

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL
MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN
CHURCH

JANUARY 24, 1965

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Holy Cross Armenian Church was called to order by Mr. Harold Azmelian, Chairman of the Parish Council, at 2:10 PM, and was opened with a prayer by the Very Rev. Vatche Hovsepian, Pastor. Mr. Azmelian, after a few opening remarks, thanked the Ladies Aid for the luncheon which they prepared and served.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS - Mr. Nubar Dorian was elected Chairman and Miss Ann Dadaian, Secretary, by a unanimous vote. Mr. Dorian expressed his thanks to the membership for their continued confidence in him.

Due to inclement weather conditions, it was suggested that the ballot box for the election of Parish Council members and Auditing Committee remain open. The Nominating Committee, consisting of Mr. Haig Simsarian, Chairman; Mr. Vart Sapah-Gulian, Mr. Hagop Tutunjian, Mr. Lud Shahbazian and Mr. Mike Megerdichian, are to be thanked for their dedicated efforts.

AGENDA

The Minutes of the Annual Membership Meeting of last year were read and approved.

REPORTS

A. THE VERY REV. VATCHE HOVSEPIAN, PASTOR, read the Pastor's Annual Report to the membership. A motion was made and seconded that Father Vatche's report be accepted with heartfelt gratitude, filial love and a prayerful wish for his continued spiritual guidance for many years to come.

B. THE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT was read by Philip Arpiarian, Recording Secretary of the Parish Council. On behalf of the Parish thanks were expressed to the Parish Council for their untiring devotion during the past year and their magnificent and efficient work.

A report on ACYOA was inadvertently left out of the Parish Report. Father Vatche gave an oral report on the progress of ACYOA and did include a brief summary in his English report.

C. THE MEN'S CLUB REPORT was read by Richard Mahmarian, Chairman. The following items were added to this report:

- a. \$1,500. was donated by the Men's Club to the Altar Fund.
- b. Mr. Andrew Tarzian, member of the Men's Club, gave two enlightening lectures on Armenian Coins and Stamps; also including an interesting display of them.
- c. Two communion breakfasts were prepared and served by members of the Men's Club for the entire parish.

D. LADIES AID REPORT was read by Mrs. Zabel Sahagian, Chairman.

E. LADIES EDUCATIONAL REPORT was read by Mr. Nubar Dorian.

F. SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT was read by Mr. Zaven Hovsepian, Superintendent. A correction was made in this report as follows:

- a. Bill Sabonjian and Dolores Baglieri have been moved to the Senior Department.

Mr. Hovsepian also pointed out that the reason the Miscellaneous column for disbursements in the Sunday School treasurer's report is high is due to the fact that the donation of the Altar Fund was included under that item.

G. CHOIR REPORT was read by Miss Ann Dadaian.

A motion was made and seconded that all of the above reports be accepted as corrected. Motion was carried.

2. MR. LUD SHAHBAZIAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, which also included Dr. Harry Shenloogian and Mr. Jack Takakjian, gave a thorough report on the assets of our organizations. Mr. Shahbazian thanked and praised all the treasurers of our parish organizations for their cooperative and wonderful work. Special thanks were expressed to Mr. Armen Kalbian whose assistance is most appreciated by the Auditing Committee.

The following changes were noted in the Financial Reports:

- a. Calendar Financial Report - Balance on Hand should read \$1,780.50 instead of \$1,180.50.
- b. Page 31 of Assets of Holy Cross Armenian Church - the total for 1964 should be \$49,921.33 instead of \$49,423.99.

- c. Proposed Budget - Anticipated Total Income should be \$26,075. instead of \$26,575.

A motion was made and seconded that the Proposed Budget as well as all the other Treasurer's Reports be accepted. Motion was carried.

A motion was made and seconded that a vote of appreciation go to the Auditing Committee for their outstanding job. Motion was carried.

3. Mrs. Anne Hachadoorian, Chairman of the Parish Calendar Project, thanked Mr. John Hovsepian for his service in making all the plates for the calendar. His efforts in this behalf helped reap more profits for the Church.

4. SALUTE FOR GOOD SERVICE - Mr. Nubar Dorian brought the idea of having a Salute for Good Service Dinner honoring those people who so untiringly work for the parish and have worked throughout the years. After some discussion, a motion was made and seconded that the Parish Council study the matter of having a Salute for Good Service Dinner and act accordingly. Motion was carried.

5. PUBLICATION OF 60TH ANNIVERSARY BOOKLET - Motion was made and seconded that a booklet be published for the 60th Anniversary Celebration of the Holy Cross Armenian Church. Motion was carried.

6. RENOVATIONS FOR THE CHURCH CENTER ANNEX - Mr. Harold Azmelian gave a report on this subject as follows:

The reason why this project does not appear on the treasurer's report is that the closing on the sale of this building took place in January, 1965. Also it is a capital expense and has nothing to do with the budget. The Parish Council acquired the property for \$10,000.

After discussion on how the Parish Council should utilize the building facilities, a motion was made and seconded that the Parish Council create a committee, consisting of Parish Council members and adding a member from the Ladies Aid, Ladies Educational and Men's Club. Motion was carried.

A motion was made and seconded that the Parish Council with the aid of this committee, present and bring to a Special Membership Meeting formulated plans of the approximate costs of the major developments for final approval. Motion was carried.

7. MR. HAIG SIMSARIAN, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported the results of the election as follows:

72 votes were cast

PARISH COUNCIL

Elected:	Philip Arpiarian	62
	Serop Derderian	62
	Zaven Hovsepian	57
	Paul Takakjian	47
	Armen Kalbian	45
	Carnig Shenloogian	42
Alternates:	Mike Megerdichian	28
	Charles Apkarian	23

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Elected:	Lud Shahbazian	65
	Dr. Harry Shenloogian	46
	Paul Bogosian	32
	Jack Takakjian	32
Alternates:	Andrew Kabobjian	19
	Robert Stepanian	13

Since there was a tied vote between Paul Bogosian and Jack Takakjian, a recommendation was made by the membership that both serve on the committee making it a total of four members this year.

8. Mr. Philip Arpiarian, Chairman of the PLEDGE SYSTEM, pointed out difficulties in listing names in the VISION as far as donations for Christmas, Easter and Pledges are concerned. A motion was made and seconded that this matter be left up to the Parish Council so that they may decide what procedure should be followed and how the names are to be included in the VISION. Motion was carried.

9. Mr. Nubar Dorian thanked those members who came to the meeting in the bad weather, asserting that it is the quality that counts and not quantity. He, on behalf of the membership, thanked Father Vatche and praised him for his thorough compilation of the 1964 Annual Report Booklet. Mr. Dorian further expressed heartfelt thanks to Father Vatche and the Parish Council for the extremely dedicated service they are continually rendering to this community.

10. The Very Rev. Vatche Hovsepian thanked everyone who helped to make the meeting a success. He thanked Mr. Nubar Dorian for his usual fine work in conducting the meeting and Miss Ann Dadaian for taking the minutes.

Father Vatche commented that the purchase of the building next door to the Church Center is only a small way in which we can on to better and better things. He expressed his special thanks to the community and parishioners for

their complete cooperation and help in assisting the Parish Council whenever necessary. He stated that we are always working for the glory of our Church, and we will continue to do our best and will always continue to do so for the good of our community. Father Vatche asserted that as human beings we all make mistakes and asks that we overlook them and look at the good side of things. Publicize the good things and the good works which we are constantly striving to do. He stressed that the continued growth of our Sunday School will be an asset for us in producing good future leaders of our Church.

Father Vatche announced that in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Armenian Martyrs on April 24, 1965, all seven churches in this area will participate in presenting a program at the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts. This commemorative program will be held on Sunday, April 25, 1965, and we are sure that we will have 100% cooperation.

We all hope and pray that the Armenian people will be united by the blood of our forefathers and that it will lead us to union.

Let us forgive and make an oath to serve with dedication so that we can go on to better things.

Father Vatche closed the meeting with a prayer and the singing of Hayr Mer.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.

THE VERY REV. VATCHE HOVSEPIAN
Pastor-President

NUBAR DORIAN
Chairman

ANN DADAIAN
Secretary