

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

of the

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH OF UNION CITY, N. J.

February 12, 1978

Following Church services on February 12, 1978, Mr. Richard Assoian, Chairman of the Parish Council, called the meeting to order and read the list of candidates for election to the Parish Council and requested three more nominees to be added to the list. Since none were forthcoming, the ballot was left at seven candidates.

Election of Officers: Armen Kalbian and Matilde Kalbian were elected Chairman and Secretary of the Annual Meeting respectively. A lunch recess was declared and the meeting was reconvened at 1:30 P. M. At the resumption of the meeting, Mr. Kalbian thanked the members of the Women's Guild for the lunch and the wives of the Parish Council for dessert. Tom Dabakian made a motion that balloting be closed at 1:45 P. M. It was seconded by Charles Kuzujian. Motion was passed.

Minutes of the Last Assembly: The Secretary read the minutes of the 1977 Parish Assembly. There were no additions or corrections and motion was made and carried that the minutes be accepted as read.

Report of Pastor: Der Carnig Hallajian submitted his report and requested any questions concerning it to be addressed to him.

Report of Parish Council: Richard Assoian read the Parish Council report.

Der Carnig Hallajian suggested that the Parish Council report contain a thank you to Richard Assoian for the printing of the Vision at no cost.

Charles Kuzujian added that thanks should also be extended to Charles Metjian and his associates for their help in refurbishing the interior and exterior of the Parish House.

Nubar Dorian suggested a letter of thanks from the Parish Council be sent to the Primate for sending us Der Carnig Hallajian. Since his arrival, he has "revitalized and uplifted" the life of our Church.

Zaven Hovsepien requested that the Parish Council report contain the names of the Sunday School teachers. Der Carnig Hallajian stated that the names should be listed in each individual organization's report. It is the intent that in the future the Annual Report be prepared in advance (two weeks) in order to allow all Church members to study all organizational reports fully.

Reports of Church Organizations: There was a motion made and seconded to dispense with the further reading of the organizational reports. Motion was passed.

Since there was no written report from the Sunday School and Men's Club, oral reports were given at this time.

Zaven Hovsepian reported that there were 41 registered Sunday School pupils. There is a regular attendance of 20-25 pupils. New plans are being formulated for a higher September registration. The increase to come from newcomers to the community.

Armen Kalbian gave an oral report of the Men's Club. Several social functions were held (gourmet dinner, wine tasting night, Christmas party) which were mildly successful. Financially, "A Night at the Races" was moderately successful and a Fall Dance proved to be a failure. Dues were paid in full to the Armenian Church Sports Association; equipment was bought for the Church basketball team; Easter and Christmas communion breakfasts were served to the community.

Mr. Richard Assoian on behalf of the Holy Cross Church thanked the Women's Guild for their generous donation of \$1500.00.

Auditing Committee Report: All the organizations' financial records, except for the ACYOA, were audited.

A question was asked about our investment holdings. Anne and Dick Hachadoorian stated that the Holy Cross Church portfolio consists of the following: 156 Shares MIT, 90 Shares Public Service, 2 Savings Bonds. The total value of these holdings is approximately \$3700.00.

1978 Church Budget: Presented by Dick Hachadoorian. Several adjustments were made. The clergy insurance payment was increased by \$400 making the total annual dues \$11,000. Also under Property Improvement, the term Parish House was changed to Church Properties and the amount of \$1000 was increased to \$2500. This money to be used for painting, plumbing, window replacement, etc., on any Church property as needed. The anticipated deficit was amended to \$4800. Motion was made by Phil Arpiarian and seconded by Nubar Dorian to accept the amended Annual Budget. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Richard Assoian recommended that the Parish Council be reduced to nine members. A lengthy discussion followed. It was decided to continue with eleven members and table the recommendation for one year.

Arpena Sbarbaro recommended that a new organization be formed, "3 M", Mr., Mrs., Ms. The Parish Council is taking it under advisement.

Permanent Trust Fund: A method of increasing Church income submitted by Der Carnig Hallajian. The following are the main points and they were thoroughly discussed.

a) The Parish Council should have the power to form a committee of five to operate the Permanent Trust Fund.

b) The Permanent Trust Fund committee sees that money is invested properly and the income from this "Fund" reverts directly to the Parish Council to be used for Church projects.

c) To find and publicize ways and means of promoting the idea of a Permanent Trust Fund.

Several suggestions were made as to qualifications of Permanent Trust Fund committee members.

A motion was made by Nubar Dorian to form a Permanent Trust Fund and all administrative details be left to the Parish Council. Motion seconded by Virginia Shenloogian. Motion passed.

Pledge Committee: Recommended by Der Carnig Hallajian. Parish Council should form a permanent Pledge program. Tom Dabakian made a motion that a five member Pledge committee selected by the Parish Council be formed. Phil Arpiarian seconded it. Motion passed.

Replacement Fund: Recommended by Der Carnig Hallajian. Five per cent of the budget be allocated to this fund to have ready money available. This recommendation was tabled.

Elections: The Nominating Committee advised that 43 Ballots were cast and the results were reported as follows.

Parish Council

Anne Hachadoorian

Harold Azmelian

Phil Arpiarian

Jack Takakjian

Mary Nalbandian

1st Alternate: Virginia Shenloogian

2nd Alternate: Haig Najarian

Nominating Committee

Charles Apkarian

Ann Dadaian

Charles Metjian

Auditing Committee

Armen Kalbian

Richard Hachadoorian

Zaven Hovsepien

The Auditing Committee thanked the treasurers of the Women's Guild, Ladies' Educational Society and Parish Council for their time and effort in maintaining proper financial records.

Arpena Sbarbaro made a motion to close the meeting at 3:45 P. M. Tom Dabakian seconded it. Motion passed.

Der Carnig Hallajian closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted
Matilde Kalbian
Matilde Kalbian, Sec'y.