

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH OF UNION CITY

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly

January 31, 1982

Following Church services on January 31, 1982, Mr. Philip Arpiarian, Chairman of the Parish Council, called the meeting to order. Matilde Kalbian and Nubar Dorian were elected Secretary and Chairman of the Annual Meeting, respectively. Mr. Arpiarian then asked for more nominations from the Parishioners for Parish Council, Auditing and Nominating Committees. Claire Hovsepian's name was submitted for Auditing Committee and nominations were closed with a suggestion for write-in-names if necessary. The meeting was temporarily adjourned for lunch.

It reconvened at 1:15 P. M. with the Chairman welcoming the parishioners to the 76th Annual Meeting of the Holy Cross Armenian Church. Thomas Dabakian made a motion to close the ballot box at 1:30 P. M. Motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Dorian read the highlights of last year's minutes and since there were no additions or corrections, a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was carried.

It was decided to dispense with the reading of the organization reports since the Annual Report booklet has been available to parishioners for reading one week previous to the Annual Meeting. Any questions or comments regarding these reports were brought up at this time.

The following points were made:

1. Der Hayr commented that only 36 people were present. Parishioners should be aware that their presence as well as their contributions are very necessary to run a healthy Church. Everyone should share in the work of running the Church not relying only on the Parish Council members.
2. There should be a determined effort to get the younger generation to participate in the operation of the Church - become dues paying members.
3. The endowment fund has a good base and should be in everyone's agenda to participate.
4. Unfortunately, our ACYO has been very inactive this year. The only solution to a better ACYO is full parent cooperation.
5. A question arose as to why the Bolsesi families do not participate more in Church governing. Der Hayr commented that their backgrounds are very different and it will take some time before they will want to participate. They are very generous and we do appreciate them whenever they come.

6. Philip Arpiarian reported on two of the projects the Parish Council had undertaken. - the membership committee and recognition committee. They have been relatively inactive and hopefully they will do more in the coming year.

Nubar Dorian asked for a count of the votes cast. It was 53. ✓

Lud Shahbazian gave a report on the Endowment Fund. There is \$20,600 in cash and \$5,539 in stocks. The ultimate goal of the fund is to use the interest for conducting the business of the Church. The goal for 1982 is \$50,000. At this time Mr. & Mrs. John Radoian donated \$500. Eventually there will also be a plaque listing the names of the donors.

Philip Arpiarian announced that the Women's Guild donated \$2000 to the Church and Armen Kalbian announced that the Sr. Citizens Club donated \$500.

The Auditing Committee reported that everything was good. It was recommended that a guideline be prepared to aid future Auditing Committees. Mr. Kalbian agreed to prepare one.

Nubar Dorian asked the treasurer for a Parish Council presentation of the Financial Report and 1982 Budget. Before giving his report Mr. Kalbian asked Mr. Dorian about our exemption from Diocesan dues this past year because it was our 75th Anniversary. Mr. Dorian explained that he presented it to the Diocesan committee and it was rejected.

Mr. Kalbian reported that dues, pledges and plate collections were only up \$1000 this year. Encouragement of the pledge system is recommended which, along with the interest from the Endowment Fund, could be used to pay church operating expenses. For 1982, a balanced budget was presented.

Harold Azmelian reported on the \$21,000 budgeted for building improvements. The following items hope to be accomplished:

- Air condition the Church.
- Replace stain glass window frames.
- Replace Church Center windows.
- Repair brick coat on outside of Church Center.
- Install exhaust fan in kitchen.
- Build a storage closet.

An explanation of the \$2000 budgeted expense for Seminary donations was given. This is the first time we will be donating to the Seminary in Westchester and Jerusalem. The Diocese is trying to increase the number of priests by activating St. Nerses Seminary in Westchester and supporting the Jerusalem Seminary. Thus having two sources for new priests. ✓

Virginia Shenloogian made a motion to accept the budget. Mike Megerdichian seconded it and the budget was passed.

Old Business: Matilde Kalbian congratulated the Christmas card committee on making over \$1000.

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Hagop Hovsepian asked the congregation to support his brother, Bishop Vatche Hovsepian in the election for Bishop of the Eastern Diocese. His name has been placed on the ballot. Virginia Shenloogian made a motion that our Diocesan delegates, Priest and President of the Parish Council vote in favor of Bishop Vatche Hovsepian. Lud Shahbazian seconded the motion and it was passed.

A request was made by Mary Nalbandian to have the Church chimes repaired. The company will be contacted again to remedy this.

Grace Genjian made a motion to reduce Parish Council members from eleven to nine. Philip Arpiarian seconded the motion, to be effective in 1983. Following a discussion the motion was voted on and defeated.

Claire Hovsepian suggested that our ACYO join with another Church ACYO. Der Hayr explained that that would not solve the main problem--full parental cooperation.

Philip Arpiarian made a motion to present to the Diocesan Assembly a change of date of the Annual Meeting to March. Charles Kuzujian seconded the motion and it was passed.

The Nomination Committed announced the results of the election as follows:

Parish Council

Harold Azmelian

Ann Dadaian

Richard Kalbian

Charles Genjian

Zaven Hovsepian

First Alternate: Haig Najarian

Nominating Committee:

Philip Arpiarian

Charles Kuzujian

Jack Takakjian

Auditing Committee

Grace Genjian

Peter Sbarbaro

Claire Hovsepian

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P. M. with a prayer by Der Hayr.

Respectfully submitted,

Nubar Dorian
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Chairman

Matilde Kalbian
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Secretary

Rev. Fr. Carnig Hallajian
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Pastor-President