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MINUTES - ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

First Session

The Annual Parish Assembly of the Armenian Church of Our Saviour was held on Thursday, January 18, 1973 at our Church Hall.

The meeting was called to order by the Parish Council chairman, Jacob Hagopian, at 8:30 p.m. with our pastor Very Rev. Shnork Kasparian presiding.

After Fr. Shnork's invocation, the election of assembly officers took place. Elected were Antranik Yarumian, chairman, and Harry G. Sogigian secretary.

AGENDA

1. Election of officers of the Assembly
2. Reading of the minutes of previous Assembly
3. Report of the Pastor
4. Report of the Parish Council
5. Report of the Auditing Committee
6. Report of all organizations
7. Approval of proposed 1973 budget

INTERMISSION - Reconvene Sunday, January 21

8. Election of Parish Council members, Diocesan Delegates, Auditing Committee and Nominating Committee
9. New Business

The chairman suggested that item 9 on the agenda follow item 7. This ruling was accepted by the assembly.

The detailed and completed reports of all our Church Committees and Organizations together with their financial accounts and statements are found in the 1972 Annual Report Booklet.

The Assembly voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous assembly.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Pastor's Report

Fr. Shnork read his report covering the period from July 1972 to December 1972. During this period Hayr Soorp cited his many endeavors in all phases of our religious life, i.e., in sacraments, new members for our church, community relations, youth activities, bible study, and future plans of activity. Two successful affairs were the Madagh Services on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Consecration of our new Church on Salisbury Street and the celebration of midnight Divine Liturgy in English on the feast of St. Stephen, December 24th. Both events were very well attended and inspiring to all our parishoners

The Assembly unanimously thanked Fr. Shnork for his enthusiastic and dedicated services to our Church.

Parish Council Report

The Parish Council report for the year was read by its chairman, Jacob Hagopian. The financial report was given by treasurer, Peter Nalbandian.

Mentioned as two of the significant accomplishments of the Council were the paying off during the year the heavy financial burden of the Church, the \$75,000.00 bank note and the improvements of our properties.

The Assembly accepted with appreciation and thanks the two reports of the Council.

Auditing Committee Report

Committee member Henry Shooshan reported and verified that the financial reports given in the 1972 Annual Booklet are correct.

Budget for 1973

The budget for 1973 listing an income of \$59,700.00 and expenses of \$72,755.00 was presented by the Council. The \$12,500.00 expense item was questioned. The explanation given was that this amount will be paid by the Council in the event that funds will be available. (to apply to the mortgage)

REPORTS OF ORGANIZATIONS

1. The Cultural Center Building Fund report was accepted
2. The Diocesan Assembly report was accepted.

3. The Sunday School Committee report was accepted
4. The Senior Ladies Auxiliary report was accepted
5. The Young Women's Guild report was accepted with an explanation of the total expense amount. This amount was changed to read: donation to Church \$3,200.00 and expenses \$521.00; total disbursement \$3,721.00. Also a statement was added to their report saying that the Young Women's Guild members had assumed the responsibility of making and preparing maas for distribution after Divine Liturgy Services.
6. The Armenian School Report was accepted
7. The Men's Club report was accepted
8. The Choir report was accepted
9. The Library Committee report was accepted
10. The ACYOA report was accepted

The Assembly expressed its gratitude and appreciation to all officers of our organizations and its members for their efforts and supports they have given to our Church.

NEW BUSINESS

Memorial Plaque

It was recommended that an appropriate memorial plaque be placed in our Church in honor of our first pastor and primate, the Very Rev. Hovsep Sarajian. This is to be done on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the founding of our Diocese in 1898 in Worcester. This celebration will be held in May of this year in our parish in conjunction with the annual Assembly at which time, our Catholicos will attend.

This matter was referred to our Pastor and Parish Council.

Parish Assembly Attendance

Our Pastor, commenting on the attendance of this Assembly, said that in view of the size of our parish, this assembly is poorly attended and steps should be taken to increase attendance at our meetings. This idea was shared by everyone present.

A motion was made and unanimously passed directing the Pastor and the Parish Council to think up ways and means of involving more of our people at our assemblies.

This session closed at 10 p.m., and will resume Sunday at 10 a.m. for elections.

SECOND SESSION - SUNDAY, JAN. 21st.

The second session of the 1972 Parish Assembly resumed on Sunday, January 21, 1973 at 10 a.m. in the Church Hall.

The election of 5 parish council members, 6 diocesan delegates, 5 nominating committee members and 3 auditing committee members followed.

There were 198 ballots cast and the results were:

Parish Council Members

no. of votes

148	Arsen Haroian	elected
120	Suney Kachadoorian	"
110	Haroutune Kasparian	"
110 1/2	George Migrichian	"
108	Gerald Mosessian	"
62	George Avakian	1st alternate
46	Paul Krikorian	2nd "
54	Takvor Takvorian	
49	Harry Dosturian	

It was brought to the attention of the Assembly that Harry Dosturian and Takvor Takvorian had not fulfilled their obligations as members.

The Chairman ruled that according to our Church By-Laws their candidacy for parish council members be ruled out and that their votes be null and void.

Diocesan Delegates

no. of votes

126	Zavin Kasparian	elected
109	Gilbert Markarian	"
104	Bart Bagdasarian	"
104	John Toromanian	"
103	Charles Garabedian	"
103	Asbed Zakarian	"
100	George Herosian	1st alternate
93	Seth Bilazarian	2nd "
47	Carnig Alexanderian	
45	Abraham Sivazlian	
44	Aharon G. Aharonian	
36	Sherman Santoian	

Auditing Committee Members

no. of votes

115	Anne Demirjian	elected
114	Rose Aslanian	"
114	Henry Shooshan	"
81	John Balian	1st alternate
77	Gary Degermajian	2nd "
36	Madieros Mooshagian	

Nominating Committee

no. of votes

132	Charles Sharigian	elected
117	William Aslanian	"
115	Rose Toromanian	"
112	Van Aroian	"
95	Manase Jardarian	"
94	John Merzigian	1st alternate
86	Richard Mshooshian	2nd "
72	Haroutune Bilazarian	
36	Michael Gulbankian	
29	Gerald Kheboian	

These minutes as herein recorded were read and accepted by the Assembly after two minor corrections.

Before closing, the Chairman thanked all our members who worked and participated in this assembly and the election.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

President: Jr. Shm. Rasparian

Chairman: Antranik Yarusian

Secretary: Harry J. Sezigian

January 25, 1973
Worcester, Mass.