

HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER BOSTON

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Sunday, February 20, 1994

The Annual Parish Assembly of the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church of Greater Boston was held on Sunday, February 20, 1994, following Church Services, in the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall. One hundred twenty-five (125) members were present and one hundred eighteen (118) dues-paying members cast their ballot.

The Assembly was called to order by George Haroutunian, Chairman of the Parish Council at 1:00 p.m.. He welcomed and thanked the parishioners for their attendance.

The Opening Prayer was offered by Reverend Father Mampre A. Kouzouian, Pastor, who asked those present to join with him in reciting the prayer in English and Armenian.

Donald Tellalian, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate for the day's Tivan, as follows:

Chairman: Aetna Tashjian and Albert Zouranjian

Additional nominations for Chairman of the Day were asked from the floor. Aetna Tashjian declined his nomination. There being no further nominations, a Motion was made and seconded Albert Zouranjian be elected Chairman of the Assembly. MOTION PASSED.

Recording Secretary: Carol Krikorian and Catherine Minassian

Additional nominations were asked from the floor. Carol Krikorian declined her nomination for Secretary. There being no further nominations, a Motion was made and seconded that Catherine Minassian be elected as Recording Secretary of the Assembly. MOTION PASSED.

Albert Zouranjian, in addressing the Assembly, thanked the members present on behalf of himself and Catherine Minassian for electing them Chairman and Secretary, respectively.

MINUTES OF THE 1993 ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

The chairman of the Assembly called for the reading of the Minutes of the 1993 Annual Assembly, by the Recording Secretary. The initial portion of the Minutes was read and the Assembly was directed to pages 2a thru 2f in the Annual Report to review the minutes. In light of the length of the minutes a motion was made and seconded to suspend with the reading of the 1993 Minutes and approve the Minutes as published in the Annual Report. MOTION PASSED.

NOMINEES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE

Donald Tellalian, the Nominating Committee Chairman, was called upon to read the nominees for elective office as put forth by the Nominating Committee.

The nominees for Parish Council (five to be elected) were as follows:

Antranik Aghdamlian	Helen Krikorian *	* Indicates Incumbent
Arthur Avakian	Michael Markarian	
Michael Balian	David Raphaelian	
George Bagdasarian	Roxanne Tashjian	
Gary Kalajian	Robert Takvorian *	

Additional names for nominations for Parish Council were entertained from the floor. There being no further nominations a motion was made and seconded to close nominations for Parish Council. MOTION PASSED.

The nominees for Nominating Committee (five to be elected) were as follows:

Aram Hintlian, Jr.	Norair Odabashian	* Indicates Incumbent
Esther Jamgochian *	Aetna Tashjian	
William H. Martin	Donald Tellalian *	
Catherine Minassian *	Diran Zahigian	
Charles Nahabedian	Albert Zouranjian *	

Additional names for nominations for Nominating Committee were entertained from the floor. There being no further nominations a motion was made and seconded to close nominations for Nominating Committee. MOTION PASSED.

The nominees for Auditing Committee (one to be elected) were as follows:

Phyllis Martins	Peter Talanian
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Additional names for nominations for Auditing Committee were entertained from the floor. There being no further nominations a motion was made and seconded to close nominations for Auditing Committee. MOTION PASSED.

All of the nominees were brought forward by the Nominating Committee Chairman and introduced to the members present. There being no further nominations, the ballot box was opened at 1:30 p.m. for elections. There was a short recess in the proceedings for the purpose of voting.

The Chairman of the Day reconvened the Assembly at 1:55 p.m. and announced that the ballot box would be closed at 2:30 p.m.

PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1993

Father Mampre outlined the various parts of his report which included Church Services, Sacraments, Counseling, Pastoral Visitations, Meetings attended, Cultural & Educational Programs, Church Schools, Youth Ministry, Special Activities and Assistance to Armenia. The Pastor expressed his appreciation to the Church Office staff, the Parish Council and Parishioners

for their support and dedication to Holy Trinity Church. Father Mampre then asked for any questions or comments in regard to his report.

PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR 1993

At this time Albert Zouranjian called upon George Haroutunian, the Parish Council Chairman to address any questions regarding the Parish Council Report. Highlights of the report were reviewed.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Pastor's Report and the Parish Council Report as published. MOTION PASSED.

PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1993

The Chairman called upon Phyllis Martins, Treasurer of the Parish Council to address any questions regarding the yearly financial statements of the Parish Council.

A question arose on how the committee of the Trust Fund was chosen. George Hagopian, Treasurer of the Trust Fund, answered that the Trustees of the Holy Trinity Trust Fund are elected by the Parish Council and presently include the Pastor, Dr. Michael Kolligian, Jr., Gerald Ajemian, Mrs. Deran Hintlian, himself, and the standing Parish Council Chairman and Treasurer, who purchase and sell the investments to obtain as high a yield as possible, with low risk for the church. Parishioners are welcome to give their input to the Trustees on high yield, low risk funds.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1994

Phyllis Martins, Treasurer of the Parish Council, presented the proposed budget of \$498,000 for the year 1994. A motion was made and seconded to accept the 1994 proposed budget. MOTION PASSED.

The Chairman then called upon representatives of the various church organizations to comment on their reports. Charles Dermenjian gave the report from the Trinity Men's Union. Helen Donabedian gave the report from the Senior Women's Guild. She noted a correction that Evelyn Dermenjian was Assistant Treasurer from January-December and that Dirouhi Highgas was an Advisor. Karen Martin gave the report from the Women's Guild. Deacon Gregory Krikorian gave the report from the Choir. He noted that new members are needed for our church choir. This appears to be a problem throughout the Diocese. Diran Zahigian gave the report from the Armenian School.

The Chairman noted that the new Youth Director, Leanne Dagavarian, had been present earlier, but had to leave prior to giving the reports from the ACYOA Juniors and Seniors.

The Assembly thanked the Erevan Choral Group for their concert performances that were enjoyed not just within our church, but also within the community.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the reports of the Church Organizations, as corrected.
MOTION PASSED.

OLD BUSINESS

Initial discussion under old business centered on parish data for membership statistics, and if there has been growth. A formal presentation was not available, but the pastor, office staff and volunteers have embarked on a program of personal calls to parishioners during the week to encourage attendance at church on Sundays. Also, the parish council has attempted an outreach to the community that does attend church. A motion was made and seconded to establish a committee to find ways and means to increase the membership of our church organizations and church attendance. MOTION PASSED.

Progress on the parish Martyr's Monument was discussed. The Monument Committee has decided on the use of an Armenian khatchkar and communication has taken place with Holy Etchmiadzin to coordinate the process of obtaining a khatchkar. However, the problems in Armenia and the unclear issue of transport to the United States have made this a lengthy process. The committee is still working on this project.

The question of the status of the Unity issue within the Diocese was raised. Father Mampre answered that he had recently met with a member of the Unity committee and it appears that there is a tentative agreement on a unified By-Laws that needs to still be presented to the respective Primates and Diocesan Councils. It does not appear that these By-Laws will be ready to be presented to the 1994 Diocesan Assembly, but perhaps the process could be complete by 1995.

Discussion was raised concerning how to proceed with the roughly \$11,000. that was being held in escrow as the church pension fund. A suggestion was made to donate the money to Armenia Relief. A motion was made and seconded to leave the funds designated as Holy Trinity Pension Fund in escrow and to establish a committee to present viable suggestions to the assembly on how the funds can be used. Discussion of the motion was called and the MOTION PASSED with a vote of 25 in favor and 24 opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

The issue of absentee ballots was discussed once again. It was stated that it is unconstitutional to accept absentee ballots, but anyone wishing to amend the By-Laws may introduce an amendment to the Parish Assembly.

A motion was made and seconded that no one person shall serve on the Parish Council, Nominating Committee, Auditing Committee or as Diocesan Delegate, simultaneously. Discussion was held and Article 14B of the Diocesan By-Laws was read and it was pointed out that this would have to be presented as a Diocesan By-Law Amendment for the Assembly to consider. The motion would miss the deadline for the 1994 Diocesan Assembly. Voting was held and the MOTION FAILED.

ELECTION RESULTS

The Nominating Committee Chairman announced the election results as follows:

Parish Council (118 ballots cast)

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| 1. Arthur Avakian | 4. Michael Markarian |
| 2. Gary Kalajian | 5. Robert Takvorian |
| 3. Helen Krikorian | Alternate: George Bagdasarian |

Nominating Committee (116 ballots cast, 2 ballots voided)

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| 1. Aram Hintlian, Jr. | 4. Diran Zahigian |
| 2. Esther Jamgochian | 5. Albert Zouranjian |
| 3. William H. Martin | Alternate: Charles Nahabedian |

Auditing Committee (118 ballots cast)

1. Phyllis Martins

Congratulations were extended to those elected to the Parish Council, Nominating and Auditing Committees.

A motion was made and seconded to have the Nominating Committee introduce the nominees for elective office and bring them before the Assembly prior to close of nominations at future Assemblies. MOTION PASSED.

In his closing remarks, the Pastor expressed his gratitude to out-going members of the Parish Council: John Kefeyan, Bill Martin, and Phyllis Martins, who have served for six dedicated years. Also he thanked Albert Zouranjian and Cathy Minassian for serving at the day's Assembly as Chairman and Secretary.

The Annual Parish Assembly of the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church of Greater Boston was declared adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

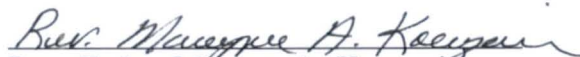
Respectfully submitted,



Catherine Minassian
Recording Secretary



Albert Zouranjian
Chairman



Rev. Father Mampre A. Kouzouian
Parish Priest