

ARMENIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY RESURRECTION  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY  
FEBRUARY 3, 1990

The annual parish meeting began at 12:50 p.m. with a prayer by Fr. Michael Buttero. A prayer was said for members John D. Bagdasarian, Monty Bagdigian, Rose Georagosian and Jennie Yessian of our parish who passed away in 1989. Mr. Harry Hougas, last year's Assembly Chairman, asked for nominees from the floor for Chairman and Secretary of this assembly. Mr. Stephen DerMargosian was elected as Chairman and Ms. Adrienne Damian volunteered to be Secretary.

At this time, the Chairman asked that the ballots be handed out and an additional Parish Council nominee be nominated from the floor. Grant Landsman's name was removed from the ballot due to Article 7 of the By-laws. Margaret Abrahamian was nominated from the floor. Hurach Azarigian made a motion to close nominations and Darlene Simonian seconded. The meeting was recessed for voting and reconvened at 1:20 p.m. It was announced that the ballot box would close at 2:30 p.m.

Secretary of the Parish Council, Given Hoosigian, read the minutes of the last Assembly meeting on January 20, 1989. One change to the minutes was noted under New Business: that Alice Badigian's name be dropped as Alice Avedisian volunteered to be on the parish planning services committee under Stephen DerMargosian.

Hurach Azarigian made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Peter Bagdigian, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

1989 Reports

- a) The Pastor's report was presented by Fr. Michael Buttero. See the attached copy.
- b) The Parish Council report as presented by Gregory Abrahamian. See the attached copy.
- c) The Auditing Committee report was presented by Hurach Azarigian. The Chairman asked if there were any comments or questions. It was asked if the Sarah Yagoobian Scholarship Fund would be clarified as to the difference between her account and other accounts. Guy Simonian stated that the total cash of \$87,183.32 is misleading and that the \$10,000 should be eliminated from the amount of total cash.

A motion to accept the Auditors, Pastor's Report, and Parish Council's Report was made by Arthur Simonian, Sr. It was seconded by Yeretzgin Patricia Buttero. The motion passed.

Church Organization Reports

The various church organizations presented their reports. See the attached.

## Old Business

There was no old business brought up from the floor, therefore, the Chairman went on to New Business.

## New Business

### a) 1990 Budget Approval

The 1990 budget was presented by Given Hoosigian. He stated that at the end of February, the Parish Council hopes to rent out the Monty and Alice Bagdigian Community Center and that the parishioners would receive a letter explaining what has been done. Alice Bagdigian objected to the Parish Council making the decision. She felt that the parish should have a say in the decision making process. Given stated this would be further discussed under Additional New Business.

Hurach Azarigian brought up the subject of the budgeted amount of \$1000 for furniture. He felt that this amount should be increased. Gregory Abrahamian explained that since they were able to get along with what they had, it could wait until sometime in the future.

Hurach Azarigian moved that the budget be accepted. Arthur Simonian, Sr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### b) Parish Council Recommendations

Gregory Abrahamian made a motion to have \$50.00 be a minimum <sup>ANNUAL</sup> pledge to become a voting member of the church. Sarah Yagoobian seconded the motion. Some discussion took place on increasing the pledge to be what our church pays to the Diocese and making provisions for hardship cases. The motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously.

Sarah Yagoobian made a resolution that the Parish Assembly for 1990, acknowledge with thanks and gratitude, the numerous volunteers for their generous and tireless contributions regarding their financial and humanitarian efforts of the Armenian Earthquake. Beverly Hoosigian seconded. The resolution passed.

### c) Permanent Trust Fund Committee

Harry Hougas presented his report as follows. The Parish Council had formed a committee to include members, Rose Mosey, Hurach Azarigian and Harry Hougas who drew up by-laws to administer donations to our church. These by-laws were read to the assembly and as a start, the Parish Council recommended five individuals, Hurach Azarigian, David Abrahamian, Berj Kallajian, Malcolm Sagharian, and Guy Simonian be on the Permanent Trust Fund Committee to begin this Committee.

After much discussion, Arthur Simonian, Sr., moved that the By-laws of the Permanent Trust Fund Committee be approved. Donald Azarigian seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Harry Hougas moved that the Parish Assembly approve Hurach Azarigian, David Abrahamian, Berg Kallajian, Malcolm Sagharian and Guy Simonian as the first member of this Committee. Adrienne Damian seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Arthur Simonian, Sr., made a motion to have two alternates, Arthur Simonian, Jr. and Armen Michelak, be added to this Committee in case anyone of the five initial Committee members decline to serve on the Committee. Sarah Yagoobian seconded the motion. The motion passed.

d) Other New Business

Chairman, Stephen DerMargosian asked for a volunteer to be on the Parishioner of the Year Committee. Darlene Simonian volunteered her services. Betty Vartanian closed the nomination. Alice Avedisian seconded. By acclamation, Darlene Simonian is now a member of the Parishioner of the Year Committee.

At this time, 3:40 p.m., fifty-one(51) persons were present for voting.

The chair was relinquished to Fr. Michael Buttero in order for Stephen DerMargosian to discuss the Special Services Committee due to conflict of interest. Mr. DerMargosian proposed a list of guidelines which are listed below, be adopted by the assembly for all volunteer committees in our church to follow.

The Parish Assembly hereby approves the following procedures as guidelines for the membership and Parish Council to follow to encourage the establishment of voluntary committees to service the various functions which contribute to the betterment of our parish.

1. The Parish Council shall encourage and welcome the voluntary participation of individuals or groups in instituting programs which will strengthen the religious, cultural and physical functions of our parish.
2. The establishment of any voluntary program or committee must be approved by the Parish Council and Parish Priest. Such voluntary committees will be classified as Special Services Committees.
3. All Special Services Committees will be under the jurisdiction of the Parish Council, and their programs must be approved by the Parish Council. Such approvals will not be withheld if the program is within the purpose of the particular committee and not detrimental to our church.
4. As Special Services Committees are on a voluntary basis, there will be no limit to the number of participants nor the amount of time a person can serve on a committee.
5. The Parish Council will publish a list of Special Services Committees in the church publication annually and encourage individuals to volunteer.

6. Each committee will establish its own mode of operation and organization; however, its financial records will be audited annually by the Parish Council and must give an annual activities report to the Parish Council.

7. Committees may have their own bank accounts if necessary. If necessary, the Parish Council may requisition from any committee, funds which are in excess of \$500.

This resolution acknowledges with thanks of the existing volunteer services; such as The Looy's Editorial Staff, Sunday School staff, Choir Director, Organist and choir, Community Committee, and any other functions. This above will continue to operate and provide their services and follow these guidelines in the future.

Stephen DerMargosian moved that these guidelines be adopted by the assembly. Susan DerMargosian seconded the motion. After much discussion, the motion was passed with only one opposed.

#### Use of the Alice and Monty Bagdigian Community Center

Given Hoosigian reported that the Parish Council had sent a letter to all active and full-time real estate individuals who are members of our church requesting them to submit proposals regarding the rental of the community center hall; one person responded.

Arthur Simonian, Sr. cautioned the Parish Council to research the IRS ruling regarding long-term leases. He noted that any lease greater than five years is considered a sale of property.

Harry DerAssadourian made a motion that the Parish Council present any proposals to use or lease the Community Center for more than five years be brought before the Parish Assembly for approval. Armen Michelak seconded the motion. The motion was passed with two opposing votes.

Sharon Landsman made a motion for Mary Abrahamian, who was absent for this meeting, that this body appoint a three-person advisory committee to assist the ACYOA Juniors and Seniors in strengthening their organization. Beverly Hoosigian seconded the motion. The motion passed. The Chairman asked for three volunteers to be on this committee. They are as follows: Donald Azarigian, Sharon Landsman and Armen Michelak.

Harry Hougas moved that this body form a three-person Investment Committee to develop an Investment Program for this church which would be brought before the body sometime this year. Berj Kallajian seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Harry Hougas moved that the following persons be appointed as members of the Investment Committee: Artie Simonian, Sr., Harry Hougas, Armen Michelak. Beverly Hoosigian seconded the motion. The motion passed.

## Election Results

Election results of the Parish Council members were posted on the black board. The results were as follows:

### Parish Council

Sarkis Alkhasian - 40 votes	Michael Kallajian - 32 votes
Peter Bagdigian, Jr. - 31 votes	Sharon Landsman - 29 votes
Peter Bagdigian, Sr. - 31 votes	John Maljanian - 33 votes
David Buttero - 8 votes	Mark Vartanian - 14 votes
John Chiloyan - 37 votes	Margaret Abrahamian - 3 votes

Peter Bagdigian, Jr. relinquished his votes to his father, Peter Bagdigian, Sr. in order to break the tie.

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

Sarkis Alkhasian, Peter Bagdigian, Sr., John Chiloyan, Michael Kallajian and John Maljanian.

### Auditing Committee

Berj Kallajian - 41 votes	Violet Galazan - 13 votes
Guy Simonian - 36 votes	Gary Azarigian - 11 votes
Malcolm Sagharian - 31 votes	Christine Azarigian - 18 votes

The following have been elected to serve on the Auditing Committee: Berj Kallajian, Guy Simonian and Malcolm Sagharian.

### Nominating Committee

Stephen DerMargosian - 40 votes	Rose Badrigian - 29 votes
Armen Michelak - 25 votes	Darlene Artibani - 24 votes
Margaret Abrahamian - 24 votes	Tom Hoosigian - 10 votes

The following have been elected to serve on the Nominating Committee: Stephen DerMargosian, Rose Badrigian and Armen Michelak.

### Diocesan Delegates

Arthur Simonian, Sr. - 31 votes	Ytzgn. Patricia Buttero - 25 votes
Sharon Landsman - 28 votes	Adrienne Damian - 17 votes


The following have been elected to serve on the Diocesan Council as Delegates: Arthur Simonian, Sr. and Sharon Landsman.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m. with a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Adrienne Damian  
Assembly Secretary

  
Fr. Michael Buttero  
Pastor

  
Stephen DerMargosian  
Assembly Chairman