

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY OF THE

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

February 6, 1972

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 Paster, Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian.

Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian thanked the following members of the Ladies Aid for the preparation of the day's dinner: Mrs. M. Aramian, Mrs. M. Ermoian, Mrs. R. Tamalian, Mrs. A. Sarajian, Mrs. S. Dorian and Mrs. B. Pashaian.

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

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

The Annual Report Booklet for 1971 was distributed to the 65 attending members. Mr. Jack Takakjian made the suggestion that the Annual Report Booklet be available to the parish members prior to the scheduled date of Assembly meeting. All Organizations will take into the consideration the possibility of getting reports to Der Hayr in ample time for preparation and distribution of the booklet.

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 1971, with the exception of the Pastor's Report and the Parish Council Report, be dispensed with. Motion carried.

B. PASTOR'S REPORT: Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian presented his report to the membership. He thanked all members of the Parish for their cooperation and efforts in behalf of the church during the past year.

C. PARISH COUNCIL REPORT was presented by Chairman, Harold Azemlian. Mr. Azemlian made specific mention of the Committee which cooperated in the planning of the 65th Anniversary Dinner of the Consecration of our Church. He also thanked Mr. Lud Shahbazian and his committee for organizing of the 90th Birthday Celebration in honor of Haig Simsarian. The report was accepted as read.

2. AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT was presented by Mr. Lud Shahbazian. He thanked the Treasurers of all organizations for their complete and accurate reports. He also gave special thanks to Mr. Deran Chopoorian for his untiring efforts on behalf of the renovation of the Church Hall.

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

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3. PROPOSED BUDGET OF 1972 - The proposed budget was presented and explained in detail by Mr. Armen Kalbian and after discussion, same was approved. The anticipated deficit is \$2,100.00.

4. PROPOSALS

A. The proposal that we sponsor and provide full scholarships to send deserving and interested youths to Summer Study Program sponsored by St. Necess Theological School was presented. After much discussion on this subject, motion was made and seconded that the Parish Council sponsor students at a cost of 50% to the Church and 50% to the parents of each student attending said seminar. Motion carried.

B. The proposal to sponsor and provide full scholarships to send our deserving and interested youth to the Cathedral Challenge program sponsored by the Diocese was presented. Motion made and seconded that the Parish Council sponsor students at a cost of 50% to the Church and 50% to the parents of each student attending said program. Motion carried.

C. Proposal to sponsor and provide full scholarships to send at least three deserving and interested youth to go to Armenia with the ACYOA-sponsored education tour was defeated.

D. Proposal that the Church Annex be included in our Renovation Program was defeated.

E. Proposal that a percentage of our church income be allocated to an Armenian charity was defeated.

THE PROPOSALS BROUGHT BY THE PARISH PRELIMINARY MEETING WERE AS FOLLOWS:

F. That a Parish Census be taken in the year 1972. A motion was made and carried.

G. The proposal that the number of Diocesan Delegates be determined according to taxation was accepted. Motion made and carried.

H. The proposal that the number of Diocesan Council members be increased to eleven was accepted. Motion made and carried.

I. Proposal that a Delegate should not be a candidate for office of Parish Council and if a Parish Council member is elected as delegate, he will complete his term of office and shall not be a candidate for Parish Council until his term as delegate has been completed, ~~was~~ ~~accepted~~. A motion was made and carried. The Chairman advised that the resolution could be considered unconstitutional but after considerable deliberation, same was voted upon and passed.

J. Proposal that a Pilgrimage to Holy Etchmiadzin be sponsored by the Parish was unanimously accepted. Motion made and accepted.

K. Proposal that a percentage of Church income be donated to a non-Armenian charity was defeated.

5. ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Nominating Committee disclosed the results of the elections. Thanks were expressed to Mrs. Anne Hachadoorian, Mrs. Lucille Krikorian and Mr. Harold Azemlian for preparation of slate of nominees.

115 ballots were cast. The following is a report on the results of said election:

PARISH COUNCIL - ELECTED

John Hovsepian	97
Richard Kalbian	70
Charles Sarajian	68
Peter Kapusuzian	66
Dr. Richard Altounian	59

ALTERNATES

Thomas Dabakian	50
Charles Mekjian	47

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Virginia Shenloogian
Bart Sarkissian
Jack Takakjian

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Lud Shahbazian
Philip Arpiarian
Armen Kalbian

The last two committees were nominated from the floor and were accepted unanimously, with the Secretary casting the one ballot.

Mr. Nubar Dorian thanked all the attending members and Mrs. Beatrice Ajamian for taking the minutes. Der Hayr also thanked the participants of the meeting and congratulated the newly-elected Parish Council, Nominating and Auditing Committee members. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P. M. with Der Hayr's prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. BEATRICE AJAMIAN,
Secretary

FATHER V. KALAYJIAN,
Pastor-President

MR. NUBAR DORIAN,
Chairman