



The Armenian Church of Westchester

The Rev. Fr. Karekin Kasparian, Pastor

Due to unfortunate circumstances, the reservation that the Westchester chapter had made for Kavookjian Auditorium for the Anniversary Ball was unexpectedly cancelled by Syraun Palvetzian, Executive Director of the Diocese, to accomodate a musical group from Canada for a benefit concert. However, at a subsequent meeting in Westchester, the Executive Director graciously offered the use of Kavookjian Auditorium to the Westchester ACYOA for the same purpose the following year, free of charge.

The above statement, originally part of the ACYOA Sr's annual report to this Church's Annual Parish Assembly, was inadvertently left out from the presented report at the Assembly. It was meant to be part of the report.

Fr. Karekin Kasparian

February 25, 1979

WESTCHESTER A.C.Y.O.A. SENIORS

Annual Report-1978

February 11, 1979

General - The A.C.Y.O.A. Seniors enjoyed a fairly prosperous year. Membership has remained stable (approx. 32 dues paid) although we've experienced a marked turnover with many of our old "regulars" drifting away and being replaced by new faces.

Financially, we've been operating in the black despite some unavoidable financial losses (theft of unsold team shirts - \$80, unsold theater tickets - \$150, forced cancellation of Anniversary Ball - \$400 estimated minimum profit, and poor turnout because of snowstorm at our March retreat - Approx. \$250). Administratively, the A.C.Y.O.A. has had some serious difficulties, operating with as few as three executive board members at a given time (six members are required). This was largely a result of unexpected resignations and it caused a distinct loss of effectiveness. Fortunately, we now have five dedicated members and this has resulted in a visible improvement in the group's activities under the presidency of our Pastor. They are - Steve Sirabian, Chairman; Roz Hewsanian, Vice-Chairperson (recently resigned); Dian Dorian, Rec. Secty; Laura Boghosian, Corr. Secty; Seta Tavitian, Treasurer; Harry Tavitian, Activities Director.

The A.C.Y.O.A. operates on five levels: religious, social, athletic, cultural and service. Two new policies have been adapted by the A.C.Y.O.A. National Assembly held on Labor Day weekend. The first directive is aimed at deeper involvement with Church matters and Parish Council. The latter attempts to strengthen the A.C.Y.O.A. Juniors by inviting the older juniors to certain senior functions. We have already implemented both of these policies.

Monthly Activities

- February - Annual election; trip to Fairlawn to start new A.C.Y.O.A. at St. Leon's; discussion on "The Concept of Christian Marriage vs. Living Together" led by our Der Hayr.
- March - Regional retreat; lecture on "The Split in the Church" by His Eminence Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan.
- April - Archbishop's Trophy tournament; Annual Martyr's Day Banquet and Commemoration; Night Service observance on Martyr's Day.
- May - Bake sale; membership party at Dian Dorian's house.
- June - Beach party at Mr. and Mrs. John Babakian's summer home.
- August - Pool party and athletic preparation for Sports Weekend; assistance at Church picnic; participation of five delegates at National Assembly.
- September - Sports Weekend held in Providence, R.I.; booth at One World Festival.
- October - Annual Halloween party at Karen Basmajian's house; attended Church dance; talk by Ed Essayan on the status of Church site search.
- November - Slide presentation by Fr. Arshen Aivazian on Armenia; theatre trip to "Dracula"; attended Holy Martyr's A.C.Y.O.A. dance.
- December - Program at Armenian Home for the Aged in Queens conducted by our Der Hayr; Christmas party at the home of Ohan and Anna Bas.

Funds Statement - Starting balance, \$269.72; Funds from operation, \$2,211.05; Disbursements, \$1,844.04; Contribution to Church \$255.73; Balance; \$ 381.00

Respectfully submitted,
Steven J. Sirabian, Chairman
Dian Dorian, Rec. Secty.