

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH
1990 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 1991

The Annual Parish Meeting was called to order by Acting President Rev. Fr. Carnig Hallajian at 11:45AM who turned the chair over to the Mr. Nubar Dorian, Chairman of the Parish Council, for the election of Assembly Chairman and Secretary. Mr. Armen Kalbian and Mr. Philip Arpiarian were elected Chairman and Secretary, respectively.

Mr. Kalbian adjourned the meeting which was to be reconvened at the Church Center after lunch.

The meeting was reconvened at 1:05PM by the Chairman. Motion made and passed to close the balloting at 1:30PM.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Mr. Philip Arpiarian, Secretary of the Parish Council, presented the report and commented specifically on the actions taken by the Parish Council regarding the motions passed at last year's Annual Meeting (refer to Old Business in these minutes) and the Priest Search Committee's activities.

A motion was made and passed to accept the Parish Council Report and the Minutes of the 1989 Parish Assembly.

ANCILLARY ORGANIZATION REPORTS

WOMEN'S GUILD - Ms. Arpena Sbarbaro, Chairperson, reviewed the report and closed by announcing a donation of \$5,000 on behalf of the Guild to the Parish Treasury.

LADIES EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY - Mrs. Alice Najarian, Chairperson, addressed the assembly regarding the inability of the organization to continue to support the Armenian School and that the problem will be discussed as new business.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Parishioners reviewed the report. There were no comments.

CHOIR - Parishioners reviewed the report. There were no comments.

SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB - Mrs. Mary Kaprielian made a plea for more members.

Motion made and passed accepting the Ancillary Organization reports.

Being 1:30PM, the Chairman announced that the ballot box was closed and invited the Nominating Committee to count the ballots.

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Armen Kalbian as Chairman of the Auditing Committee reported that the books of all organizations were examined and found to be in order. On behalf of the committee he thanked the Treasurers of the organizations for their good work.

1991 BUDGET

Mr. Harold Azmelian, Treasurer of the Parish Council, presented the Proposed Budget, discussing each item line by line. Motion was made and passed approving the Proposed Budget as presented.

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND

Mr. Harold Azmelian, Chairman of the Endowment Fund, presented the report. He announced that the Fund earned over \$50,000 in interest during the past year. In response to a questions regarding the Betty Nalband Estate, Mr. Azmelian informed the assembly that the house was in the process of being sold. A full report will be made after the will has been fully executed and settled.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Appointment of our Investment Committee to administer the Endowment Fund:

"The Parish Council appointed Armen Kalbian and Philip Arpiarian. Mr. Harold Azmelian was appointed Chairman in accordance with the dictates of the 1989 Assembly."

2. Develop a set of titles which would recognize the donations of donors to the Endowment Fund:

"Mr. Azmelian presented the titles - Sponsor (\$10,000 or more), Benefactor (\$5,000 to \$9,990), Supporter (\$1,000 to \$4,900) and Patron (\$500 to \$999)."

Following a brief discussion, the Assembly made and passed a motion rescinding the requirement for the recognition titles.

3. Increase the dues-paying membership:

"The Pledge Committee sent letters and made telephone calls. There was no significant increase in membership. Presently 24 families made pledges and 60 parishioners are using the weekly envelopes."

NEW BUSINESS

1. **ENDOWMENT FUND** - Mr. Harold Azmelian recommended that an annual hokehankisd be held for all the deceased and prayers for long life for all the donors to the Endowment Fund. Motion made and passed accepting the above recommendation.

2. **MESROBIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL** - Mr. Nubar Dorian reviewed the situation regarding the inability of the Ladies Educational Society to support the Armenian School. Following a short discussion the following motion was made and passed:

- a. Ladies Educational Society funds to be placed in the Endowment Fund.
- b. A new committee within the Parish Council - Mesrobian Armenian School Board - be formed to administer the Armenian School.
- c. The Parish Council will use the interest from the Endowment Fund and Parish funds to support the Armenian School.

Mr. Nubar Dorian asked the Assembly to acknowledge Mrs. Alice Najarian for her dears of dedicated service to the Armenian School.

3. **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY** - Motion made and passed to re-instate the annual Christmas Party in the memory of Mrs. Betty Nalband.

4. **ARMENIAN MISSIONARY WORK** - Mr. Nubar Dorian and Rev. Fr. Carnig Hallajian informed the Assembly of a new crisis taking place in Armenia --- specifically: with the onset of glasnost and the existing construction as a result of the earthquake, many Christian religious cults and sects are in Armenia trying to win over the Armenian population who are starving for religion. Unfortunately, the Armenian Church was unprepared to satisfy the need for religious education. In response to this need, two committees have been set up; one in Armenia and one by Primate Khajag Barsamian to start immediately in the preparation of literature to be distributed in Armenia. Fr. Carnig is the Chairman of this Committee whose responsibilities include:

- preparation of literature
- training of priests in Armenia to function as Parish priest.
- establishment of summer camps for the Armenian youth where they will receive instruction on the Armenian Church.
- training of adults to teach religion in Armenian Schools.

Motion was made and passed authorizing a donation of \$15,000 to the Missionary Committee and to underwrite all Father Carnig's air fare expenses to Armenia on missionary business.

ELECTION RESULTS

Diana Burggraf, a member of the Nominating Committee, provided the results of the balloting. A total of 69 parishioners voted:

PARISH COUNCIL

Zack Apkarian
Sylvia Bozoyan
Gary Burggraf
Dawn Donofrio
Edward Sahagian
Hacik Sariminasyan

DELEGATES

Nubar Dorian
Zaven Hovsepian

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Diana Burggraf
Lucy Ganguzza
Mary Shalakian

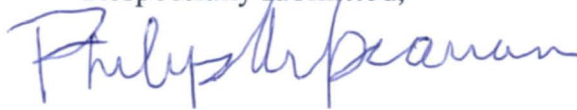
AUDITING COMMITTEE

Julliet Borgersen
Dawn Donofrio
Armen Kalbian

The Chairman of the Assembly invited Father Carnig to close the meeting. Father Carnig, in his closing remarks, congratulated the Parish Council and the parishioners for the work that has been accomplished despite the fact that there is no permanent pastor. He then ended the meeting with a prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Philip Arpiarian
Secretary