

Armenian Church of The Holy Ascension
Annual Parish
Assembly

The Annual Parish Assembly of the Armenian Church of the Holy Ascension took place on Sunday, February 4, 1979, in the church hall at 1460 Huntington Turnpike, Trumbull, Connecticut. The meeting commenced at 1:30 p.m. Reverend Arakelian opened the meeting with a prayer. Mr. Steve Goomrigian, Parish Council Chairman, took attendance and informed the assembly that out of 93 paid church members, 50 were present, therefore the assembly was legal since a quorum was established.

Mr. Gary Hovhanessian was called upon to read the minutes of the last assembly. These minutes were approved on a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried.

A motion was made from the floor that Dr. Berdj Harabedian be asked to chair the assembly and that Mrs. Richard Najarian, Jr. be asked to act as assembly secretary. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Dr. Harabedian asked that the assembly take a moment to remember the deceased parish members. He then commenced with the meeting calling on Reverend Arakelian to give his report.

Reverend Arakelian reported on the various committee functions he attended, the services he conducted, the publications he issued, the visitations he made, the various reforms he instituted and his hopes and aspirations for the future of the church. He also took this opportunity to thank the various groups and active church members who helped support him in his endeavors to build up the church, both spiritually and financially.

Dr. Harabedian asked the assembly to accept Reverend Arakelian's report. Mr. Ralph Trapasso seconded the motion and the report was accepted as read.

Dr. Harabedian then proceeded to ask the representative from the Parish Council, Steve Goomrigian; the Treasurer, Gary Hovhanessian; the Auditing Committee representative, Richard Khachian; the Building Committee representative, Edward Jevarjian; the Women's Guild Chairlady, Rose Shegirian; the Sunday School Superintendent, Gary Hovhanessian; the Choir representative, Sonia Trapasso and the Youth Organization representative, Michael Malkasian, to read their reports. Their reports were accepted as read. (Copies of these reports are attached).

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the 1979 budget. Mr. Gary Hovhanessian presented the budget to the assembly (a copy of the budget is attached). A short discussion ensued during which Mr. Nazaret Azarian pointed out that he felt that monies from baptisms, weddings, funerals, and requiems, plus in lieu of flowers not be included in the budget because he felt that this income is not dependable and is very flexible. Reverend Arakelian pointed out that from previous experience that the figures noted on the report were relatively reliable and that we

should have no trouble making the money stated. Mr. Perry Shegirian moved that the Budget for 1979 be accepted. Mr. Shavarsh Papazian seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

The Chairman then called on the Nominating Committee to submit their nominations. The following people were nominated.

For Parish Council Members: Steve Goomrigian
Leo Malkasian
Perry Shegirian
Vartan Tarpinian
Harry Tashjian
Ralph Trapasso
Dr. Berdj Harabedian
Shavarsh Papazian

Diocean Delegate: Berch Khachadourian
Edward Javarjian
Gary Hovhanessian

Nominating Committee Members: Nazaret Azarian
Fraij Yapoujian
Catherine Gopoian
Edward Jevanjian
Keghan Stambolian
Sarkis Kaolian

Auditing Committee Members: Richard Kalfaian
Richard Khachian
Ann Khachian
George Maljanian
Mardy Moomjian
Richard Najarian

The Chairman asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Two additional nominations were made, George Maljanian and Richard Kalfaian for Parish Council. There being no other nominations, the nominations were declared closed. Ballots were handed out to eligible voting members by Messrs. Kaolian, Najarian and M. Azarian.

The following people were nominated to hold office:

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Parish Council:	Dr. Berdj Harabedian -	36
	Mr. Steve Goomrigian -	32
	Mr. Perry Shegirian -	33
	Mr. Ralph Trapasso -	32
Diocesan Delegate:	Mr. Gary Hovhanessian -	20
Nominating Committee:	Mr. Narzret Azarian -	41
	Mr. Edward Jevanjian -	29
	Mr. Fraij Yapoujian -	27

Auditing Committee: Mr. Richard Khachian - 37
 Mr. Richard Najarian - 34
 Mr. Mardy Moojian - 30

The Chairman asked if there was any new business or any matters that should be submitted to the Diocesan Assembly in May, 1979.

At this time Mr. Richard Najarian made a motion that, "All dues, pledges and offerings that are made public show only the total amount and names of contributors and not individual amounts unless so specified."

After a lengthy discussion it was decided to take a vote on the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved 24 to 22.

Mr. Steve Goomrigian brought up the subject of an Aid to Lebanon Committee. Mrs. Rose Shegirian and Mrs. Marie Yapoujian agreed to co-chair such a committee. However, more information is needed on this subject.

The subject of an Armenian language class was brought up. Several parishioners expressed an interest in such a class. However, after an active discussion nothing concrete was decided. This will be brought up at a Parish Council Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

(Copies of the various committees are attached)

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Najarian

Maureen Najarian, Secretary