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**St. Thomas Armenian Church**  
*Very Rev. Fr. Papken Anoushian, Pastor*

**ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH  
31th PARISH ASSEMBLY  
SESSION I - SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 1996**

Chairman Leon Nigohosian opened the meeting with V. Rev. Fr. Papken Dz. V. Anoushian offering the opening prayer. He then asked Aram Setian and Dr. Bedros Yavru-Sakuk to determine the existence of quorum (minimum of 50 paid-up members). It was determined that a sufficient number of paid-up members was present to establish a quorum.

Chairman Nigohosian stated that a complete list of those eligible to vote in the election and participate in the 1996 Parish Assembly meetings, was available for those wishing to examine it. He also notified those present that the Parish Assembly Annual Reports were available and were being distributed one per family. He also stated that the reports were required to be brought back the following week, February 4th, as duplicates would not be issued. Chairman Nigohosian thanked Secretary Madlen Setian for her excellent job in preparing last year's minutes of the Parish Assembly.

Chairman Nigohosian stated that the Parish Assembly meeting would be conducted in accordance with the By-Laws of the Eastern Diocese and guided by Roberts Rules of Order. He gave explicit instructions on how to be recognized if intending to address the Assembly.

Andy Ouzoonian made a motion to suspend the reading of the 30th Parish Assembly (1995) minutes until February 4. Dr. Levon Capan seconded and the motion was carried.

Nominating Committee Chairlady Marie Zokian presented the following candidates for Parish Council: Ann Ajemian, Arpie Arslanian, Dr. Levon Capan, Lusi Ezgilioglu, Zivart Gulian, Grace Hagopian, Ani Hamparsumian, Irma Saganda, Susan Shamamian, and Sirarpi Yildiz; for Nominating Committee: Jeannie Amerkanian, Natalie Capan, Sylva Assadourian, Vicken Ezgilioglu, Aida Bozyan, Aida Kilerciyan, Manuk Camcikyan, Lucy Piligian and Mary Sanossian. Andy Ouzoonian called for a Point of Order. He asked when would nominations from the floor be held. Chairman Nigohosian replied that they would be held after the presentation of all the candidates. Mrs. Zokian continued presenting the candidates for Auditing Committee: Vicken Ezgilioglu, Hovsep Taktajian; for Parish Assembly Chairman: Leon Nigohosian, Harry Sanossian; for Parish Assembly Secretary: Martha Saraydarian. The Chairman instructed all candidates to stand in the front in order to be recognized. Chairman Nigohosian stated that the floor was open for nominations. Shaka Shahinian nominated Andy Ouzoonian for 1997 Parish Assembly Chairman. The Chairman asked Mr. Ouzoonian to come to the front to be recognized. He asked Parish Council candidates to see Haig Kupelian at the conclusion of the meeting for the purpose of having their pictures taken.

Dr. Bedros Yavru-Sakuk made a motion to close the nominations which was seconded by Dr. Capan. The motion carried.

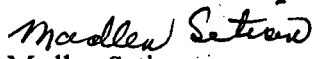
Andy Ouzoonian asked at what time the voting would commence on February 4. John Bashian made a motion to set the voting time on February 4, to begin at 12:00 Noon and end at 2:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Hovsep Taktajian. The motion carried.

Susan Shamamian made a motion to adjourn the January 28, 1996 meeting and it was seconded by Dr. Yavru-Sakuk. The motion carried.

Martha Saraydarian asked what time the meeting will start on February 4. Dr. Capan made a motion, seconded by Henry Hagopian, to start the business meeting on February 4 at 2:15 P.M. The motion was carried. Ann Ajemian announced that lunch would be served during the voting period on February 4.

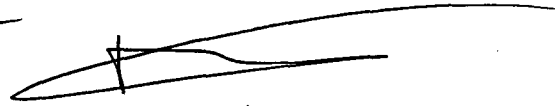
The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 P.M. with a closing prayer delivered by Fr. Papken.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Madlen Setian  
Secretary 1996  
Parish Assembly



Leon Nigohosian  
Chairman 1996  
Parish Assembly



V. Rev. Fr. Papken  
Dz. V. Anoushian  
Pastor and President  
1996 Parish Assembly

**ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH  
31th PARISH ASSEMBLY  
SESSION II - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1996**

Chairman Leon Nigohosian opened the meeting and announced the names of the officers. Himself as Chairman, V. Rev. Fr. Papken Dz. V. Anoushian, President, and Madlen Setian as Secretary. He then asked the present members to raise their hands to be counted in order to determine the existence of a quorum. A quorum was established. Chairman Nigohosian explained, in Armenian, that an Armenian interpreter was available if needed.

Fr. Papken delivered the opening prayer.

Chairman Nigohosian stated that the Parish Assembly Annual Reports were available, one per family. He instructed those present that the voting would commence at 12:00 Noon and last until 2:00 P.M. Those on line at 2:00 P.M. would still be entitled to vote. The business meeting would resume at 2:15 P.M. He also stated that a list of those eligible to vote in the election was available for inspection during the entire meeting. The Chairman declared a recess until 2:15 P.M.

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The meeting was reconvened by Chairman Nigohosian at 2:15 P.M. He reminded everyone about the availability of the annual reports, the revised Choir report and the Auditing Committee report. He thanked the Lunch Committee for their efforts and good job in serving lunch.

Chairman Nigohosian gave clear instructions on the protocol of being recognized when wishing to address the assembly. He then asked Dr. Bedros Yavru-Sakuk and Aram Serian to ascertain the existence of a quorum. A quorum was established. Chairman Nigohosian asked Dr. Yavru to inform and remind all those remaining outside, who were eligible to vote, that the meeting is in session. Dr. Yavru complied.

V. Rev. Fr. Papken Dz. Vartabed Anoushian offered the opening prayer.

Chairman Nigohosian reminded everyone that the meeting would be held in accordance with the By-Laws of the Eastern Diocese and guided by Roberts Rules of Order.

Virginia Victoria made a motion to close the voting, seconded by Richard Saraydarian. The motion carried by a two thirds (2/3) vote.

Chairman Nigohosian noted that so far items 1 through 3 had been covered, and proposed that the order of the Agenda be modified with the following amendments:

that item # 18 be inserted after # 3 and would become # 3A,

that items # 4,5,6,7,8 would remain unchanged,  
that item # 19 would follow # 8, and be relabelled # 8 A,  
that item # 20 would be relabelled # 8 B,  
that item # 21 would be relabelled # 8 C,  
that item # 22 would be relabelled # 8 D,  
numbers 9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16, and 17, would remain unchanged,  
item # 23 would be renumbered # 18,  
item # 24 would be renumbered # 19,  
items # 20 to # 24 are canceled, the purpose of which was to leave coverage of  
the Committee Reports till almost last, allowing more important items to be discussed first.

Susan Shamamian made a motion to change the agenda as indicated by Mr. Nigohosian. Dr. Bedros Yavru-Sakuk seconded and the motion carried.

Ara Babigian requested to review the St. Thomas Membership List and he did so.

Chairman Nigohosian entertained a motion to dispense with the reading of last year's 1995 Parish Assembly Minutes if there were no questions or comments.

Haroutioun Diratzouian made a motion to dispense with the reading of last year's 1995 Parish Assembly Minutes. Sylva Torosian seconded and the motion carried.

Yg. Violet Kasparian raised a question about Library Funds located on page 27 of the report. Chairman Nigohosian replied that this issue would be discussed during the Auditing Committee's report.

Andy Ouzoonian made a Point of Order regarding additions or deletions to the minutes. Chairman Nigohosian asked again for any addition or deletions to the minutes. A motion was made again by Susan Shamamian to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Sylva Torosian seconded and the motion carried.

The Chairman invited V. Rev.Fr. Papken Dz.V. Anoushian to make his report. Fr. Anoushian took the floor and gave his report both in English and Armenian. He did not reiterate the written portion of his report, but offered his thanks to the Altar Guild for their care of the St. Thomas Altar, as well as sewing and maintaining the clergy and altar server vestments.

Fr. Papken highlighted the approximately \$62,000 surplus, the \$71,000 in the Building Fund and the substantial Emergency Fund. He emphasized the need for a surplus during the three "dry" summer months when parishioners are away and revenues are scarce. He also noted that last year's expenses were budgeted for \$299,000 and the actual expenses were \$263,000, which is quite a saving. He wholeheartedly thanked the Parish Council and all the other organizations for all their good work.

Susan Shamamian noted an error in the Pastor's Report in the first paragraph, second line. The amount should be \$71,550 and not \$7,000 as reported. Yg. Violet Kasparian noted that on the second page of the Pastor's Report, next to the last line, the word altar was misspelled with an E instead of an A. She also remarked that a Diocesan Report should be included.

Ara Babigian asked where the three figures, mentioned in the first paragraph of Pastor's Report came from. The Chairman replied that an explanation will given by Grace Hagopian, Treasurer. There were no comments on the Calendar of Events.

Chairman Nigohosian invited Parish Council Chairman Dr. Levon Capan to render his report.

Dr. Capan expressed his delight as he reiterated the \$62,000 surplus, the \$71,000 Building Fund and the Emergency Fund. He observed that expenses for 1995 were \$36,000 less than projected for in the budget, since \$263,000 was spent rather than the \$299,000 proposed. He attributed this to good revenues and frugal spending practices, especially in the kitchen area.

Dr. Capan extended his appreciation to all the people for their devoted work, and to the ladies who volunteer their time and services to:the Altar Guild, kitchen work, administrative and office work, Armenian School and Sunday School. He also thanked the men for their personal contributions and for supporting their wives in their volunteer work, sometimes taking time away from their family life.

Dr. Capan thanked Fr. Papken for being the ideal clergyman, with wisdom and straightforwardness. He also conveyed his appreciation to the Parish Council for all their efforts and credited the Parish Council members for much of the success as a result of all their work.

Mr. Ara Babigian stated that the names and positions of all the Parish Council members were omitted from the report. Dr. Capan replied by mentioning all the names of the Parish Council members as follows:

Virginia Victoria	Vice Chairman, Sunday School Liaison
Grace Hagopian	Treasurer
Madlen Setian	Recording Secretary, Armenian School Liaison
Susan Shamamian	Correspondence Secretary, Assistant Recording Secretary, Choir Liaison
Richard Saraydarian	Men's Club Liaison
Ann Ajemian	Women's Guild Liaison
Arpie Arslanian	Assistant Treasurer
Jack Torosian	Building Committee, Architectural Management Facilities Liaison
Mari Camcikyan	Family Auxiliary and Avaks Liaison
Leon Nigohosian	Assistant Recording Secretary, Trustees Liaison

Albert Victoria asked if Dr. Capan or Fr. Papken would give a report on the Diocesan Assembly, since many serious financial matters were discussed. Dr. Capan replied that he had not prepared one, but since Mr. Victoria was also a Diocesan Delegate he could also report on the Diocesan Assembly. Mr. Victoria declined.

Yg. Kasparian asked why the Parish Council Chairman's Report is not signed by the Pastor/President or the Secretary since the report was made on behalf of all Parish Council members. Dr. Capan replied that this would be corrected in the future.

Violet Ouzoonian noted that under the Kasparian Fund Report on page 4, Lillian Chapien's daughter was not mentioned. She suggested the daughter be thanked, as well as the two sons, for the Kasparian Fund installation of the Closed-Circuit T.V. Dr. Capan replied that had he known Mrs. Chapien had a daughter he would have thanked also.

Chairman Nigohosian asked if there were any questions on the Board of Trustees Report. There were none.

Mr. Nigohosian stated that the next item to be discussed would be # 8 A (old #19) the Proposed Budget. He invited Grace Hagopian, Treasurer to the microphone. She explained that the \$12,000 out of the \$13,000 income from Women's Guild, was to meet their 1995 pledge, and \$1,000 was assigned towards their 1996 pledge.

Al Victoria questioned the line regarding the Stewardship Program in 1995 and 1996. Mrs. Hagopian replied that there was no income derived from it in 1995, but that it was a projected activity for the 1996 Budget.

Ara Babigian noted that under the Income section, the Men's Club is listed as having donated 0 to the church when they have undertaken the expense of the St. Thomas Sports Teams in the amount of \$3,048, and the payment was made through the Church Treasury.

Mrs. Hagopian replied that the monies were given back as exchange checks for the Men's Club to pay the expenses of the St. Thomas Sports Teams, which they had undertaken to do. This year the payment was made through the Church Treasury as an exchange. The Men's Club gave the exact amount of \$3,048 in return for which they received an exchange check to pay the Sports Teams expenses. [Instead of paying the Sport Teams expenses directly as done in the past, the Church Treasurer was given a check in the exact amount, for which she issued another in exchange, to pay the Sports Teams debts]. The Men's Club money was specifically earmarked for this expense and not as a donation to the church. Since there were no additional funds for church use, this, therefore did not constitute income to the Church.

Jack Ekizian stated that last year the Parish Assembly approved the practice of the Men's Club giving monies to the Church and the Church would disburse the money for their activities. Chairman Nigohosian stated that this body did not act on that question and that Mr. Ekizian should have examined last year's Minutes. Since last year's Minutes were presented without changes, and Mr. Ekizian had an opportunity to act when the Minutes were presented, and since he didn't seize that opportunity he, therefore, was precluded.

Chairman Nigohosian read from last year's Minutes and stated that there was nothing in the Minutes as to what Mr. Ekizian was alluding to. He stated that these were pre-spent dollars and did not come to rest in the Treasury.

Ara Babigian read a follow-up letter dated 2/23/95 from Dr. Capan on behalf of the Parish Council, in which the Parish Council maintains its position of allowing the Men's Club to continue to pay for the Sports Teams expenses as it wishes. However, there was to be a change in the transmittal of funds which had to be executed through the Church Treasury.

Dr. Capan intervened stating that the question is immaterial and that nothing is changed. In the letter cited from last year, he stated that Men's Club should continue to pay the Sports Team's expenses as they did every year in the past. This expense was never included in the Treasurer's Budget.

Jack Ekizian stated that the \$3,100, plus the \$500 fee from last year which the Men's Club paid should be considered as income since there is no obligation for the Men's Club to do this. He stated the Men's Club is doing this because the Parish Council doesn't have the funds for this purpose. He continued stating that this was something the Parish Council had asked the Men's Club to do and it is income to the Church. He asked why didn't the Men's Club get credit for it.

Sirvart Demirjian, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, noted that since there are no additional funds forthcoming from the Men's Club for church use, aside from the amount used for the Sports Teams, this was not considered income.

Varujan Arslanian noted that he was concerned about the insubordinate practices of the Men's Club and he reflected that their habits would possibly set a bad example to the other organizations within the church.

Al Victoria stated that exchange practices should be consistent throughout the Budget and with our accounting procedures. Chairman Nigohosian agreed stating that we have only one bookkeeping system. Hovsep Taktajian, Auditing Committee member, stated that it is sufficient that the amount is mentioned in the overall Annual Report.

Grace Hagopian clarified that the net income from the Bookstore was \$4,361, and \$52,046 from the Hall Rentals. Miscellaneous Income included a payment from the will of Vehanoush Keshishian.

Andy Ouzoonian asked about a provision being made in the Budget for St. Nerses Seminary. Mrs. Hagopian replied that last year it was removed from the budget.

Ara Babigian asked why the \$24,000 in the Architectural Maintenance Facilities Reserve Fund was not listed under 1995 Actual Expenses. Mrs. Hagopian replied that it was a transfer to the Reserve Fund and it appears under Exhibit C, Fund Balances.

Yg. Kasparian asked where had the amount of \$612, on page 34 under Library Fund come from. Mrs. Hagopian replied that it was interest from the ACEF Kasparian Fund.

Ara Babigian asked where had the three figures in the Pastor's Report come from. Mrs. Hagopian replied that the \$71,550 was listed on page 34, Exhibit C under Architectural Maintenance Reserve; the Money Market was part of Exhibit A, Cash and Investments the breakdown was \$27,829 in Money Market account, Investments of \$140,000 and Interest on Investments \$4,320 for a total of \$172,150; and that the \$61,478 is the surplus as listed on the actual section of the Budget. In answer to the question raised by Al Victoria, Mrs. Hagopian replied that the monies were invested in Certificate of Deposit accounts (CD's).

Andy Ouzoonian made a motion to donate \$2,000 under Educational and Good Works, for St. Nerses Seminary. The motion was seconded by Yg. Violet Kasparian. The motion was defeated. A discussion developed upon the merits of this proposal. Violet Ouzoonian expounded upon the merits of St. Nerses. Dr. Capan stated that St. Thomas must be prepared financially for an unpredictable roof expense at this time. Sirvart Demirjian noted that St. Nerses benefits young adults only. She suggested that more concern and funds be allocated to the Sunday School and Armenian School teaching younger students to prepare them for St. Nerses. Hovsep Taktajian suggested that each member should make a discretionary decision to make an individual donation. He set the example by pledging \$50 to St. Nerses. Madlen Setian, St. Thomas Kirikian Armenian School Liaison, stated that the Armenian School budget is only half covered by students' tuition. The remaining half is raised through fund raising. Although allocating to the Kirikian Armenian School by the Church would be more appropriate at this time than a donation to St. Nerses, the Armenian School is not requesting this in order not to burden the Church.

Andy Ouzoonian stated that St. Nerses is a worthwhile organization and it is not just a seminary but a Youth Program also. He called for a vote count on the motion of donating \$2,000 to St. Nerses. The vote was 15 for and 42 against. The motion was defeated.

Virginia Victoria made a motion to donate \$1,000 to St. Nerses. Al Victoria seconded the motion. The vote was 21 for and 49 against. The motion was defeated.

Chairman Nigohosian asked for a motion to close the discussion on this subject. The motion was made and was seconded. The motion to stop the discussion was carried by a two thirds (2/3) vote.

Chairman Nigohosian asked for a motion to adopt the Proposed 1996 Budget with a 5% plus or minus margin of adjustment to be left at the discretion of the Parish Council. Dr. Yavru-Sakuk made the motion, as stated, seconded by Hovsep Taktajian. Andy Ouzoonian made a motion to amend the motion on the floor to reduce the margin to 2 and 1/2%. Jack Charshafian seconded. The motion on the 2 1/2% margin was defeated.

Chairman asked for a vote on the 1995 Proposed Budget with a 5% plus/minus margin. Dr. Yavru again made the motion with a 5 ~~2~~% margin as stated, seconded by Hovsep Taktajian. The motion carried.

Sirvart Demirjian reported on the Auditing Committee Report, item 8B (old item 20).

Yg. Kasparian asked if any funds were found in the Library accounts, and if Douglas Martaian, Shake Mekhjian, 1989 Church Treasurer John Dederian, had been questioned. Mrs. Demirjian replied that no one had any information. Douglas Martaian was present and was questioned about the matter. He replied he had no knowledge on the subject whatsoever. Virginia Victoria, Library Committee Chairman, also stated that no monies or records have been found anywhere in the Church regarding the Library, after an extensive search and questioning. Chairman Nigohosian stated that the 1989 Auditing Committee should have been performed its duties at the time, and that it was unfair to question the present auditors so long after the fact since no records are in existence.

Sirvart Demirjian stated that there previously was \$5,000 in the Board of Trustees account. That money has since been transferred and there is no record of it now.

Dr. Capan reported that the \$5,001 in the Board of Trustees bank account had been disbursed with two signatures. The money was transferred into a Non-St. Thomas ACEF account. Dr. Capan listed three improper acts which had been committed with this transfer: 1. The persons who signed the check in June 1995, were no longer Board of Trustees members since February of 1995; 2. This action was against the St. Thomas rule and policy which prohibits any expenditure over \$500 without the permission of the Parish Council; 3. Those officers did not have the right to deposit the money into a Non-St. Thomas account, when it belonged to St. Thomas. He stated that the Parish Council will try to recover the money.

Seta Izmirly read a portion of the 1993 Parish Assembly Minutes to show that Nazar Nazarian donated \$5,000 earmarked specifically for the purpose of paying off the mortgage. Since the mortgage was paid, Mr. Nazarian considered that the money was no longer needed and placed the money into the ACEF Fund.

Chairman Nigohosian asked by what authority was the check turned over to the ACEF. Mrs. Izmirly replied that one of the signatures on the check was Mr. Nazarian's, and since the money was originally donated by him he could do as he chose.

Dr. Capan stated that this was St. Thomas money, and he remembered that this money was not earmarked as claimed by Mrs. Izmirly. It was donated so as to balance the Budget. He also stated that regardless whether the funds were earmarked or not, the Parish council should have been consulted and asked for its approval.

Ani Capan indicated that Mr. Varujan Arslanian also had donated \$5,000 and asked who could ascertain if the \$5,001 Board of Trustees fund placed in the ACEF Fund came from Varujan Arslanian's donation or from Nazar Nazarian's donation. She stated that the money could have been Mr. Arslanian's money. Fr. Papken replied that it very well may have been.

Varujan Arslanian stated that at the same Parish Assembly in 1993 when Mr. Nazarian donated 5,000 for the Building Fund, he, Mr. Arslanian, also donated \$5,000 toward the Board of Trustees for future expenses. Mr. Arslanian asked to know the names of these persons so that he can officially demand the money. Fr. Papken reassured Mr. Arslanian that the Parish Council is working on the matter, will try to recover the funds' in question, and the matter will hopefully be resolved.

Mrs. Demirjian proposed that old canceled checks, records, and bank account statements from all St. Thomas organizations be kept on Church premises after the completion of each year. Hovsep Taktajian made a

motion that all organizations, upon the end-of-year audit, turn over all old records to the Parish Council to be archived at Church. Varujan Arslanian seconded the motion. Martha Saraydarian asked what problems have occurred to institute such a measure. Hovsep Taktajian replied that the whole Library Fund issue would have been avoided by this measure. Chairman Nigohosian asked on a vote on the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Nigohosian asked if there was any Old Business to discuss. There was none.

Chairman Nigohosian moved on to New Business.

Dr. Capan addressed the assembly with concerns about a movement in the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church to change the practices and traditions of the Church, including the language, appointing or ordaining women deacons and priests, etc. He stated that a group of committed members had drawn up a resolution maintaining the sanctity of the Divine Liturgy as it has been for the past 1700 years through many difficulties and sacrifices. He brought this Resolution in the form of a proposal to the Parish Assembly and stated that if voted upon and accepted, the Resolution would be forwarded to the Primate of the Eastern Diocese, the Catholicos of All Armenians and the Diocesan Assembly.

Chairman Nigohosian read aloud the Resolution in its entirety. A copy of the Resolution is attached to these Minutes.

Dr. Capan made a motion to present this Resolution to the Diocesan Assembly as a proposal. Dr. Yavru seconded. Al Victoria asked if Dr. Capan was objecting to the conduct of the service being in English. Dr. Capan replied that this is an Armenian Church and it will remain an Armenian Church. Mr. Vahan Soukiassian commented that "if they want to change the church, then they have to change the Church of Jesus Christ." Susan Shamamian asked if the Confession, Homily, Bible Readings, Sacraments, and Epistles would be in English. Chairman Nigohosian proposed amending the Resolution to include small sections in English. Dr. Capan stated that he opposed any modifications at present. Jack Charshafian stated that many young Armenians are leaving the church because of inter-marriages and that the Badarak is too long and that most people only stay for 20 minutes. Virginia Victoria interpreted the Resolution that Dr. Capan would like the Badarak to stay the same as it is in our Church, i.e. the Divine Liturgy would be all in Armenian, but the Homily, Epistles and Confession would continue to be both in English and Armenian. She suggested that the language in the Resolution be written more clear. Fr. Papken mentioned that recently the <sup>PROTESTANT</sup> Protestant Pastor stated that members are leaving that church; when asked why, since their service is in English, the <sup>PROTESTANT</sup> Protestant Pastor replied that leaving was the norm and the language was not the issue. Violet Ouzoonian stated that it is the responsibility of the parents to bring their children into the Armenian Church and keep them there. Fr. Papken made a note in reference to inter-marriages. He stated that once someone is married in the Armenian Church they become part of the flock. Samuel Demirjian noted that the Divine Liturgy books are both translated and transliterated into English and it is very easy for an English-speaking person to follow the Badarak in these books. He stated, while sobbing, that over the centuries Armenians have lost everything except our Armenian language. After a discussion about changes in the Church, the danger of the youth leaving, and English services, Chairman Leon Nigohosian concluded the discussion with an example of the American educational system which at one time had been number one in the world. He stated that standards and requirements were lowered years ago and students were offered a choice of taking easier courses. The result was that they were educated at a lower standard and the rank of the American education system was substantially lowered in the world. He maintained that we must raise the standards we hold our children to.

Chairman Nigohosian called for a vote on the resolution, with the modifications orally mentioned. The measure was carried unanimously.

Varujan Arslanian stated that he had a dream and a fond wish to have all parishioners join together, hand in hand, and that togetherness should prevail.

Dr. Capan stated that there was a St. Thomas Board of Trustees meeting in October during which several trustees raised the issue that the Board of Trustees is no longer a necessary organization. Dr. Capan reported that all members had been contacted and that 9 out of 11 trustees were in agreement with the recommendation to dissolve.

Arpie Arslanian, Board of Trustee member, made a motion to dissolve the St. Thomas Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded by Mari Camcikyan. Susan Shamamian stated the Board of Trustees organization was established by the Parish Assembly and only that body can dissolve it. The Chairman called for a vote on the motion to dissolve the Board of Trustees. The motion carried with one vote against.

There were no questions on the ACEF, Architectural and Facilities Management Committee, the Building Committee, Church Grounds, or the Caspar Kasparian Fund.

Mrs. Hagopian made a correction to the Vahan Barsamian Fund on page 9. The amount listed should be \$1,174 and not 1,147. The balance is \$370 as of December 31.

The Shahinian Fund Balance On Hand as of 12/31/94 is \$1,238, and the Balance On Hand as of 12/31/95 is \$1,728.

There were no questions about the Tashjian Fund, ACYOA Juniors, or Avaks.

Ms. Shamamian reported that the first half of the Choir Treasurer's Report was inadvertently left out. She made a motion to insert the corrected financial Choir Report, seconded by Sirvart Demirjian.

There were no questions on Christian Education or Family Auxiliary.

There was a correction made to the Kirikian Armenian School's Treasurer's Report. The amount under salaries should appear as ( \$730 x 34 ) and not ( 4730 x 34 ). Also the figures have been reversed for postage and cabinets. The correct numbers are \$130 for postage and \$900 for cabinets.

There were no questions on the Men's Club Report.

Violet Ouzoonian, Chairman of the Women's Guild on behalf of Mary Ann Saraydarian, former Women's Guild Chairman, stated that World Day of Prayer held in February of 1995 was omitted from the report and must be inserted. The chairperson of the event was Yg.Violet Kasparian, the leader was Queenie Tashjian and Fr. Papken presided.

Chairman Nigohosian called for a motion to be made specifying next year's Parish Assembly meetings. Andy Ouzoonian made a motion that next year the Parish Assembly meeting first session be held on the last Sunday in January, and that the second session be held on the first Sunday in February. Hovsep Taktajian seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Nigohosian invited Marie Zokian, Nominating Committee Chairman to announce the results of the election.

Mrs. Zokian announced the names of the following winners: For Parish Council: Ann Ajemian, Arpie Arslanian, Levon Capan, Grace Hagopian, Susan Shamamian, alternate Zivart Gulian; for Nominating Committee: Jeannie Amerkanian, Sylva Assadourian, Aida Bozyan, Aida Kilerciyan, Lucy Piligian; Auditing Committee: Hovsep Taktajian; Parish Assembly Chairman: Leon Nigohosian; Parish Assembly Secretary: Martha Saraydarian.

Chairman Nigohosian congratulated the winners and thanked the Nominating Committee.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Virginia Victoria, seconded by Albert Victoria. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned with a closing prayer being said by V. Rev.Fr. Papken Dz. V. Anoushian.

Respectfully submitted,



Madlen Setian  
Secretary 1996  
Parish Assembly



Leon Nigohosian  
Chairman 1996  
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V. Rev. Fr. Papken  
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