

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF WESTCHESTER - SEPTEMBER 14, 1980

A Special Parish Assembly was held at 1 p.m. on September 14, 1980 at the Armenian Church of Westchester at 55 Lincoln Avenue, Purchase, N.Y.

There were 40 members present.

After an opening prayer by Der Hayr, minutes of the Seventh Annual Parish Assembly of February 10, 1980 were read and accepted.

Parish Council Chairman Garo Bashian introduced Mr. George Davidian, Chairman of the Building Committee, to the assembly to give a report on the expenditures incurred in the conversion of the one-story structure into the present church building. The total amount of expenditures as of August 31, 1980 was \$40,998.06. Mr. Davidian informed the assembly that the anticipated amount of additional expenses would be approximately \$5,700.

He also indicated that Mr. Gerry Ksayian, the electrician, and Mr. Gino Urbinelli, the plumber, have given hundreds of hours of their labor and expect no compensation in return. However, Mr. Davidian suggested that the church pay Mr. Urbinelli \$1,000 which is only a fraction of the true value of the time he spent at the church.

Mr. Davidian made mention of the fact that a carting company which was introduced by Mr. Berge Derdarian has donated the use of a container for garbage removal during construction. There is also a future plan to install an amplifier and speakers donated to the church by Mr. Fred Dagavar. Mr. Davidian also notified the assembly that the church passed the building inspection and that we should be getting our Certificate of Occupancy within a few days.

Mr. Michael Pisani suggested that the assembly officially thank Mr. Davidian for his relentless efforts. Mrs. Pisani made the motion which was seconded by Mr. Edward Essayan. The assembly gave George a standing ovation.

Mrs. Martha Gurahian made a motion to accept the report of expenditures of the Building Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Alfred Yeznaian.

Mr. Garo Bashian brought to the attention of the assembly the main purpose of this meeting; i.e., to get approval to transfer funds from the Building Fund to the Operating Fund for the immediate needs of the church, - the major item being the necessity for the installation of a new heating unit. Mr. Edward Essayan, Chairman of the Building and Grounds Management Committee, indicated to the assembly that the present heating system is obsolete and too complicated to serve our needs efficiently. He recommended a system which would have five boilers for the five zones of the Parish House, each boiler being individually controlled by a thermostat. In addition to this we would need a 30 gallon hot water tank. At this time, Mr. Edward A. Dorian of Eastchester indicated that he has a 50 gallon tank available and would be willing to donate it to the church.

Mr. Essayan said that he has received four different estimates for a new heating system ranging from \$8,300 to \$18,000. His committee is requesting \$12,000 to be allocated for this job.

Also, Mr. Robert Birnbaum brought to the attention of the assembly the importance of pruning the trees on our property. He said if this is not done immediately it could create hazardous conditions during heavy winds.

In summary, Mr. Garo Bashian listed the following items of expenditures for which the Parish Council would need funds transferred from the Building Fund to the Operating Fund:

1. Heating system + hot water heater	\$12,000.00
2. 6-foot fence around the pool	1,200.00
3. Starting the pool for the summer	155.50
4. Locks and electrical extensions for Parish House	500.52
5. Two lawn mowers	1,978.00
6. Additional expense on Parking Lot and Sealing of Driveway	1,544.03
7. Winterizing of pool	150.00
8. Painting and weather stripping of Parish House	2,000.00
9. Glass replacement	280.00
10. Pruning of trees	1,500.00
11. Miscellaneous	500.00
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Total Estimated Expenditures	\$21,808.05

A motion was made to allocate \$22,000 from the Building Fund to the Operating Fund for the above listed expenditures by Mr. A. Yeznaian and seconded by Mr. Harry Takvorian.

Mr. Ara Shimshidian, Chairman of the Pledge Committee, reminded the parishioners that we are no longer tenants, that we have a budget of \$63,000 and that we should do our best to fulfill our 1980 pledges.

Der Hayr at this point, brought to the attention of the assembly the tremendous job done by Edward Essayan as Chairman of the Building and Grounds Management Committee. He said that Ed virtually spent his entire summer at the church to insure everything ran smoothly. The members of the assembly gave Ed a standing ovation.

Mr. Berge Derdiarian made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mr. Alfred Yeznaian.

The meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer by Der Hayr at 2:40

p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Khadjeturian
Recording Secretary