

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY ASCENSION

The Annual Parish Assembly of the Armenian Church of the Holy Ascension was called to order in the Church auditorium at 1:30 P.M. on Jan. 27, 1980 by Dr. Berdj Harabedian, Chairman of the Parish Council

Rev. Levon Arakelian opened the assembly with an invocation. He then called the membership roll to ascertain the presence of a quorum. Of the total of 81 paid parish members, there were 41 members present. A quorum having been established, the proceedings of the day began with the election of the Assembly Officers.

Mr. Richard Khachian was elected Chairman of the assembly and Mrs. Nancy Hovhanesian, Secretary of the assembly.

The minutes of the previous Annual Assembly were read by the secretary and there being no omissions or corrections, the minutes were approved as read. The motions to accept and second were made by Mr. Steve Goomrigian and Mr. George Maljanian respectively.

The ballots for the election of officers for the ensuing year were distributed to the members present by Mr. Edward Jevarjian of the Nominating Committee.

Mr. Khachian then called on Rev. Arakelian, the pastor, to make his report. In summary, the pastor enumerated those pastoral obligations which he fulfilled during the year and his aspirations for the future of the Church. His report is attached herewith.

The ballots having been counted, the chairman then called for the results of the elections. The slate of nominees and the votes received are as follows:

For Parish Council

Mardy Azarian - 19 votes
Shavarsh Papazian - 28 votes
Stanley Zysk - 32 votes
Harry Tashjian - 6 votes
George Maljanian - 11 votes
Vartan Petrossian - 31 votes

For Nominating Committee

Edward Jevarjian - 34 votes
Fraj Yapoujian - 22 votes
Mrs. Keghan Stambolian - 34 votes
Mrs. Catherine Gopouian - 26 votes
Mrs. Connie Kasparian - 6 votes
Mr. Harry Koorejian - 7 votes

For Auditing Committee

Mardy Moomjian - 34 votes
Richard Khachian - 38 votes
Richard Najarian - 22 votes
Richard Kalfayan - 10 votes
Mrs. Anne Gorakian - 9 votes
Mrs. Sonia Trapasso - 20 votes

A certified count of the ballots, signed by Mr. Edward Jevanjian and Mr. Richard Kalfaian is attached.

Mr. Khachian then announced the new Parish Council members as follows: Mr. Shavarsh Papazian, Mr. Stanley Zysk and Mr. Vartan Petrossian. The Nominating Committee as follows: Mr. Edward Jevanjian, Mrs. Keghan Stambolian and Mrs. Catherine Gopoiian. The Auditing Committee as follows: Mr. Mardy Moomjian, Mr. Richard Khachian and Mr. Richard Najarian.

Mr. Khachian then called on Dr. Harabedian, Chairman of the Parish Council for the Parish Council report. A copy of his report is attached.

Mr. Khachian called on Mrs. Anne Gorakian, Treasurer of the Women's Guild, who gave a brief report of their various activities with her financial report and presented the Parish Council Treasurer with a \$2,000. check.. A copy of her report is attached.

Mr. Khachian called Mrs. Sona Trapasso, Treasurer of the Choir, who gave a financial report and stated that a \$300 check will be forthcoming to the Parish Council. A copy of her report is attached.

Mr. Khachian called on Mrs. Theresa Harabedian who presented the Sunday School report on behalf of Mrs. Karen Misakian Kaechele, the Sunday School Superintendent. She reported a total enrollment of 38 pupils in the Sunday School ably instructed by 8 volunteer teachers. A copy of her report is attached.

The Chairman then called on James Kalfaian, President of the Youth Group. He reported that they have 20 members in their 13 - 18-year-old junior group. His report is attached.

Mr. Khachian called Mr. Ralph Trapasso, Treasurer of the Bazaar Committee. He reported a net profit of \$14,472.53 from the 1979 Bazaar which includes a \$1,500 donation from Mr. Aram Alexanian, the winner of the Thunderbird raffle. The Committee is retaining \$923.53 in their checking account for 1980 Bazaar seed money. They presented \$12,000 to the Parish Council per the obligation indicated in the 1979 budget to cover operating expenses. He presented an additional check for \$3,000 toward the 1980 operating expenses. His report is attached.

The Chairman called Mr. Edward Jevanjian, Chairman of the Building Committee, for a report of the Building Committee. Mr. Jevanjian stated that new shingles had just been installed to cover the roof on the Church and an half roof on the Parish House. They are guaranteed for 25 years. He also said that the boiler problem had now been taken care of, and that the payments on the new kitchen completed. He reported that the committee is contemplating refinishing the outer siding of the Church and that he recommends aluminum siding.

Mr. Khachian called on Mr. Garabed Hovhanesian, Chairman, to report on the progress of the Armenian School Committee. After a detailed report on the efforts of the committee, Mr. Hovhanesian stated that the program has been stymied due to the lack of qualified teachers in the area. His report is attached.

Mr. Khachian then asked Mr. Hovhanesian, our Diocesan Delegate, for a report on the Diocesan Assembly. Due to his unforeseeable hospitalization

just prior to the Assembly, Mr. Hovhanesian reported his inability to attend, but briefly outlined the highlights of the assembly from the minutes of the assembly. He plans to attend the 1980 Assembly in Washington, D.C. His report is attached.

Mr. Khachian then spoke for the Auditing Committee and attested that he had examined the Parish Council Treasurer's books and found them to be in order. Copies of the Parish Council Financial Reports were then distributed to the assembly.

Mr. Hovhanesian, Treasurer of the Parish Council gave his report and explained each item of the budget. The proposed budget for 1980 was reviewed and discussed. The motion was made by Mrs. Rose Shegirian to approve the budget as is and seconded by Mr. Shavarsh Papazian. It was unanimously approved.

Mr. Khachian as the Treasurer of the Building Committee presented his financial report of the Building Fund. The financial report is attached.

Rev. Arakelian welcomed the new Parish Council members and expressed his appreciation to the outgoing members, Mr. Hovhanesian, who could not submit his name for nomination because of pressing personal duties and to Mr. Azarian for his help through the years.

Rev. Arakelian also expressed his thanks to the Chairman and the Secretary of the Assembly.

Rev. Arakelian thanked the Bazaar Committee, headed by Mrs. Gladys Jevarjian and Mrs. Theresa Harabedian and all the body who worked very diligently for the very successful bazaar.

Rev. Arakelian also thanked Peter and Agnes Kapusuzian for their excellent work in keeping the Church in good order.

Ralph Trapasso, having moved to adjourn the meeting and being seconded by Perry Shegirian, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 P.M. with a benediction by Rev. Arakelian.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Khachian
Richard Khachian, Chairman

Nancy Hovhanesian, Secretary

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