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ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY ASCENSION  
ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Feb. 4, 1979

The Parish Council held 14 meetings during 1978. The meetings were held to discuss the operation of our church and to keep it functioning on a sound basis. A schedule of activities was set up for the year 1978 and the following programs took place with the help of our parish.

1. St. Vartan's Day
2. Palm Sunday Program
3. Martyr's Day Program
4. Church Name Day Program
5. Fathers Day Program
6. Mothers Day Program
7. Two Picnics- one of which was held on our new church grounds.
8. Blessing of Grapes Program
9. Annual Bazaar which net about 15,000.00
10. April 1st kickoff banquet for our new church.

The Parish Council also took the following action.

1. Moving of Church on Feb. 23, 1978 from Barnum Ave. to Huntington Turnpike in Trumbull.
2. Clearing of land for future picnic site.
3. Repair of pump that keeps septic tank in working order.
4. Muncuring of church grounds by landscaper.
5. Hiring contractor for snow removal
6. Hiring of permanent caretaker for Church.

It was the unanimous decision of the Parish after taking many things into consideration to hire Mr. Peter Kapuzian as the caretaker. Let me point out that it would have been a disaster if we did not have a caretaker living on the church compound. There have been many problems which required someone to be on the grounds 24 hours a day.

On behalf of the Parish Council I would like to thank the following organizations and committees for their cooperation during the year 1978.

Ladies Guild- as always the backbone of our church under the capable leadership of Rose Shegirian.

Church Choir- who add beauty to our mass with their voices.

Sunday School- under the leadership of our new superintendent Gary Hovanesian.

Building Committee- making a dream a reality. - Mr. H. Serdjian

Kitchen Committee- Under the leadership of Richard Gratchian and Edward Jevarjian over came tremendous problems and put together a kitchen to be proud of.

Altar Committee- under the leadership of Der Levon have come up with final plans that will take place this coming summer.

Bazaar Committee- under the leadership of the co-chairpersons, Gladys Jevarjian and Elise Khachian made this first Bazaar in our new church, the most successful one ever held both social and financial.

Youth Group -

Pledge Committee- I left this last committee for the end because it is not a committee, but a one man army. If president Carter wants to keep the country in the black he should hire Yeretzgin Grace as his financial adviser. Thanks to Yeretzgin

Grace we finally have a very successful pledge system that is bringing income to our church that we never had before.

I would also like to thank Hagop Khachadorian for being available when we had any handy man work to be done.

Thanks are also in order for Richard Gratchian who did electrical work in this building that would have cost us a small fortune if it was done by an outsider.

Der Levon also deserves a vote of thanks for his guidance and direction in conducting the affairs of our church. The Parish is grateful to Der Levon for the publication of the voice which provides us with church news as well as financial income. Also a special thanks to Yerezkin Grace for her faithful playing of the church organ every Sunday. We should also acknowledge the following people who assist Der Levon on the altar.

Deacons - Fraj Yapoujian and Randy Arakelian. Our biggest loss for the coming years will be the absence of Randy who relocated to Philadelphia for business reasons. We will all miss Randy and wish him well in his new endeavors. We are very fortunate to still have Fraj Yapoujian with us who is a very valuable and talented Deacon.  
 NAZAR-EGH AZARIAN - Assistant to Deacon  
 Thank you to Armen Arakelian and Gary Azarian for serving as altar boys.

In closing, I would like to thank Der Levon and my fellow Parish Council members for their advice, assistance and cooperation which made my second year as Chairman of the Parish Council a pleasurable one.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Stephen Goomrigian  
 Chairman Parish Council  
 Feb. 4, 1979

Youth Organization

- thanks to Mardi  
 Azarian for accepting the  
 job of organizing Youth  
 Group.