

Armenian Church of Our Saviour

Minutes of 1970 Annual Parish Assembly

The 1970 Annual Parish Assembly of the Armenian Church of Our Saviour, Worcester, Massachusetts, was opened on Thursday, evening, January 22, 1970, at 8:30 P.M. with a prayer by our Pastor, the Very Reverend Muron Dz. V. Gurjikian, who was also presiding the Annual Parish Assembly.

A G E N D A

1. Election of officers of the Assembly
2. Reading of the minutes of the previous Assembly
3. Report of the Pastor
4. Report of the Parish Council
5. Report of the Auditing Committee
6. Approval of proposed 1970 Budget
7. Reports of all organizations by their chairmen

Diocesan Delegates	Harry G. Sogigian
Armenian School	Rose Houmère
Sunday Church School	Deacon Dickran Metjian
Church Choir	Ara Eresian
Senior Ladies Auxiliary	Elizabeth Kazarian
Young Women's Guild	Elizabeth Markarian
Men's Club	Suney Kachadoorian
ACYOA Seniors	Joseph Aslanian
ACYOA Juniors	Bryan Davis
Cultural Center Building Committee	Gilbert Markarian
Boy Scouts	John Merzgian

8. Election of Parish Council, Auditing Committee and Nominating Committee
9. Change date of Annual Meeting

Item 8 on the agenda, the elections will be held on Sunday, January 25, 1970, at 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. as a continuation of the Annual Parish Assembly of January 22, 1970.

The Nominating Committee with the Very Reverend Muron Gurjikian, President; Charles H. Garabedian, Chairman; Manesse Jardarian, Secretary; Ara Eresian, Suney Kachadoorian, Jacob Hagopian established rules and conducted the voting.

The first item of business was to elect Barteve Bagdasarian, Chairman and George Krikorian, Secretary of the Assembly.

Our Pastor presented his 1969 Annual Report in Armenian as recorded on pages one, two, three of the 1969 Annual Report. His report was recorded also in English on pages four, five, and six of the report for those who didn't understand Armenian. Motion to accept was made, seconded, and approved by the Assembly.

The Parish Council report as recorded on pages seven, eight, nine, and ten was read by Van Aroian, Secretary. The following omission was noted and the following members have been added to the Centennial Committee and are to be included on page nine: Harold Gregory, Mrs. Manasse Jardarian, Mrs. Sharvaz Kazarian, the Very Reverend Muron Gurjickian and assisting the Committee: Mrs. Antraneg Yarumian, Mr. Ara Eresian, and Mrs. John Toromanian.

Mr. Edward Belzerian read the Auditing Committee Report as recorded on pages eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, and fifteen of the 1969 Annual Report and was approved by the assembly.

Bartev Bagdasarian answered all questions from the assembly pertaining to the Cultural Center Building Fund Financial Report as outlined on page eleven of the 1969 Annual Report after which said report was approved by the Parish Assembly.

Zarvin Kasparian, Chairman of the Parish Council presented a report on the financial condition of our parish and subsequently ably assisted by John Toromanian, Treasurer, answered those questions raised by the Assembly regarding income and disbursements.

Our Church Operation Budget for 1970 as recorded on page sixteen of the 1969 Annual Report in the amount of \$57,600.00 was presented and unanimously accepted by the assembly members.

The following Church Organization Reports were read and accepted by the Parish Assembly:

A. Diocesan Delegates	page 17
B. Cultural Center Building Committee	page 18
C. Armenian School	pages 19-20-21
D. Sunday Church School	pages 22-23
E. Church Choir	pages 24-25
F. Senior Ladies Auxiliary	page 26
G. Young Women's Guild	pages 27-28
H. Men's Club	page 29
I. ACYOA Juniors	page 30
J. Boy Scouts	page 31

The pages referred to above are those in the 1969 Annual Report.

Miss Clara Takesian answered questions concerning programs of the Sunday Church School, with a special emphasis on the great need of a Superintendent for the Sunday Church School. Particular needs to strengthen the Armenian School as well as the Sunday Church School were cited.

A motion was made and approved to arrange a special meeting to find means of strengthening both the Armenian Language School, the Sunday Church School and religious education.

An additional strong plea was presented by Miss Clara Takesian to bring the younger people, ages eighteen through twenty-five, into the church community and get them involved.

A motion was made and approved to have the Council investigate the possibility of changing the date of the Annual Meeting.

The first session or portion of the 1970 Annual Parish Assembly ended at 10:45 P.M. with the second session or portion of the Annual Parish Assembly due to open Sunday, January 25, 1970, at 9:30 A.M. for the purpose to conducting elections for members to the Parish Council, Auditing Committee and Nominating Committee.

Mr. Ara Eresian, after the reading of the Church Choir Report, introduced the subject of the Church's need for an organ and the possibility of embarking on some program to acquire same.

The acceptance of the Men's Club Report was conditional upon deleting the line - Mr. No-Body - as Recording Secretary of the Men's Club. Motioned and carried.

The second session was opened as arranged at 9:30 A.M. Sunday, January 25, 1970, with the sealing of the Ballot Box under the auspices of our Pastor, Reverend Muron Gurjikian. Two hundred and fourteen ballots were cast between 9:30 A.M. and closing at 1:00 P.M. after which the Nominating Committee counted and tallied the following results:

PARISH COUNCIL

Balian, John	88	elected
Bilzerian, Edward	121	elected
Garabedian, Charles	133	elected
Heroian, Ara	78	
Jardarian, Vahe	86	alternate
Kabian, John	67	
Kachadorian, Leon	94	elected
Kasparian, Haroutune	82	
Kazarian, Kazar	64	
Markarian, Gilbert	120	elected
Mosessian, Gerald	83	
Nalbandian, Peter	113	elected

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Bilzerian, Aram	62	
Nalkranian, Barbara	119	elected
Demirjian, Anne	138	elected
Foley (Majarian), Alice	64	
Noorjanian, Norman	84	alternate
Sivazlian, Abraham	126 121	elected

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Aslanian, William	103	elected
Dodakian, Harry	80	
Eresian, Ara	101	elected
Jardarian, Manase	82	
Kachadoorian, Suney	108	elected
Keljikian, Martin	67	
Merzigian, John	95	alternate
Sogigian, Harry	140	elected
Tateosian, John	67	
Zakarian, Asbed	114	elected

A vote of confidence and thanks was expressed by the Parish Assembly to the Nominating Committee: the Very Reverend Muron Gurjikian, President; Charles H. Garabedian, Chairman; Manesse Jardarian, Secretary; Ara Eresian, Suney Kachadoorian, Jacob Hagopian, and all those who contributed their support.

The above report was read and accepted by the Parish Assembly with the meeting closing at 3:15 P.M. Sunday, January 25, 1970.

For the Parish Assembly

Rev. M. Gurjikian

Very Rev. Muron Dz. V. Gurjikian
President

Bartev Bagdasarian

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Chairman

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Secretary