

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF

THE HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 25, 1970

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Holy Cross Armenian Church was called to order by Deran Chopoorian, Chairman of the Parish Council at 1:30 PM, and was opened with a prayer by our Pastor, Rev. Vertanes Kalayjian.

The ladies of the Ladies Aid were thanked on behalf of the membership for the dinner which they prepared and served.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS - Mr. Nubar Dorian and Mrs. Anne Hachadoorian were elected Chairman and Secretary, respectively.

A motion was made and seconded that balloting for the election of Parish Council, Nominating Committee and Auditing Committee be closed at 2:00 PM. Motion carried.

The 1969 published booklet was distributed to the attending members.

AGENDA

REPORTS

A. A motion was made and seconded that the reading of all the organization reports, as well as the Minutes of the Annual Membership Meeting of 1969, with the exception of the Pastor's Report and the Parish Council Report, be dispensed with. Motion carried.

B. PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Vertanes Kalayjian, pastor, read his report to the membership. Father Kalayjian also expressed his thanks to the officers and committees of all the organizations for their dedication and contributions towards making successes of their respective organizations.

Father Vertanes also elaborated by saying that our Church with its past history is not a small matter. Other Churches are as much Armenian as ours, but in the general services and in traditional community life they are comparatively new and are in the process of forming their image. This Parish is Armenian, he proceeded, and is carrying on the mission of the Armenian Church in general in a traditional atmosphere.

A motion was made and seconded that the Pastor's Report be accepted with thanks. Motion carried.

C. THE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT was read by its Secretary, Mr. Charles Genjian. The report was accepted as read.

2. THE AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT was presented by Mr. Lud Shahbazian. He thanked all the treasurers of all the organizations for their complete and accurate reports, particularly Mrs. Artemis Koundakjian, Ladies Aid; Mr. Serop Derderian, Parish Council; Mrs. Satenig Radoian, Ladies Educational; and Mr. Icer Atiyeh, Men's Club. Thanks were also extended to Mr. Philip Arpiarian of the Nominating Committee, for preparing the slate of nominees and to Mr. Armen Kalbian for his services in the auditing of the books.

A motion was made and seconded that the Financial Reports of all the Church organizations as presented by the Auditing Committee be accepted. Motion carried.

Mr. Nubar Dorian, on behalf of himself and the entire Parish, expressed deep gratitude for the dedication of Mr. Serop Derderian, Parish Council treasurer, who was not present because of illness.

### 3. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

A motion was made and seconded that the following proposals be submitted on behalf of the Union City Parish to the Diocesan Council for consideration of presentation to the Diocesan Annual Assembly.

#### A. Proposed Amendment to the By-Laws - Article 51.

- a) Delegates to be elected to a four (4) year term;
- b) The first scheduled elections of delegates, after 1971 shall be conducted as such that 50% or a majority in the event a parish has an odd number of delegates shall be elected to a two (2) year term.
- c) Thereafter, elections shall be conducted every two (2) years to maintain the authorized number of delegates representing the Parish.
- d) Parishes having only a single delegate shall conduct election every four (4) years.
- e) Method determining which delegates are to be elected for a four (4) year period shall be left to the individual churches.

B. Financial report of the Cathedral Project should be made part of the Diocesan Assembly's agenda and be given early consideration.

C. It is proposed that no election except the officers of the Assembly be held before the budget consideration.

All of the above recommendations were approved for submission to the Diocesan Council.

### 4. PROPOSED THAT A SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION BE FORMED

This proposal was made into the form of a motion and was seconded. After a lengthy discussion, the motion was defeated by votes counted.

A motion was then made and seconded that a study committee be formed to study the Sunday School situation - this committee to meet with the Parish Council, Sunday School Superintendent and teachers, who shall also be a part of the committee. Motion was passed.

5. RECOMMENDATION THAT HOLY CROSS ESTABLISH A PARISH COMMUNITY WORKSHOP ORGANIZATION

A motion was made and seconded that our parish establish a Community Workshop organization. Motion was carried.

6. PROPOSED BUDGET OF 1970

A motion was made and seconded that the 1970 Proposed Budget be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. A motion was made and seconded that the Assembly authorize the Parish Council to use \$8,000.00 of the reserve fund to make emergency renovations and repairs of the Church and Center. Further balance of \$17,000.00 will be raised in a fund-raising campaign set up by the Parish Council. Motion carried.

B. Motion was made and seconded that copies of the minutes of this meeting be mailed to parishioners. Motion carried.

C. Motion was made and seconded that a scriptural phrase or quotation in Armenian be put above the altar to show that we are an Armenian Church. Motion carried.

D. After lengthy discussion, it was decided that the Parish basketball team shall be known as the Holy Cross Basketball Team. A motion was so made and seconded and carried.

E. Mrs. Artemis Koundakjian, Treasurer of the Ladies Aid, presented a check to the membership in the amount of \$3,000 for renovation and improvements of the Church and Center. Father Kalayjian accepted the check with thanks. (The amount was the 60% of the Ladies Aid assets turned over to the Parish Council).

Before announcing the Parish Council and other election results, Father Kalayjian made the following comments:

He acknowledged the conscientious efforts of the Diocesan Delegates who attend the Parish Council meetings and contribute a great deal towards the administration of the Church. Father Vertanes also expressed his appreciation to the Parish Council members for their cooperation and support.

He further went on to say that the Parish Council meetings are open meetings and no formal letter is needed for attendance by any church organization or individuals. He called on all members to discuss church matters freely and openly with the Chairman of the Parish Council or himself, who are always ready to help in any way possible with problems or suggestions.

Father Vertanes announced and called attention to the Lenten Lecture Series which will begin shortly. He urged everyone to attend and support this worthwhile activity.

#### ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

The following is a report on the results of the elections:

87 ballots were cast.

#### PARISH COUNCIL

##### Elected

Harold Azmelian	74
Philip Arpiarian	63
John Hovsepian	62
Richard Hachadoorian	60
Armen Kalbian	59

##### Alternates

Deran Chopoorian  
Charles Sarajian  
Charles Kuzujian  
Hagop Kradjian

Due to personal reasons, Mr. Richard Mahmarian tendered his resignation from the Parish Council. Said resignation was accepted by the Assembly. At this time, Mr. Deran Chopoorian, who had the next highest vote, was called upon to serve the remaining one-year term of Mr. Mahmarian.

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

##### Elected

Ann Dadaian	66
Kohar Arpiarian	64
Zaven Hovsepian	54

#### AUDITING COMMITTEE

##### Elected

Lud Shahbazian	81
Jack Takakjian	48
Leon Boghosian	45

Mr. Nubar Dorian thanked all the members who attended and took part in the meeting. He expressed his appreciation to the membership for their having had the confidence in him in electing him Chairman for the day and thanked Mrs. Anne Hachadoorian for taking the minutes.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Father Kalayjian at 4:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ANNE HACHADOORIAN  
Secretary

MR. NUBAR DORIAN  
Chairman