Minutes of Annual Parish Assembly Sunday, February 4, 1996

The Annual Parish Assembly of the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church of Greater Boston was held on Sunday, February 4, 1996, following Church Services in the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall.

The Assembly was called to order by George Haroutunian, Chairman of the Parish Council, at 1:00 p.m. He thanked the members who were present for attending the meeting.

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.

Aram Hintlian, Jr., the Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented the slate for the day's Tivan as follows:

Chairman: Daniel Dorian and Diran Zahigian

Additional nominations for Chairman of the Day were asked from the floor and since there were no further names, nominations were closed. Diran Zahigian declined his nomination, and a Motion was made and seconded for Daniel Dorian to be elected Chairman of the Assembly. MOTION PASSED.

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

Daniel Dorian, Chairman of the Assembly, noted that a quorum was present to hold the elections. There were one hundred sixteen (116) members present, and one hundred sixteen (116) ballots cast.

The Chairman of the Assembly asked if the Minutes of the 1995 Annual Assembly should be read, or if they would be accepted as presented. A Motion was made and seconded that the Minutes of the 1995 Parish Assembly be accepted as they were printed in the Annual Report and mailed to parishioners. MOTION PASSED.

A question was raised from the floor regarding balloting and whether ballots with less than the required number of votes indicated for an office would be accepted. It was noted that any ballot having more or less than the required number of votes for a position would be invalid. Aram Hintlian, Jr., Chairman of the Nominating Committee, was called upon to read the nominees for elective offices as put forth by the Nominating Committee. All of the nominees were asked to come forward to be introduced to the members of the Assembly. The nominees for Parish Council (five to be elected) were as follows:

Arthur Avakian* Arthur Boghosian John Kefeyan Michael Markarian* Debra Stevens Haig Bedigian Gary Kalajian* Helen Krikorian* Oves Ovesian Roxanne Tashjian

* indicates incumbent

Additional names for nomination 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 Auditing Committee (one to be elected) were as follows: Barbara L. Shahagian Valerie Kolligian Thayer 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.

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

John Bichajian	Edmund J. Danielson
Donna Goolkasian	Nancy E. Hintlian
Esther Jamgochian	Arlene Kasarjian*
Phyllis Martins*	Robert Proodian*
Thomas Stephanian, Jr.	Gregory Tashjian
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* indicates incumbent

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 Diocesan Delegates (seven to be elected) were as follows:

Gerald Ajemian*	Gerald Boghosian	
Daniel K Dorian*	Richard Goolkasian	
George D. Hagopian*	George W. Haroutunian*	
Aram Hintlian, Jr.*	James M. Kalustian*	
Gregory Krikorian	Gerald Odabashian	
Robert Takvorian	Peter Talanian	
Aetna Tashjian*	Albert Zouranjian	

* indicates incumbent

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

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 1:50 p.m. and announced that the ballot box would be closed at 2:30 p.m.

PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1995

Father Mampre Kouzouian outlined the various parts of his report which included Church Services, Sacraments, Counseling, Visitations, Meetings, Cultural Programs, Church Schools, Youth Ministry. He spoke of his travel to the National Ecclesiastical Assembly in Etchmiadzin where he served as a delegate for the election of the Catholicos of All Armenians, His Holiness Karekin I. He outlined the assistance that was provided to Armenia during the year.

A special event that occurred during the year was the dedication of the beautiful khatchkar that stands in front of our Church as monument to our Armenian martyrs. The dedication service and other activities that were held on Sunday, April 23, 1995 at our Church commemorated the 80th Anniversary of the Genocide. He also noted the banquets that were held celebrating the 90th Anniversary of Senior Women's Guild and the "Man of the Year" Diran Zahigian.

The Pastor noted that the restoration work on the exterior of the Parish House was completed this year. He expressed his thanks to the parishioners who have contributed to the fund raising efforts for this project, the architectural advisor Ed Danielson, and the contractor Steve Panosian.

Father Mampre expressed his appreciation to the Church Office Staff, the Parish Council and Parishioners for their support and dedication to Holy Trinity Church. Father Mampre asked for any comments or questons on his report.

ACTIVITIES FOR OUR PARISH YOUTH

Seta Buchter, Holy Trinity Sunday School Superintendent and Advisor to the ACYOA Juniors group was introduced to the Assembly. She addressed the Assembly and spoke of the activities, such as the Sunday School and ACYOA, that were available to the youth of our parish and the importance of supporting and encouraging our young people, and how the Primate has declared 1996 to be the Year of the Youth. The newly elected Executive Committee for Holy Trinity's ACYOA Juniors was introduced.

PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR 1995

Dan Dorian next called on George Haroutunian, Chairman of the Parish Council, to speak about the Parish Council's Report. George Haroutunian thanked the Parish for their support during the year, and mentioned that one area that could be improved would be Church attendance on Sunday mornings. A group is continuing to look into ways to increase church attendance.

PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1995

Gregory Hintlian addressed the 1995 Financial Report. He noted that there was a typing error on page 61 of the Annual Report and the title of the statement should read the "Proposed Budget for the Year 1996", not 1995. Since there were no questions with the

report, a motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report and budget for 1996. MOTION PASSED

OLD BUSINESS

A financial report on the Parish House Renovations was given by Gregory Hintlian. The outdoor restoration phase of the project was completed at a cost \$275,000 which was under the \$288,000 that was budgeted. Donations from parishioners have totaled just over \$100,000 for this project. A note was also secured from the Bank of Boston for \$180,000 to fund the project. The monthly payments on the loan should be lower, as interest rates are predicted to drop this year.

NEW BUSINESS

A discussion was held on the Church Deed in response to questions that had been raised in the parish about its status. Dan Dorian, who is currently serving as a Diocesan Trustee, explained that most of the deeds of churches in our Diocese are in the custody of the Diocese for safekeeping in the event of any problems. Holy Trinity's deed is held at the Diocese. There are no issues that jeopardize the safety of deed at the Diocese. A motion was made and seconded that the Parish leaves the deed of the Church in the custody of the Diocese. MOTION PASSED.

Gerald Ajemian was called upon to introduce Keith Muhlman, the staff liaison from the Diocese for the Living Memorial Program. This project involve pillar memorials that will be located on the plaza of St. Vartan's Cathedral in New York. Participants in the Living Memorial Program will have their names engraved on the pillars, similar to the memorials at Ellis Island. Genealogical information about the participants will be entered into a computer system set up in conjunction with the Memorial Visitor Center at St. Vartan's Cathedral.

The issue of the separate assessment that is made on Parishes by Diocese for the Department of Youth Ministry was raised. This assessment is in addition to the annual Diocesan Assessment that our Parish pays. A motion was made and seconded that our Diocesan Delegates bring before the Diocesan Assembly a proposal to rescind the annual 1% Youth Ministry Assessment to all Parishes in the Diocese. MOTION PASSED. It was noted that in order to get this proposal on the agenda of the 1996 Diocesan Assembly it would have to be prepared and submitted in accordance with the By-Laws.

ELECTION RESULTS

There being no further old business or new business the meeting was turned over to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee to announce the results of the election as follows:

Parish Council (116 ballots cast)

1. Arthur Avakian 104	4. Gary Kala	ijian 82
2. John Kefeyan 99	5. Michael N	Aakarian 76
3. Helen Krikorian 84	Alternate:	Arthur Boghosian 49

Auditing Committee (116 ballots cast, 1 ballot invalid) Valerie Kolligian Thayer 70

Nominating Committee (116 ballots cast, 2 ballots invalid)				
1. Esther Jamgochian 82	4. Nancy Hintlian 62			
2. Phyllis Martins 74	5. Robert Proodian 58			
3. Gregory Tashjian 66	Alternate:	Arlene Kasarjian 53		
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Diocesan Delegates (116 ballots cast, 12 ballots invalid)				
1. George D. Hagopian 83 5. Albert Zouranijan 60				

2. Aram Hintlian, Jr. 78 6. George W. Haroutunian 60

3. Daniel K. Dorian 767. Gera4. James M. Kalustian 61Alterna

7. Gerald Ajemian 57 51 Alternates: Gregor

s: Gregory Krikorian 56

Robert Takvorian 52

Congratulations were extended to the newly elected Parish Council and Diocesan Delegates. In his closing remarks the Pastor expressed his thanks and gratitude to all outgoing officers, Robert Takvorian, outgoing Parish Council, and Aetna Tashjian, outgoing Diocesan Delegate. He also thanked Dan Dorian and Cathy Minassian for serving at the day's Assembly as Chairman and Secretary, respectively. Father Mampre thanked all the altar servers, the choir members, the Church Office staff and all the parish volunteers who dedicate their time and life to the Church during the year.

The Annual Parish Assembly of the Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston was declared adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Minassian Recording Secretary

Daniel K. Dorian Chairman

Rev. Father Manpue A. Kouzouian

Rev. Father Mampre A. Kouzou Parish Priest