

# HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

UNION CITY, NJ

## 1997 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING

February 8, 1998

The annual Parish Assembly meeting was convened immediately following Church Services. The Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr. Nubar Dorian, conducted the meeting. The Chairman asked for nominations for the chairman and secretary for the Parish Assembly. Mr. Nubar Dorian and Mr. Philip Arpiarian were unanimously elected to the positions of Chairman and Secretary, respectively.

The meeting was adjourned to the Church Center and reconvened at 1:15PM, with the Very Rev. Vazken Karayan, presiding as President of the Assembly.

Following a prayer, a motion was made and passed to close the ballot box at 1:30PM.

The current number of voting members is 95. A total of 45 voting members voted, which represents 47%, constituting a quorum. In addition to the 45 voting members, there were 18 non-voting members for a total of 63.

The Chairman dispensed with the reading of the minutes from the 1996 Annual Assembly and then invited Hayr Soorp to present his annual

### PASTOR'S REPORT - (refer to the 1997 Annual Report attached)

Hayr Soorp commented on several significant issues, namely:

- Ordination of Acolytes
- Holy Cross Name Day Dinner
- Women's Guild contributions to the Church
- Organization of the Armenian Youth Group
- The Akhtamar Dance Group now sponsored by Holy Cross
- Acknowledged the work of the Parish Council and Parishioners

The Chairman added some comments relating to the organizing meetings which were held regarding the Armenian Youth Organization (AYO), and then entertained a motion which was seconded to accept the AYO as an affiliate organization of the Holy Cross Armenian Church. The motion was passed. Mr. Dorian then invited the Chairman of the group, Mr. Pierre Berberoglu to make a few comments. Mr. Berberoglu thanked the Assembly and said they were ready to work in support of the Church.

**PARISH COUNCIL REPORT** (refer to the 1997 Annual Report attached)

The Chairman dispensed with the reading of the report except for the acknowledgements. The Chair was questioned regarding the Christmas party which was not held during the year. A motion was made and passed directing the new Parish Council to organize and conduct a Christmas Party in 1998. A motion was and seconded to conduct the 50/50 Raffle on a different night than the Bazaar. Motion was defeated.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** (refer to Annual Report attached)

Report was accepted as presented.

**WOMEN'S GUILD REPORT** (attached)

Report was accepted as presented.

**ARMENIAN SCHOOL REPORT** (attached)

Included in Pastor's Report

**SUNDAY SCHOOL, SENIOR CITIZENS, AND CHOIR REPORTS** (attached)

Reports were accepted as presented.

**AUDITING COMMITTEE**

Ms. Lucy Bozoian reported that all the accounts of the organizations: Parish Council, Women's Guild, Sunday School, Senior Citizens and Choir were in order and complimented all the Treasurers for their excellent work.

**ENDOWMENT FUND** (attached)

The Endowment Fund report was distributed to those present at the Assembly. Mr. Azmelian highlighted some of the important issues:

- Endowment Fund return 1997 was 10.23%
- \$50,000 was transferred from the Fund to the Church to cover operating expenses
- \$3,550 was donated by parishioners to the Fund in 1997.
- The current value of the Fund is \$1,561,214.56

**1998 BUDGET**

Ms. Mary Shalakian presented the 1998 Budget. The parishioners increased the budget in the following areas:

- \$20,000 building improvements with a top priority on replacing the Altar curtains. Other items approved included new chairs for the Church Annex, new curtain for Church Center, new stoves in Center kitchen, and a freezer for the Center.
- \$2,500 - donations to St. Nersess and St. James Seminaries.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Assembly moved and passed the following:

- Directive to Parish Council to put parking facilities as one of the top priority items.
- Directive to actively investigate why some of the Church members are no longer active in Holy Cross and where they now attend Church services.
- Increase dues - new schedule of dues to be \$100.00 per person with the exception of Senior who will pay \$50.00 per person. ( A motion to increase dues to \$75.00 per person was defeated).
- Directive to Parish Council to conduct a Christmas Party (on a Sunday following Church services with a nominal charge).

**ELECTION RESULTS:**

The Nominating Committee submitted the elections results as follows:

**Parish Council:**

Abraham Boghossian  
Sylvia Bozoyan

Mari Can  
Alice Yigitkurt  
Migirich Yigitkurt

**Alternates:** Yetkin Pashalian, Satenig Karagosian

Auditing Committee:

Gladys Abahoonie  
Armen Kalbian  
Satenig Karagosian

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Nominating Committee:


Diana Burggraf  
Zaven Hovsepian  
Arax Karagosian

Motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting at 4PM. Hayr Soorp thanked the outgoing members of the Parish Council for their dedication and service to the Church and congratulated the new Parish Council Members.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Hayr Soorp.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Philip Arpiarian  
Secretary

  
Very Rev. Vazken Karayan  
Pastor

  
Nubar Dorian  
Chairman