

**ARMENIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY RESURRECTION  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY  
FEBRUARY 23, 1992**

The Annual Parish Assembly meeting began at 12:15 p.m. with a prayer by Fr. Michael Buttero, Pastor. A prayer was said for members Souren Haroian Edward Simonian, Harry Hamparian, Mary Harutunian, Mary Mouradian, Ovsana Hovhanessian, Helen Hovanesian and Esgoohi Simonian of our parish who feel asleep in Christ in 1991. Peter Bagdigian, Jr. Parish Council Chairman asked for nominees from the floor for Chairman and Secretary of this Assembly. Harry Hougas was elected Chairman and Yeretzgin Patricia Buttero was elected Secretary.

At this time, the Chairman asked that the ballots be handed out and if there were any nominees from the floor. A motion was made and seconded to close nominations. Motion passed. The meeting recessed for lunch and voting at 12:25 p.m.. It was announced that the ballot box would close at 2:00 p.m. The ACYOA members were thanked for the delicious luncheon they prepared for the church members.

The Meeting reconvened at 1:15 p.m. /

Yeretzgin Patricia Buttero, Secretary of the 1990 Parish Assembly read the minutes of the last Assembly meeting. Emil Mosey made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Adrienne Damian seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Chairman of the Assembly, Harry Hougas announced that 50 people were present.

**1991 REPORTS**

- a) The Pastor's report was presented by Fr. Michael Buttero.
- b) The Parish Council report was presented by Peter Bagdigian, Jr. Chairman.

It was suggested that in addition to the officer's names, the advisor's name be listed on the front page of the Parish Council report.

Emil Mosey brought up the subject of putting the English meaning above the altar. He was advised this would be covered under old business.

Adrienne Damian stated that since they have cleaned the windows inside the Church she asked about cleaning the glass on the outside of the Church. She was advised that it was under consideration to be done in the near future.

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Donald Azarigian questioned the parking of cars in the fire lanes, etc. What do we do if there is no place to park? A short discussion was had. We are not to park in the fire lanes. Park on the side streets.

c) The Auditing Committee report was presented by Guy Simonian. He highlighted the report page by page. Adrienne Damian asked about the Newbracc dues since this was a new item on the Budget. The money goes towards supporting activities of the Clergy Council.

The Audit shows the accounts of the Church itself. The other organizations are listed separately in the Parish Council reports.

The financial report from the 50th Anniversary Banquet was not available at the time of the Audit.

Elizabeth Vartanian questioned the In Lieu of Flowers monies being put into the Trust Fund - when was this established? She was told that the family asked to put the monies into the Trust Fund.

Stephen DerMargosian made a motion to accept all three (3) reports, and it was seconded by Adrienne Damian. Motion past.

#### d) Church Organizations

The various Church organizations presented their reports as follows:

1. Women's Guild - Sonia Ohanian
2. Sunday School - John Maljanian, Sr. in the absence of Roxie Maljanian.

It was questioned if the substitute teacher's names were listed in the report. This was a recommendation from the 1991 Parish Assembly. Their names will be added to the report.

3. Choir - Adrienne Damian
4. Armenian School - Fr. Michael Buttero  
There are seven (7) students who attend class on Tuesday evenings. Because of the lack of students there is no Saturday Armenian School.
5. ACYOA Seniors - Melanie Mooshagian (11 members)

It was announced by the Chairman of the Assembly that the ballot box was officially closed since it was now 2 p.m. 67 ballots were cast.

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6. ACYOA Juniors - Mary Abrahamian read the report in the absence of its Chairman Sarah Beth Swisher. They have 15 members.

7. Looy's - Fr. Michael read the report for its Editor, Deborah Buttero. Circulation 344

Recommendations from Deborah for the future to be purchased is a folding machine which will save time and also a computer for the Church. In the event the computer she uses now breaks down there is no backup to do the work which can cause delay in publication.

Susan DerMargosian commended Deborah on the excellent job she is doing with the Looy's.

8. Cemetery Report - Hurach Azarigian gave the report and announced the name of his new assistant Peter Bagdigian, Jr.

A question was asked if there are plots available. Hurach answered that there are about 70 - 100 graves available other than those already purchased.

We can have double burials, meaning on top of each other, the first coffin will be 12 feet into the ground and the second 6 feet below.

Anyone wishing to sell back their plot will get the rate they paid. If you have a plot already you may use it as a double grave. A plot for members is \$200 and non members are \$500.

Margaret Bagdigian made a motion to accept the reports as read and Adrienne Damian seconded the motion. Motion passed.

e) **CULTURAL COMMITTEE** - Susan DerMargosian Chairman, gave a report. They have 12 members.

f) **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE** - Sarah Yagoobian  
The formation of this committee was in 1987. The committee is able to give two awards this year.

g) **PARSIHIONER OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE** - Darlene Simonian gave an oral report. She stated that Clev Azarigian's term ended and they need a volunteer to replace him. This will be taken under Old Business.

h) **PERMANENT TRUST FUND COMMITTEE** - Malcom Sagherian gave an oral report. He reported that the CD's have a low rate right now. We should look into other investment vehicles including bonds, mutual funds etc. Also having members

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donate to the fund to perpetuate their name the churches and youth for the future. Minimum donation towards this fund is \$100.

Grant Landsman recommended that we watch so that in the savings account we do not exceed the FDIC insured limit. Hurach Azarigian assured him that they are aware of the issue.

Harry Hougas recommended that a written report be turned into the Parish Council from this committee and that they, the committee, be more active and publicize more.

i) **ACYOA ADVISORY COMMITTEE** - Mary Abrahamian had no written report but thanked the Parish Council for appointing her as the Youth Advisory Director.

Mary mentioned that the Youth Gathering of Armenian youth from the three area Churches will be hosted at our Church on March 29, 1992. St. George of Hartford and St. Stephan of New Britain have taken their turns as host.

Susan DerMargosian questioned if we have authorization of the Diocese to have these gatherings. Fr. Michael stated that the only commitment the Church has is offering its facilities for the gathering. This is a good opportunity for the Armenian youth to get to know one another. Fr. Michael said that he has attended both gatherings and they were well attended. The youth do not represent any organization of the Church and we are in the guidelines of our Diocese. Our Primate encourages us to get together.

j) **Investment Committee Report** - Arthur Simonian, Sr. There was no written report. Arthur reported that the committee met twice during the year. They suggested that we should be considering diversified investments that will double the principal in a five to ten year period. A downside risk was mentioned.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Harry Hougas, Assembly Chairman asked if anyone would like to volunteer to be a member of the committee for the Parishioner of the Year. Clev Azarigian volunteered.

Emil Mosey made a motion that we give the Parish Council authorization to transfer \$25,000 to the Investment Committee. Hurach Azarigian seconded it. Motion passed. Mr. Mosey also recommends that the committee prepare a written report for the next Assembly.

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Emil Mosey brought up the recommendation of the 1991 Assembly that we translate the writing above the altar (which is in Armenian) into English under or above the Armenian letters. The Parish Council and Fr. Michael discussed this matter and decided that it would take away from the beauty and simplicity of our altar) but a nicer solution would be to have it printed into the design of the Sunday Bulletin.

Access to the Church Parking Lot - Fr. Michael reported that the right of way has been restored (100 feet) to us. Because of the City not owing the property (was given back to the builder by the City) we may wind up suing the builder. We have pictures and documentations in our favor. We still could go ahead and put the driveway in ourselves, but it would be at our own expense.

Lucy Simonian asked if it was possible to put in cement steps and a railing so that the parishioners and visitors who park on the back street have easy access to the church. The Parish Council said it could be done.

A question was asked on the cost of the driveway - no official price could be given at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**a. 1992 Budget Approval**

John Maljanian, Sr. read the budget line by line allowing for questions from the Assembly.

After the report was given Hurach Azarigian made a motion to accept the 1992 Budget as read, Guy Simonian seconded it. Motion passed.

**b. Parish Council Recommendations -**

**1. Selling of the Manoog and Alice Bagdigian Community Center.**

Fr. Michael read a letter from the Pastor of the Calvary Christian Center Church, who now rent the building, requesting to purchase said property. Their lease will be up on May 31st of this year and they have renewed the lease for one more year.

After a lengthy discussion on the pros and cons of selling this property, Stephan DerMargosian made a motion that A committee of nine (9) members be established and authorized

to study and evaluate future actions relative to the Manoog and Alice Bagdigian Community Center and prepare proposals to submit to a Special Parish Assembly for action. Hurach Azarigian seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor except one person.

The following names were suggested for this committee: Stephan DerMargosian, Armen Michalak, Donald Azarigian, Peter Bagdigian, Jr. Guy Simonian, Ruth Waite, Arthur Simonian, Sr., Adrienne Damian and one Parish Council member to be decided by the new Council.

Susan DerMargosian made a motion to accept the names for the committee and Hurach Azarigian seconded it. Motion passed.

**2. In Lieu of Flowers**

After a lengthy discussion of pros and cons to this recommendation Stephan DerMargosian made a motion that this recommendation not be approved and that the In Lieu of Flowers monies stay as in the past. Hurach Azarigian seconded it. Motion passed.

**c. Other New Business**

Stephan DerMargosian stated that the shrubs on either side of the Church Sign overpower the sign and they should be trimmed or removed. His recommendation to the Parish Council is to replace the shrubs with smaller shrubs that will not overpower the sign.

Stephan DerMargosian commended the Parish Council on the Handbook they prepared and printed.

With no other new business the Chairman of the Assembly asked for the election results.

**ELECTION RESULTS**

Election results of the Parish Council, Auditing and Nominating Committee were posted on the black board. The results were as follows:

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**PARISH COUNCIL (ELECT 5)**

Gary Hovhannessian - 44 votes  
Gary Azarigian - 15 votes  
Harry Hougas - 59 votes  
John Paul Abrahamian - 45 votes  
John Maljanian, Jr. - 48 votes  
John Maljanian, Sr. - 49 votes  
Takouhi Erikian - 19 votes  
Peter Bagdigian, Sr. - 37 votes (alternate)  
Gloria Azarigian - 3 votes  
Clev Azarigian - 4 votes

The following have been elected to serve on the Parish Council: John Paul Abrahamian, Harry Hougas, Gary Hovhannessian, John Maljanian, Jr. and John Maljanian, Sr.

**AUDITING COMMITTEE (ELECT 3)**

Ruth Waite - 44 votes  
Hurach Azarigian - 59 votes  
Violet Galazan - 23 votes  
Lisa Yirigian - 22 votes  
Diane Garoyan - 35 votes  
Angel Yirigian - 26 votes

The following have been elected to serve on the Auditing Committee: Hurach Azarigian, 3 year term; Diane Garoyan, 2 year term; and Ruth Waite, a 2 year term.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE (ELECT 3)**

Sarkis Yirigian - 37 votes  
Sharon Landsman - 47 votes  
Lillian Azarigian - 10 votes  
Armen Michalak - 23 votes  
Emil Mosey - 49 votes  
Guy Simonian - 41 votes

The following have been elected to serve on the Nominating Committee: Sharon Landsman, Emil Mosey and Guy Simonian.

The following Parish Council members will remain in office for one additional year: Peter Bagdigian, Jr., Grant Landsman, Arthur Simonian, Jr., and Robert Yirigian.

Harry Hougas, Chairman of the Assembly thanked everyone for attending.

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Hurach Azarigian gave a special thanks to the Assembly Chairman and Secretary for a fine job.

The Chairman, Harry Hougas adjourned the meeting at 4:28 p.m.

Fr. Michael Buttero, Pastor led the Assembly in the singing of the Hayr Mer officially closing the meeting.

Respectively Submitted,

*Yeretzgin Patricia Buttero*  
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1992 Parish Assembly Secretary

*Fr. Michael Buttero*  
Fr. Michael Buttero  
Pastor

*Harry Hougas*  
Harry Hougas  
Assembly Chairman