

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

In 1981 the Parish elected the following members to the Council:

- Marion Aharonian
- Kenneth Krikorian
- Lutwig (Jerry) Stepanian
- Arthur Yagjian
- Asbed Zakarian

After being duly ratified by the Most Reverend Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, the Council elected the following executive body:

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| Zarvin Kasparian | Chairman |
| Van Aroian | Vice-Chairman |
| George Migridichian | Treasurer |
| Arthur Yagjian | Assistant Treasurer |
| Marion Aharonian | Secretary |
| Kenneth Krikorian | Assistant Secretary |

The Chairman appointed the following as liason advisor to Parish Organizations:

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| Ghevont Haqopian | Choir |
| Zarvin Kasparian | Avaks |
| Jerry Stepanian | Senior Ladies Auxiliary |
| Kay Garabedian | Young Women's Guild |
| Zarvin Kasparian | Armenian School |
| Marion Aharonian | Sunday School |
| Asbed Zakarian | Cultural Organization |
| Kenneth Krikorian | Library Committee |
| Leon Kachadorian) | ACYOA Seniors |
| Van Aroian) | |
| Leon Kachadorian) | ACYOA Juniors |
| Van Aroian) | |

The following activities are part of what the Council has been dealing with:

Successful culmination in the sale of the Mary Ann Drive property for \$41,500.00 in August 1981. See special parish assembly held on June 8, 1980, note as follows: "when the property was sold all net proceeds would be placed in a separate fund to be known as the Margaret Thompson-Thomasian Fund. The income from this is to be restricted to the maintenance and renovation of the church complex and the principal cannot be touched"...

A new 1981 Plymouth K car was accepted by the Parish as a donation from Mr. John Fashjian. The car will be used by the Pastor for church business.

Mrs. Hazel Eljanian, formerly Assistant Choir Director was appointed by the Pastor and Parish Council as Choir Director following the untimely death of Mrs. Margaret Hagopian who unselfishly devoted her life to the perpetuation of Armenian Church music.

Ongoing Organizational meetings to firm up dates, activities, projects, etc., without confliction. Also these meetings are held frequently to insure greater harmony amongst church organizations and to plan parish activities.

Keeping up with the times by purchasing a much needed copy-machine and new filing cabinets and installing clean Air Filters in the Cultural Hall.

Refurbishing the Baptismal Font.

New metal hand-railing installed at the back steps of Dean Street entrance, donated by Mr. Michael Toriqian of Worcester.

New power lawn-mower gifted by Council member, Kay Garabedian.

Our Pastor completed an Inventory of Church treasures as requested by the Council.

Dr. Vahram Uluhogian was secured as Armenian School Director to take the place of the void left by Mrs. Herald Hassessian.

The Council accepted a check from the estate of Verkin Hooloian for \$1,147.16.

The Parish Council was happy to institute and present the following:

Family picnic for members and friends on August 30, 1981

Bazaar on November 7, 1981

New Year's Eve Party

90th. Anniversary celebration of the Founding Fathers of our Church and Clergy.

Gomidas Award presented to the Ekmalian Choir on their 40th. Anniversary.

Festivities presided over by Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan, held on January 17, 1982, held in the Cultural Center Auditorium.

Because of the serious energy crises facing not only our Nation, but each and every one of us, the Council addressed itself to the very difficult task of keeping the Church complex expenses down. After many hours, days and weeks of deliberation, it was finally decided with much reluctance, to limit the use of the church meeting facilities to Tuesdays and Thursdays on a trial basis from November 1, 1981 through April 30, 1982. In connection with this was a grave concern to provide maximum security of all our facilities. This necessitated additional custodial and maintenance services.

In order to meet the additional custodial and maintenance services, the Council spent many weeks trying to reach a fair and equitable fee-schedule for the rental of the Church facilities. It would be appropriate to especially mention that without the loyalty, co-operation and support of our staff, Secretary, Penny Kasper and Michael Bellino, part-time custodian and Gharib Ghambari, custodial assistant, this security would not be possible.

This report is only a summary and in no way reflects the tireless work, long hours, devotion and co-operative efforts of all those who have worked, served and supported the aforementioned projects. The Council can only extend its deep appreciation to our Pastor, Der Garabed, for his spiritual guidance, and to our Chairman Mr. Zarvin Kasparian for steering the Council, and heartfelt thanks to all those who have exhibited faith in their Council and have supported and helped them bring their projects and goals to fruition.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion D. Aharonian
Marion D. Aharonian-Secretary

Kenneth Krikorian
Kenneth Krikorian-Assistant Secretary