

ARMENIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY RESURRECTION  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY  
JANUARY 29, 1989

The annual parish meeting was held on Sunday, January 29, 1989 at 12:40 p.m. at the parish hall, New Britain, Ct. There were 55 members present.

1. Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was conducted by Fr. Michael Buttero.

2. Prayer for Deceased Members

A special prayer for our 1988 deceased members was also said by Fr. Buttero

3. Floor nominees for Parish Council members

Parish Council Chairman, Peter Bagdigian Jr opened the meeting by asking for nominations from the floor for Parish Council members. No floor nominations were made.

4. Election of Assembly Officers (Chairman & Secretary)

Harry Hougas was elected Chairman and Malcolm Sagherian volunteered as secretary. The meeting was then recessed for voting and reconvened at 1:20 p.m. It was announced that voting would be opened until 2:00p.m.

5. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the January 31, 1988 meeting were approved as read.

6. 1988 Reports

a) The Pastors report was presented by Fr. Micheal Buttero. Fr. Buttero stressed the importance of the Armenian School and requested those interested in volunteering their services contact him.

b) The Parish Council report was presented by Peter Bagdigian Jr. It was recommended that future reports should contain Revenue and Profit figures for activities. It was also requested that future reports contain the scholarship amount granted in that program. It was also presented that prices are being sought for air conditioning in the church.

c) The Auditors report was presented by Edward Egazarian. It was recommended that the line item entitled "Church Enterprises" be identified more specifically if any significant activity occurs. Additional discussion was conducted on the subject of the Diocese assesment.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept the Pastor's report, the Parish Council report and the Auditor's report as read.

d) The reports were given by the various church organizations. The choir explained that a portion of the proceeds of the choir convention went to the National Choir Association. In addition, the choir also stated that the choir convention was not reflected in that organizations report. A plea was made for new members for the Mr. & Mrs. club. If there are no new members the club may have to disband. In addition, there was a lengthy discussion on the status of the pledges which lead to a concern about the amount in the proposed 1989 budget. A request was made that all parishoners submit there 1989 pledge cards

The voting was closed at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Hougas expressed his thanks to the organizations for their reports and commended their hard work during the year.

## 7. Old Business

There was a long discussion regarding the placement of plaques in the church. It was expressed that the plaques were very important to the members concerned.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the two side altars be memorialized and that the original plaques be put on these altars.

It was recommended to the Parish Council to put the names under the pictures in the vestibule of His Holiness Vasken I and Archbishop Torkom Manoogian. The Parish Council took it under advisement.

## 8. New Business

### a) Other New Business

Some parish members expressed concern about their inability to vote in a parish election due to their being absent. At the present time the Diocese does not allow absent voting in any parish. It was further explained to the parish members that in order to change this process an amendement had to be properly presented at the Diocean Assembly. The pros and cons on the subject were discussed at length.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that our parish through its Parish Council properly present to the Diocean Assembly a constitutional amendment that absentee ballots be accepted at the annual parish elections with such ballots being accepted only under the following conditions:

That the parish member is either:

- a) Ill
- b) Infirm
- c) Out-Of-Town

and that the above conditions be listed on the ballot to be checked and signed by the parish member.

It was presented by some parish members to remember donors who lost their memorials from the old church on a plaque in the new church. The practical aspects of this was discussed at length. A motion was made that all original donors who lost their memorials from the old church be listed on a plaque in the new church. The motion was defeated.

A motion was made to abolish the parishioner of the year award. The motion was defeated.

Adrienne Damian and Sarkis Yirigian volunteered to serve on the parishioner of the year committee. Sarkis Yirigian will be an alternate.

Steve DerMargosian presented some concepts on the need to be concerned about parish services. Steve recommended that the parish consider forming such committees as a visitation committee, library committee and membership committee.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to form a committee that will establish parish planning services. Mr. Steve DerMargosian was appointed as its chairman with the committee members of Sara Yagobian, Sharon Vartanian, Alice Badigian and Roxie Maljanian.

#### b) Parish Council Recommendations

The Parish Council stressed the importance of effective planning in managing the new Alice and Monty Bagdigian Community Center.

Peter Bagdigian Jr. reported that bids are being sought for an air conditioning system for the church. He urged the parish if and when the time came to purchase one to give generously. It was recommended to the Parish Council that when considering the cost of the air conditioning system the cost of the ongoing operation of it be considered as well.

#### c) 1989 Budget

The 1989 annual parish budget was presented by John Maljanian. Mr. Maljanian explained the various line items of the budget to the parish members and he answered the various questions. A review of the pledge income revealed that the budget for 1989 pledge income may be too high. This was based on the pledge income already received and the projected amount still to be collected.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to revise the 1989 parish budget as follows and in effect balance it:

- o Pledge Income: Reduced from \$34,500 To \$30,000.
- o Miscellaneous Income: Increased from \$100 To \$230.

9. Election results

Election results were posted on the black board for all to see. The results were as follows:

Parish Council:

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Margaret Abrahamian - 5 votes	Harry Hougas - 50 votes
Gail Gregory - 28 votes	Emil Mosey - 51 votes
Gary Hovhanessian - 14 votes	Edward Simonian - 29 votes
Given Hoosigian - 44 votes	Robert Yirigian - 37 votes

The following have been elected to serve on the Parish Council:

Emil Mosey, Harry Hougas, Given Hoosigian and Robert Yirigian.

Auditing Committee:

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Donald Azarigian - 30 votes	Berj Kallajian - 54 votes
Hurach Azarigian - 46 votes	Sharon Vartanian - 19 vote
Rose Azarigian - 15 votes	Ruth Waite - 31 votes

The following have been elected to serve on the Auditing Committee:

Berj Kallajian, Hurach Azarigian and Ruth Waite.

Nominating Committee:

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Paul Abrahamian - 53 votes	Margaret Bagdigian - 26 vote
Gloria Azarigian - 28 votes	Rita Hovanesian - 41 votes
Lillian Azarigian - 21 votes	Armen Michalak - 26 votes

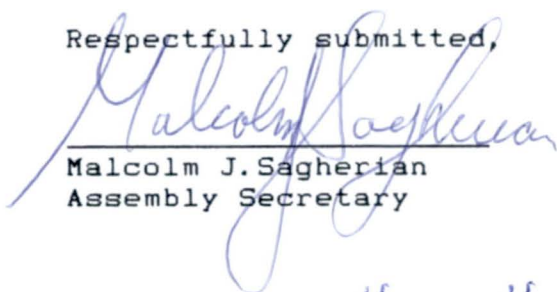
The following have been elected to serve on the Nominating Committee:

Paul Abrahamian, Rita Hovanesian and Gloria Azarigian.

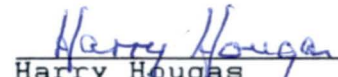
Harry Hougas thanked all the parish members for their attendance and comments. After the comments by Mr. Hougas a motion was made, seconded, and carried to thank the Parish Priest and the assembly officers for a well conducted meeting.

Fr. Michael Buttero closed the meeting with a prayer at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Malcolm J. Sagherian  
Assembly Secretary

  
Fr. Michael Buttero  
Pastor

  
Harry Hougas  
Assembly Chairman