

ARMENIAN CHURCH OF BERGEN COUNTY
Tenafly, N. J.
PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1964

After the Annual Membership Meeting on February 9, 1964, the Parish Council at its first meeting elected its officers as follows:

Chairman	Vahan Najarian	
Vice-Chairman	Nazar Nazarian	
Secretary	Berdj Kalustyan	
Treasurer	J. Zaven Halejian	
Members at large:	Tish Basmajian	Mark Chookazian
	John Froonjian	Jack Hajinlian
	Michael Halebian	Dr. Vincent Incecian
	Edward Stepanian	

When Berdj Kalustyan resigned from the Parish Council because his personal work took him out of town, the Parish Council invited Mr. John Seferian as next in line to finish the term of Mr. Kalustyan. He was also elected as secretary.

A total of 19 Parish Council meetings were held during the year; in addition a special joint meeting of the Parish Council and the Building Committee was held; two joint meetings of the N.Y.-N.J. Metropolitan Parish Councils were held, one at Union City and the other at Holy Cross Church, N.Y.; and a special meeting was held on 4-12-64.

Church Affairs

During 1964 the following affairs were sponsored by the Parish Council. May 30, Memorial Day Outing; September 16 & 17, Church Fair which was a big success. Our new shish kebab machine was used for the first time, and it was through the compliments of Jack Arabian's labors that we were able to avail ourselves of this new machine which will be used many times in the future.

Cornerstone Blessing

On May 23rd the Cornerstone Blessing Ceremony of our new church building took place. Archbishop Sion Manoogian officiated, ably assisted by the pastors of the Metropolitan area. A dinner was served afterwards which was most successfully MC'd by our new chairman, Vay Najarian.

Armenian School

Enrollment in the Armenian School has more than doubled since last year - going up to 55 this year, due largely through the efforts of Father Arnak and Mrs. H. Afarian and Nazar Nazarian who spent many hours contacting all parents by phone. We also have four competent teachers, Mrs. Rose Katchadourian, Mrs. Queenie Tashjian, Mrs. Ardemis Nazarian, & Mr. Yervant Turpanjian. Liason officer is Nazar Nazarian.

Sunday School

Our Yeretzgin, Violet Kasparian, was in full charge most of the year. Since October 1964 Mark Chookazian and Arthur Azarik have been overseeing the work. Our many thanks to Yeretzgin for staying with us until the last possible moment. The annual picnic

was held on June 13 and although the weather was bad, it turned out to be quite enjoyable for all who attended. Liason officer is Mark Chookazian.

Men's Club

A new concentrated effort was made to re-organize the Men's Club under the chairmanship of Ralph Goomrigian and Vice-Chairman John Seferian. A kick-off buffet dinner was held in the Church Hall at which time Mr. Ned Parsegian graciously consented to be the guest speaker. The Bowling League held its annual dinner at which time they again made a donation to the church. The Bowling League seems to be getting bigger and stronger.

Choir

Many thanks to Mr. Edward Daghlian who has continued as acting choir director for another year. We wish to assure him that every effort is being made to find a capable person who will take over the duties of choir director. Our thanks to Miss Susan Shamamian who has been playing the organ for church services. At the Regional Meeting of the Metropolitan Parish Councils a joint choir concert was discussed which we hope will materialize. Also discussed at that time was the planning of joint practices of the Union City, Paterson, and Bergen County choirs. Liason officer is Tish Basmajian.

Women's Guild

The Women's Guild under the chairmanship of Mrs. Ann Ajemian is continuing to do the fine work they are noted for. Liason officer is Dr. Vincent Incecian.

Church Paper

The Bergen Beacon, our official church paper, is published monthly and is an 8 page publication. It is edited and the copies are prepared by Yeretzgin Violet Kasparian. The plates until recently were donated by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Davoudian, and the printing taken care of by Mr. Onnig Hourdajian. Lately another parishioner is donating the plates. Mrs. Alice Basmajian has been doing the addressing work involved. We appreciate all this help and thank them all for their continued services. The mailing list of the Beacon is now 750.

Parsonage

Many thanks to the members of the Parish Council who helped with the landscaping of the parsonage property. A new concrete walk was put in in front of the house, plus other improvements to enhance the appearance of the entire project.

Membership

15 new families have joined our parish during 1964. Unfortunately, through deaths or because of moves and other reasons we have lost a few families. We were sorry that three of our faithful members Levon Hotonian, Michael Boyajian and Dickran Chakmakian, passed away during the past year. Our total membership now stands at 176 families.

Building Project

The Building Committee created by the Parish Council and directly responsible to it, has worked very hard under the effective chairmanship of Mr. Edward Bashian. The members of the whole committee must be commended highly for their untiring efforts. We thank all the members of the various subcommittees also. Your trust in their judgement and devoted work has given its fruit.

A complete and separate report will be given by the Building Committee.

We would like to acknowledge and thank Mr. Haig Turnamian for his services as C.P.A. in seeing to it that our accounts are all in good order.

Respectfully submitted,

For the Parish Council -

Father Arnak Kasparian - President
Mr. Vahan Najarian - Chairman
Mr. John Seferian - Secretary

January 24, 1965