

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY OF THE  
HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 31, 1971

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 P.M., and was opened with a prayer by our Pastor, Rev. Vertanes Kalayjian.

Mr. Chopoorian thanked the following members of the Ladies Aid for the preparation of the day's dinner: Mrs. L. Deradourian, Mrs. H. Kapusuzian, Mrs. Z. Kebabjian, Mrs. B. Pashoian, Mrs. N. Soovajian, Mrs. R. Tamalian and Mrs. F. Terzian.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS - Mr. Nubar Dorian and Mrs. Beatrice Ajamian were elected Chairman and Secretary of the Parish Assembly.

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

AGENDA

1. 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 for 1970, 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 asked that the members observe a moment of silence in memory of the late Serop Derderian, the long-time Treasurer of our Church. A memorial prayer was also said by Father Kalayjian.

Father Kalayjian expressed his appreciation to the officers and committee members of all the organizations for their continued dedication and contributions towards making a success of their respective organizations. He also stated that we had an increased participation in the Parish Assembly deliberations which was a good sign of the vitality of our Parish.

Pastor's Report was accepted by acclamation.

C. THE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT was read by Vice-Chairman, Harold Azmelian. The report was accepted as read. Mr. Edward Turnamian added that this was a well-prepared report.

2. The AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT was presented by Mr. Lud Shahbazian. He thanked the treasurers of all the organizations for their complete and accurate reports, particularly Mrs. Artemis Koundakjian, Ladies Aid; Armen Kalbian, Parish Council Treasurer, who discussed the proposed budget in detail, including full explanation of the deficit of \$8500., Mrs. Satenig Radoian, Ladies Educational and Mr. Icer Atiyeh, Men's Club and to Mr. Armen Kalbian for his help to the Auditing Committee.

Concerning the organizational budget, Rev. Kalayjian explained that each of the Ladies groups had passed or were in the process of passing resolutions to include several hundred dollars in their budgets, allocated for charitable and educational institutions. Therefore, Der. Hayr added, the parishoners should know that part of their donations and support to these organizations will go to such contributions.

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.

### 3. PROPOSED BUDGET OF 1971.

After a lengthy and full discussion which followed Mr. Armen Kalbian's presentation, a motion was made and seconded that the 1971 Proposed Budget be accepted as presented.

### 4. NEW BUSINESS

The proposals brought by The Parish Preliminary meeting were as follows:

A. That the Nominating and Auditing Committees be elected at the Annual Assembly. Motion was made and carried. This means that the names of the nominees for these Committees will not be placed on the ballot, instead they will be nominated and elected during the Assembly.

B. The proposal that we approach the Diocesan Council and/or the Diocesan Assembly for permission to use the Church Center for bingo games was presented. After lengthy discussions, the motion was rejected.

C. The proposal to install aireconditioning in the area of the Altar, the amount of which was left to the discretion of the Parish Council, was adopted. Der Hayr acknowledged the perserverance of Mr. Mardiros Khatounagian who had advocated the project for several Assemblies.

D. PROposals that the Church Center or the Church Annex be made available to the Senior Citizens of our Parish for use either on afternoons or evenings, two days a week, for socializing and recreation, was accepted. Motion made and carried.

E. An amount of \$500.00 was allocated to the establishment of a Library in the Church Annex. In connection with this project, Mr. John Jamgochian pledged to donate thirty to fifty rare Armenian coins to the new Library.

. M Mr. Armen Kalbian, as a member of the Fund Raising Committee, reported on the progress of its activities. Presently, \$3,400 has been received in pledges and \$5,900 has been spent on said project, including the new heating system. The Fund Raising Committee is planning to complete the project during the next year, depending on the responses of the parish-  
oner's financial support.

#### 5. ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Nominating Committee disclosed the results of the elections. Thanks were extended to Miss Ann Dadaian, Mrs. Kohar Arpiarian and Zaven Hovsepian of the Nominating Committee, for preparing the slate of nominees. Assisting them were Mr. Jack Takakjian and Mrs. John Hovsepian, who were appointed by Der Hayr.

142 ballots were cast.

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

##### PARISH COUNCIL - ELECTED

Deran Chopoorian	115
Nubar Dorian	106
Lud Shahbazian	97
Bart Sarkissian	80
Charles Genjian	78
Leon Boghosian	58

##### ALTERNATES:

Tom Dabakian	57
Richard Kalbian	51

##### DIOCESAN DELEGATES - ELECTED

Nubar Dorian	128
Lud Shahbazian	123
Richard Hachadoorian	87
Edward Turnamian	85
Deran Chopoorian	81

##### NOMINATING COMMITTEE - ELECTED

Harold Azemlian	104
Lucille Krikorian	94
Anne Hachadoorian	88

##### AUDITING COMMITTEE - ELECTED

Lud Shahbazian	110
Peter Kapusuzian	92
Charles Doudoukjian	87

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. Beatrice Ajamian for taking the minutes. Der Hayr also thanked all the participants of the membership meeting and congratulated the newly elected Parish Council and Delegates.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Father Kalayjian at 4:30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

FATHER V. KALAYJIAN,  
PASTOR-PRESIDENT

MRS. BEATRICE AJAMIAN  
Secretary

MR. NUBAR DORIAN  
Chairman