

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH
1989 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 1990

The Annual Parish Meeting of the Holy Cross Armenian Church of Union City was called to order by the Parish Council Chairman, Nubar Dorian, on February 4, 1990 at 12:00 Noon. Mr. Armen Kalbian was elected Assembly Chairman and Miss Satenig Karagosian, Recording Secretary. The meeting was then adjourned f

The meeting was reconvened at 1:15 PM with a total of 60 members participating, representing a quorum. Motion and made and seconded to close the voting at 1:30 PM. Motion passed.

Parish Council Report

Philip Arpiarian, Secretary of the Parish Council, read the Parish Council Report. Mr. Arpiarian asked Mary Shalakian to give a report on the Organ Fund. She stated that to date between pledges and actual receipts, the total donated is \$15,687.

Philip Arpiarian went over the Minutes of the previous year's meeting and the following decisions were implemented:

1. The VISION is now being prepared in both English and Armenian.
2. The Theater Group was not formed.
3. Major renovations were completed in the parish house and the church.
4. The dinner-dance held in Atlantic City, the proceeds which are earmarked for the parking lot, was very successful.

Considering the circumstances of the parish, the pledge system is doing fairly well. The pledge committee will be exerting more effort into this project during the coming year.

The Search Committee was able to interview two candidates for pastor of our church. Until a permanent pastor is found, our former pastor, Rev. Carnig Hallajian and other neighboring clergy are willing to perform services and take care of the necessary church duties.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Parish Council Report, Minutes of the 1988 Parish Assembly and all other auxiliary reports as presented. Motion carried.

Auditing Committee Report

Mr. Armen Kalbian, as Chairman of the Auditing Committee, reported that they have examined the books of the Parish Council and auxiliary organizations and everything was in proper order. On behalf of the Committee, he thanked all the tresurers for their good work.

On behalf of the Parish Council, Mr. Harold Azmelian presented the Proposed Budget for 1990 and went over all the items - line by line. A motion was made and second to approve the Proposed Budget as presented. Motion was carried.

Permanent Endowment Trust Fund

Harold Azmelian presented the report on the Permanent Endowment Trust Fund. The Assembly expressed their heartfelt thanks to Mr. Azmelian for the superb job he is doing with the investing of the endowment donations.

Old Business

Mr. Nubar Dorian stated that as far as the parking lot was concerned, we are still using the former Yeshiva School Yard for our parking facilities.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Apo Boghossian and Alice Yigitkurt, Co-Chairmen of the Dinner-Dance affair for their hard work, along with their committee members, in making this fund-raiser a financial and social success. As previously mentioned, the proceeds of this affair are earmarked for the parking lot project.

New Business

Because of the steady growth of our Church endowment fund, a motion was made and seconded that the Assembly empower the parish council to appoint an investment committee, chaired by Harold Azmelian, to take care of the transactions of the Endowment Fund. Motion was passed.

A discussion was held as to whether or not titles or designations, as a form of recognition, should be given to those who donate to the Endowment Fund; for example, Donors, Benefactors or Fellows, according to the amounts given.

A motion was made and seconded that a committee be formed to categorize donors of the Endowment Fund and bring back their recommendations to the Assembly next year. Motion was passed.

Discussion took place about ways and means to increase the dues-paying members of the church. This task was turned over to the pledge committee to pursue.

Results of Election:

Robert Borgersen, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, gave the following results of the balloting.

60 people voted

<u>Parish Council</u>	<u>Nominating Committee</u>	<u>Auditing</u>
Harold Azmelian	Dinan Burggraf	Juliett Borgersen.
Philip Arpiarian	Dawn Donofrio	Dawn Donofrio
Nubar Dorian	Mary V. Shalakian	Armen Kalbian
Zaven Hovsepan		
John Malool		

Mary Shalakian, as a member of the Nominating Committee, recommended that next year the candidates be introduced to the membership prior to the assembly. Next year's Nominating Committee will take this suggestion into advisement.

Two new organs will be purchased for the church; one for balcony and one for in the church proper. Cost will be approximately \$31,000. A motion was made and seconded that any shortfall between amount in organ fund and actual amount needed be assumed by the Parish Council. Motion carried.

Ms. Arpena Sbarbaro, Chairperson of the Women's Guild, presented the Parish Council with a check for \$7,000 on behalf of the Guild.

Father Carnig Hallajian, in his closing remarks, congratulated the Parish Council and the parishioners for the work they were doing despite the fact that there is no permanent pastor. He then ended the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Satenig Karagosian
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Recording Secretary

Paul Kallin