

ARMENIAN CHURCH OF WESTCHESTER PARISH ASSEMBLY

The second Annual Parish Assembly took place January 26, 1975 at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Yonkers. The meeting was opened at 11:55 a.m. with a prayer by Father Karekin Kasparian. *69 voting members were present.*

Apkar Omartian, 1974 Assembly Chairman, called on the Nominating Committee to present nominations for Chairman of the 2nd Annual Parish Assembly for 1975.

Puzant Sirabian was unanimously elected Chairman.

Grace Cassidy was elected by majority vote for Assembly Secretary. Rose Darien was elected Assistant Secretary.

Father Kasparian clarified the eligibility of voters. He stated that one must be a baptised member of the Church and have paid the yearly \$15 dues. He noted, a non-member of the Armenian Church can also be a participant of our Church. Father Kasparian said that special dispensation has been obtained from the Diocese for this meeting in accepting the membership of non-Armenian spouses of our members, who have pledged the Armenian Church as their Church, and have fulfilled the obligations of a bona fide member.

The following ten names were submitted for election to the Parish Council. Those five elected today will have a two year term. The remainder council members will be up for reelection next year.

Zaven Adourian  
Alice Bogosian  
George Davidian  
Berge Derdarian  
George Guendjoian

Peter Palakian  
Jeanette Smith  
Bernard Tepikian  
Harry Nalbandian  
Ara Ishkanian

The following six names were submitted for the Auditing Committee. Three members will be elected. Their function is to audit the books at years end before our financial records are sent to the Diocese.

Albert Darien  
Irene Shadoian  
Mabel Tellitt

Leo Hagopian  
Robert Stepanian  
Diane Davidian

The following ten names were submitted for Nominating Committee of which five will be elected.

Edward Essayan  
Zaven Adourian  
George Guendjoian  
Jeanette Smith  
Robert Stepanian

John Vakassian  
Rose Derdarian  
George Sanossian  
John Babakian  
Richard Davidian

After verification of eligibility by the Nominating Committee, voters cast their ballots.

Then the following read their Annual Reports: Pastor, Father Karekin Kasparian; St. Nersess Armenian Community School, Barbara Dorian; Westchester Church Choir, Sub-deacon Vazken Asadourian, Choirmaster; Mr. and Mrs. Club, Robert Stepanian, Chairman; Westchester A.C.Y.O.A. Jrs., David Essayan, Chairman; Building Fund Committee, Edward Dorian; and Pauline Babakian, Secretary of Westchester Parish Council; and Financial Statement of Calendar Year 1974, George Sanossian.

While the ballots were tallied, the Chairman, under new business, entertained a discussion on church property. A lengthy discussion followed. Some members wanted to rescind the motion of purchasing the property in Harrison and to feel free to go into other possible properties or church edifices including the present Seventh Day Adventist Church where we are holding our services. It was explained that such a motion would be in order at another Parish Assembly called particularly for that purpose. It was restated that the Parish Council or the Building Committee could add the option of looking into other possible properties.

Father Kasparian stated that a special assembly must be called to discuss adequately matters pertaining to the purchase of a church edifice or church property. He emphasized the importance of increasing attendance at church services and the participation of a full parish life.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Proposed 1975 Budget in the amount of \$18,600 presented by the Parish Council.

The following were elected to the Parish Council for a two year term:

George Davidian	Berge Derdarian	Jeanette Smith
George Guendjoian	Ara Ishkanian	

The following were elected to the Auditing Committee;

Mabel Tellitt	Diane Davidian	Leo Hagopian
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The following were elected to the Nominating Committee:

John Babakian	Rose Derdarian	George Sanossian
Richard Davidian	Edward Essayan	

The meeting closed at 2:20 p.m. with a Benediction by the Pastor.

Father Karekin Kasparian *Fr. Karekin Kasparian*  
Pastor

Puzant Sirabian  
Chairman

*Puzant Sirabian*

Grace Cassidy  
Secretary

*Grace Cassidy*  
*Puzant*