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HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH
UNION CITY. N.J.

1995 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 1995

The Annual Parish Assembly was held on February 12, 1995, at the Church Center.

The Meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Mr. Nubar Dorian, Parish Council Chairman. Our Pastor, the Very Rev. Fr. Vazken Karayan presided.

Mr. Dorian asked for nominations for Chairman and Secretary of the Parish Assembly. Mr. Edward Sahagian and Ms Kay Derderian were elected Chairman and Secretary respectively.

The Chairman requested motion to close the ballot box. Motion was made and passed to close balloting at 1:15 PM.

The Chairman dispensed with the reading of the Minutes of the 1994 Meeting and invited our Parish Priest, the Very Rev. Fr. Vaxken Karayan to present his Report.

Hayr Soorp indicated it was a delight and privilege to serve the Holy Cross Church family, and proceeded to review his Report highlighting objectives.

- To continue to improve and strengthen the Saturday and Sunday Schools;
- To continue to provide linguistic and cultural and education, and religious and adult education through video;
- The importance of Christian education was stressed;
- Parents urged to bring children to school;
- Home visitations were made enroute to office or home;
- Pastoral visitations to Old Aged Home were uplifting and fruitful;
- All financial contributions were acknowledged re: ecclesiastical items;
- Lecture series well received and would continue.

Hayr Soorp acknowledged and expressed his appreciation to the Assembly and thanked all who helped and worked with him.

The Chairman then invited Mr. Nubar Dorian, Parish Council Chairman to present Report of the Parish Council.

Mr. Dorian reviewed the Report highlighting the acknowledgements and asked if there were any questions. There being none, the Chairman invited various Parish organizations to present their Reports.

WOMEN'S GUILD: Ms Arpena Sbarbaro reviewed the Report highlighting activities. She reported that the sum of \$7000.00 which should have been presented to Parish Council in 1995 was done so in 1994 in order to close Treasurer's books.

ARMENIAN SCHOOL: Mrs. Alice Yigitkurt reported the School had enjoyed a successful year due to the untiring efforts of Hayr Soorp and staff. Religious instructions were given. School has 30 students, 4 classrooms. Tuition is \$100.00 per student, including books. She appealed to the Assembly for renovations of classrooms, such as painting, etc. She reported that tentative plans were underway for the presentation of a play by a drama group from Bayside, to be held sometime in April as a Fund raising event.

The Chairman noted the tremendous job Mrs. Yigitkurt is doing and asked that we all extend our support, both morally and financially.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sylvia Bozoyan reviewed the Report and expressed appreciation and gratitude to Hayr Sooro who had been instrumental in the revitalization of the School. Because of his encouragement and implementation of new programs, enrollment had increased to 26 students.

SENIOR CITIZENS: Mrs. Bertha Najarian expressed appreciation to Pastor and Parish Council for their support, and to the members for their continued help and contributions.

CHOIR: Ms Ann Dadaian reviewed Report and thanked Pastor and Parish Council for their continued support. She invited all who enjoy singing to join the Choir and participate.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Harold Azmelian reviewed receipts and disbursements for the year 1994 and answered pertinent questions. The Report was accepted with appreciation.

ENDOWMENT FUND: Mr. Harold Azmelian presented the latest status of the Fund and answered questions raised. The Assembly thanked the Messrs. Harold Azmelian, Philip Arpiarian, and Armen Kalbian for overseeing our Endowment Fund in a most competent manner.

Mr. Sahagian invited the Treasurer Mr. Harold Azmelian to present the 1995 proposed Budget (copy attached). After several clarifications and questions, the new Budget was unanimously adopted.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Annual Christmas Party - Taking into considerations the expense, parking, etc.. it was decided by unanimous vote not to hold a Christmas party.

2) Picnic - Due to circumstances and our inability to sponsor joint picnic with St. Leon's Church in 1994, the matter came up for discussion. Street Fair was suggested. Motion made and passed to hold one in 1995.

The Chairman commended all the organizations for their tireless efforts during the past year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Sahagian introduced the following recommendations from Parish Council:

1) The adoption of separate dues of \$25.00 to be specifically designated as "Voting Membership Dues". We would still maintain the Annual Membership Dues and Pledge System, the Christmas and Easter Donations. Following discussion, motion was made and passed to adopt separate membership dues to be called "Voting Membership Dues" at \$25.00 per person, per annum.

2) To reduce the number of Parish Council members from 11 to 9 due to lack of interest was taken into consideration. Following vote the Parish Council membership will remain at 11.

3) Renovation of Center and Classrooms: A list of urgent renovations to the Center was called to the attention of the Assembly as were other renovations needed. Motion was made and passed to have Parish Council review the matter.

4) Recommendation by Mr. Nubar Dorian to move Annual Assembly in 1996 from the month of February to the month of March, citing inclement weather as the reason was approved with motion made and passed accordingly.

5) Armenian Missionary Fund:

Mr. Philip Arpiarian reported the amount of \$10,600.00 in the Fund, and recommended \$5000.00 be given to FAR (Fund for Armenian Relief); \$4000.00 to Armenia Fund, and the balance to the Japanese Earthquake Relief. The reason for this one time donation to the Japanese Relief Fund was in response to the generous donations made by the Japanese people to the Armenian earthquake of 1988. This recommendation was enthusiastically received and unanimously approved.

ELECTION RESULTS:

Mr. Sahagian asked Mr. Philip Arpiarian, Nominating Committee Chairman, for the results of the election. Mr. Arpiarian reported 50 ballots were cast with one write-in-vote. Results follow:

PARISH COUNCIL

Philip Arpiarian
Harold Azmelian
Arto Can
Ann Dadaian
Andrew Avedisian
Edward Sahagian
Charles Shenloogian - Alternate

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Diana Burqgraf
Arax Karagosian
Sateniq Karagosian

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Lucy Bozoyan
Gary Burqgraf
Armen Kalbian

DIOCESAN DELEGATES

Nubar Dorian
Zaven Hovsepian

Mr. Sahagian called upon Hayr Soorb to offer the closing prayer. Hayr Soorb congratulated those people elected and gave his benediction. Together with the singing of Hayr Mer, the Meeting came to a close.

Copies of the "1994 Annual Report", the Permanent Endowment Fund" and "Ballot Summary" are attached to these Minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Derderian
Secretary