

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY - FEBRUARY 12, 1989

The Annual Meeting of the Armenian Church of the Holy Ascension of Trumbull, CT took place on Sunday, February 12, 1989, at the church hall.

The Invocation was delivered by Der Untzag Nalbandian, pastor, at 1:00 p.m.

Fifty-seven (57) of the one-hundred twenty (120) eligible dues paid members were present, as verified by Richard Kalfaian, constituting a quorum.

Assembly officers, Mardy Azarian, Chairman, and Virginia Kalfaian, Recording Secretary, were nominated by Lionel Ketchian and Sonia Trapasso respectively, and unanimously elected.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Azarian at 1:15. The minutes of the 1988 Parish Assembly were read by Virginia Kalfaian and accepted.

Members of the Nominating Committee, Peter Kapusuzian, Sonia Trapasso, and Barbara Ketchian, presented a slate of candidates for Parish Council, Nominating Committee, and Auditing Committee. Peter Kapusuzian exhorted the assembly to vote for five candidates for Parish Council, three candidates for Nominating Committee, and three candidates for Auditing Committee. Ineligible for election were Harry Tarpinian and Harry Tashjian. Chairman Azarian invited nominations from the floor, to be filled in after distribution of ballots. Richard Kalfaian, Assistant Treasurer, distributed ballots to all eligible voters by roll call.

The following nominations from the floor were made, all declined:
Nazareth Azarian for Parish Council by Archie Misakian, Perry Shegirian for Parish Council by Herbert Avakian, Stanley Zysk for Parish Council, and Bedros Nahabedian for Parish Council.

Peter Kapusuzian advised all present and voting members of their obligation to consider carefully, all names on the ballot, and invited the auditing committee to verify the vote count with the nominating committee. Ballots were collected by role call.

The Pastor's Report (copy attached) was delivered by Der Untzag Nalbandian. In his sixth year of service in our 58 year old church of 252 member community, the following thoughts were highlighted:

- The need for all parishioners to bring the inactive half of the church community back into the fold.
- The need for support of parents of the church's young people to further promote the success of church programs and services to its parishioners.
- encouraged by the presence of our young people in Sunday and Armenian Schools.
- Parishioners' rights: The church has something for everyone and belongs to everyone. All have the same and equal rights.
- Parishioners' obligations: Listen to the other person's ideas with proper respect. Minimize criticisms. Visit and call the elderly and infirm.
- Der Untzag thanked the 10th Anniversary of His Ordination Committee, its members, and Co-Chairpersons, Connie Kasparian and Margaret Azarian, the Parish Council, and all the parishioners of Holy Ascension Armenian Church for all that was done in his honor, and for his pectoral cross.
- May God hear and help all for the good of all.

-The following individuals were cited for special services:

- Shavarsh Papazian for hall expansion and facilities renovation project.
- Mardy Azarian, Nazareth Azarian, and Bedros Nahabedian for purchase of adjacent

property project.

Sylvia Zotian for donation of copying machine.

Heghine Tashjian for gift of two sets of vestments.

Archie Misakian, Richard Kalfaian, Mardy Azarian for Pledge Committee service.

Eleanor Zysk for Sunday Coffee-Hour Special Project.

Stanley Zysk and Herbert Avakian for 1988 Bazaar Co-Chairmanship.

Richard Kalfaian, Virginia Kalfaian, Perry Shegirian, Charles Balian, and Mardy Azarian for their efforts in accepting and installing the newly donated Allen Organ.

Officers and members of the Armenian Earthquake Relief Committee of Holy Ascension for their hard work and dedication in raising over \$100,000 in fifty days for the Diocesan Earthquake Relief Effort.

Choir members: Fraij Yapoujian, Chairman, Choir Directors Peter Kapusuzian and Charles Balian, Deacons Fraij Yapoujian, Tom Dabagian, and Vartan Tarpinian, Organists Virginia Kalfaian and Rose Avakian, and Tom Dabagian, the Secretary, for sending the reminders.

Mardy Azarian for six years of continuous service on the Parish Council.

Rug Sale Committee, Typing Volunteers, Mailing Staff, Social Worker, and all the willing volunteers were thanked and acknowledged.

Special thanks to the Parish Council Executive Committee and members were expressed by Der Untzag, with the concluding statement that "A leader must be and work as a servant".

At the conclusion of Der Untzag's report, Virginia Kalfaian added that Agnes Kapasuzian's letter to the donor of the Allen Organ was the first step in acquiring and obtaining the organ for our church.

The Parish Council Chairman's Report delivered by Archie Misakian stated:

- The parish must increase dues and pledges 65% in 1989.
 - Two women were elected to the Parish Council in 1988.
 - The Parish Council members will be increased from 7 to 9 members in 1989 (per 1988 Assembly).
 - The hall expansion project was accomplished in 1988.
 - Armenian and Sunday School enrollment had increased in 1988.
 - The addition of city water to the church building was a new and advantageous improvement made in 1988.
 - Donors of church paintings were secured in 1988.
 - Observation of Der Untzag's 10th Anniversary was celebrated in 1988.
 - Earthquake relief efforts were initiated in 1988 and will continue as an ongoing effort.
 - Plans for maintenance of the church building exterior are under deliberation for implementation in 1989.
- Special thanks to all fellow Parish Council Members and Der Untzag for their able assistance concluded his report.

The Treasurer's Report as submitted by Shavarsh Papazian:

- Remodeling and hall expansion project costs were \$38,000. Budgeted for \$30,000.
- Cost of land purchase (asked by Leo Krikorian) was \$24,000.
- Cost of classrooms= \$3,000 each.
- In answer to Dr. Berj Harabedian's question as to how the proposed amount of \$40,000 in pledges for 1989 is expected to be accomplished, Chairman Archie Misakian responded; by personal contact, phone calls, and visitations as needed.
- Two huge projects (1) major repaving/possible expansion of church parking lot and driveways, and (2) painting or siding church exterior, will have to be addressed in 1989.

- Please take action today to update your pledges, and become a pledger if you are not pledging now.
- A proposed operating budget of \$124,300 in 1989 was accepted.

-Der Untzag addressed the item regarding Church Secretary (\$6,000/year) stating that the interviewees did not work out for varying reasons, emphasizing that the time and effort he now gives to clerical duties keep him from his pastoral duties. He recommended Margaret Azarian for the position, to work approximately 2 days a week for 10 hours/week as a temporary arrangement, to which she agreed.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Ralph Trapasso reported for the Auditing Committee that all records were reviewed and found to be in order. His report was accepted.

The following items were addressed under New Business:

- Rose Shegirian inquired about the feasibility of raising the Nursery School monthly rental amount from \$1,300 to an undetermined amount. No action was taken.
- Virginia Kalfaian read into the Report that the November 19, 1988 Dinner Dance chaired by committee members, Nicky Taraian, Virginia Kalfaian, Helen Tashjian, and Douglas Trapasso, netted a profit of \$469.95.
- Eleanor Zysk commented that the \$1,000 Coffee-Hour Donations for 1988 be corrected so as not to appear under Women's Guild Report.

Election results: (Listed below are the names with the numbers of winning votes cast for each candidate).

Elected to Parish Council:

Richard Najarian	45
Herbert Avakian	43
Shavarsh Papazian	37
Fraij Yapoujian	33
Thomas Dabagian	30
Krikor Chaghatzbanian (Alt.)	29

Elected to Auditing Committee:

Matthew Tokatlian	34
Ralph Trapasso	34
Stanley Zysk	26
Leo Krikorian* (Alt.)	26

Elected to Nominating Committee:

Virginia Kalfaian	47
Eleanor Zysk	40
Mardy Azarian	27
Nicky Taraian (Alt.)	21

*The vote was a double tie, therefore, Leo Krikorian volunteered to be the Alternate. Der Untzag accepted his proposal, thereby making Stanley Zysk the third member of the Auditing Committee.

Chairman Mardy Azarian thanked everyone for their time and attention.
Der Untzag thanked Chairman Mardy Azarian, Secretary Virginia Kalfaian, Peter

Kapusuzian and the Nominating Committee, and the assemblage for their part in accomplishing the business of the day. He further extended congratulations and wishes for success to all the newly elected officers. Thanks were given, also, to all luncheon donors.

A motion to adjourn was made by Nazareth Azarian and seconded. The Benediction was delivered by Der Untzag, and the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

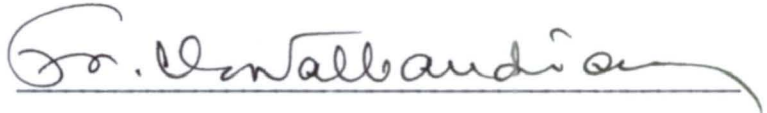
Respectfully submitted,



Virginia Kalfaian,
Recording Secretary 2/19/89



Mardy Azarian,
Assembly Chairman



Fr. Untzag Nalbandian,
Pastor