

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY OF ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH

FIRST SESSION

Sunday, January 29, 1984

President Rev. Arnak Kasparian
Chairman Antranig Ouzoonian
Secretary Sona Damergy

Mr. Antranig Ouzoonian, chairman of the 1984 Parish Assembly opened the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

The slate of officers for nomination to the Parish Council was introduced. Nominations were then opened to the floor. None were made.

Mr. Edward Bashian made a suggestion that voting should start at 11 a.m. He then made a motion to begin voting at 11 a.m. and close balloting at 1:30 p.m. so that the ballots could be counted and the people involved could join the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jack Hajinlian.

Susan Stoneson opposed it, on the grounds that it would infringe on church services. She suggested it should be amended to have balloting start immediately after church services.

Ronald Kenderian questioned the need to have a certain time period set when it could be arranged next week. Chairman Ouzoonian reminded everyone that we were in discussion of a motion.

Edward Bashian amended his original motion to read, balloting should end at 2 p.m.

Virginia Victoria suggested that the motion should read, balloting to start at 10:30 a.m.

Rose Mekenian reminded everyone that the counting machine could have all the votes tallied within a half hour.

The motion that counting should begin at 10:30 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. was voted on and carried.

Chairman Ouzoonian asked if there was any new business which the assembly would like to see on the agenda for the Second Session of the assembly. He then read a list of new business that would be on the agenda.

The list of new business included:

Approve the payoff of the \$7,000.00 mortgage on the Parish House.

Approve the payoff of the \$9,000.00 mortgage on the church.

Approve an additional \$150,000.00 to upgrade the church hall facilities.

Approve Parish Council's request to upgrade membership dues.

Approve membership of two incoming to Board of Trustees.

Approve name of church hall to read Rupen and Leon Saddler Hall.

Peter Ajemian gave an explanation of the reasons for the proposed Mortgage payoffs of the church and parish house.

Paul Kahaumjian asked for an explanation of the additional monies for upgrading the church facilities.

George Mekenian asked if new business could be added to the agenda during the Second Session of the assembly.

Der Hair reminded everyone that refreshment would be provided after the assembly in memory of Onnig and Arshalous Kalemkerian by Peter Kalemkerian.

Vahan Soukiassian suggested to all present that we must remember that church is for our spiritual needs and more of us must attend church.

A motion to recess the meeting was made by George Mekenian and seconded by Michel Izmirly.

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