - 32	Armen Michalak - 14
Gary Hovhanessian - 43*	John Maljanian, Jr. - 40*

*Denotes elected

The following Parish Council members will remain in office for one additional year: Nshan DerBagdasarian, John Maljanian, Harry DerAssadourian and Sarkis Yirigian.


Chairman Harry Hougas congratulated Fr. Michael and Yerezgin Patricia and the Parish Council for a job well done.

Stephen DerMargosian commended the Chairman Harry Hougas and Secretary Yerezgin Patricia Buttero for an excellent job.

Berj Kallajian made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 p.m. and Michael Kallajian second the motion. Fr. Michael officially closed the meeting with a prayer.


Yerezgin Patricia Buttero
1996 Parish Assembly Secretary


Rev. Fr. Michael Buttero, Pastor


Harry Hougas
Assembly Chairman