

ST. JAMES ARMENIAN CHURCH OF WESTCHESTER  
FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 1986.

1. Meetings: Nine meetings of the Committee were held. Four of these were informal because of insufficient attendance to constitute a quorum.
2. Brochure: A brochure was prepared. This was intended to be an aid to solicitation of funds. An unfortunate error has made it necessary to reprint the pamphlet. It will provide a short history of the church since its founding, a statement of the current status of funding and architectural work, a definition of the various levels of sponsorship and the names by which donors in each category will be recognized, and the membership of the key committees involved in the building effort.
3. Computerized Master List: A Master List of potential contributors has been prepared; the donors have been listed in priority of their potential as donors. The list contains 767 names, addresses, phone numbers, and history of contributions to the Church Building project.
4. 1986 Dinner-Dance Gala: The 1986 Dinner-Dance Gala was organized by the Committee. It was held at the Westchester Marriott Hotel on November 22. The price range for tickets was \$40.00 per person with 50% discounts for ACYOA Juniors. Attendance was 114, with receipts of \$4,435. The hotel provided tasty food in more than ample quantity, and both the American and Armenian bands were excellent. John Babakian contributed \$1,000.00 as partial sponsorship of the American Band, and his contribution is gratefully acknowledged.

Expenses include the following:

To the Marriott Hotel:

Food	\$3,420.00	
Cloak Room	110.00	
Bar	1018.23	
Momjian reservation	<u>126.90</u>	
Total		\$4,675.13
Bands		\$2,867.50
Miscellaneous		
Printing	408.65	
Postage	66.00	
Advertising	<u>26.00</u>	
		<u>500.65</u>
Total Expenses		\$8,043.28
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5. Receipts of Pledges and other Funds: Pledge receipts at the Dinner Dance totalled \$35,431.59. An additional \$19,832 was collected by December 8, and \$17,969.41 more by year's end. Letters of acknowledgment have gone out to all who have remitted during 1986.

Total pledge receipts over the two year period come up to \$562,365.22; \$210,330 remains to be collected by November 1987. Total funds, including transfers from the Operating Account, contributions made prior to the pledge program, accumulated interest and donations for specific memorials now total \$966,098.30. A total of 118 pledges have been made; of these, several have completed their total commitments; and 24 are behind schedule in their remittances.

Expenditures of \$21,000 have been made for a topographic survey and preliminary architectural work, leaving a balance of \$945,098.30, inclusive of \$24,856.41 earmarked for memorial artifacts. A reconciliation of the account is given in the attachment.

6. Plans for 1987: The Committee will make further efforts to raise funds. The 1987 Dinner-Dance will be planned as a fund raising affair, and solicitation of the Benefactor group contributing \$25,000 each will begin, particularly if ground breaking and the first phase of construction can be started during the year.

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