

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MARDY AZARIAN AT 1:00 P.M. ON FEB. 4, 1990.

HE MENTIONED THAT THERE WERE REPORTS NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRE-MAILED REPORTS, NAMELY THE BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT AND THE BAZAAR COMMITTEE REPORT. THEY ARE OFFERED TO THE ASSEMBLY TODAY.

THE INVOCATION BY DER UNTZAG BEGAN THE MEETING. A CORRECTION OF AN AMOUNT IN THE BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT WAS MADE. CASH ON HAND SHOULD BE \$10,013.10 IN PLACE OF \$1,001.10.

ALL DUES PAID MEMBERS ELIGIBLE FOR VOTING WERE VERIFIED BY ROLL CALL BY RICHARD KALFAIAN. ALSO, AT THE SAME TIME, BIOGRAPHIES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL CANDIDATES WERE PASSED OUT.

TOTAL ATTENDANCE WAS 53 OUT OF 110 PAID MEMBERSHIP. A QUORUM WAS ACCOMPLISHED.

NOMINATIONS FOR ASSEMBLY CHAIRMAN BEGAN. VREJ YAPOUJIAN WAS NOMINATED BY RICHARD NAJARIAN. ARCHIE MISAKIAN WAS NOMINATED BY PETER KAPUSUZIAN. ARCHIE WITHDREW HIS NAME MAKING VREJ'S ELECTION UNANIMOUS. RICHARD NAJARIAN NOMINATED VIRGINIA KALFAIAN SECRETARY BUT SHE DECLINED. PETER KAPUSUZIAN NOMINATED MARGARET AZARIAN AND SHE WAS ELECTED UNANIMOUSLY?

MARGARET PROCEED TO READ THE 1989 PARISH ASSEMBLY MINUTES. NO CORRECTIONS WERE MADE AND LEO KRIKORIAN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS READ. VREJ SECONDED AND THE MOTION WAS PASSED.

MARDY AZARIAN THANKED THE OUTGOING PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS, ARCHIE MISAKIAN AND RICHARD KALFAIAN. HE MENTIONED THAT NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR WOULD BE ACCEPTED AT THIS TIME. NONE WERE FORTHCOMING. WRITE-INS COULD BE DONE AT THE TIME OF VOTING. AT THIS TIME HE INTRODUCED EACH CANDIDATE FOR PARISH COUNCIL. MARDY MENTIONED THAT ALTHOUGH ONLY FOUR OF THE 8 NOMINEES ON THE BALLOT FOR PARISH COUNCIL WOULD BE ELECTED TODAY, THE OTHERS NOT ELECTED SHOULD NOT BE DISCOURAGED TO RUN AGAIN WHEN ASKED IN THE FUTURE AND HE THANKED ALL WHO ACCEPTED TO RUN THIS YEAR.

A SECRET ELECTION BEGAN AND THE BALLOTS WERE COLLECTED BY ROLL CALL. BARBARA KETCHIAN ASKED IF A PERSON ON THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE WAS ALSO RUNNING FOR AN OFFICE, COULD THAT PERSON ALSO COUNT THE BALLOTS. VREJ SAID THE BY-LAWS WERE SILENT ON THAT MATTER.

THE MEETING CONTINUED WITH THE PASTOR'S REPORT:

DER HYRE SAID IT WAS HARD FOR HIM TO BELIEVE HE HAD STARTED HIS 7TH YEAR AS THE PASTOR OF HOLY ASCENSION. HE TAKES HIS RESPONSIBILITIES SERIOUSLY AND TRIES HIS BEST TO FOLLOW THE CANONS OF OUR CHURCH AND THE

BY-LAWS OF OUR DIOCESE.

IN THE 12 YEARS HE HAS BEEN SERVING THIS DIOCESE, HE KNOWS BY NOW THE DIFFICULTIES A PARISH PRIEST CAN GO THROUGH. BUT HE ALSO KNOWS HOW GRATIFYING AND REWARDING HIS JOB COULD BE IF ONLY HE STAYS FIRM IN HIS FAITH AND COMMITMENT AND THE TEACHINGS OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST AND OF OUR CHURCH FATHERS.

HE MENTIONED THAT 1989 WAS FULL OF RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES. HE THANKED ALL THE VOLUNTEERS FOR DOING THEIR BEST WITHOUT WHOSE INVOLVEMENT OUR CHURCH COULD NOT KEEP HER DOORS OPEN. HE PRAYS THAT GOD INCREASES THE NUMBER OF GOOD SERVANTS/ VOLUNTEERS.

HE SPOKE OF THE FUTURE ACTIVITIES AND GOALS HE HAS IN MIND, NAMELY:

- (1) DURING LENT THERE WILL BE BIBLE STUDY AND PEACE AND REST SERVICES.
- (2) PLANS TO ORGANIZE A "YOUNG COUPLES CLUB".
- (3) TO PREPARE THE PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR CHURCH IN 1991, i.e. HAVE 60 YOUNG PEOPLE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH LIFE, TO GET THE TORCH FROM THE OLDER GENERATION. ALSO, TO HAVE ONE LAST FUND-RAISER TO BURN THE MORTGAGE IN THE PRESENCE OF OUR PRIMATE. HE EXPLAINED THAT THIS COULD BE DONE WITH 150 MEMBERS GIVING \$500.00 EACH AND HE WOULD BE THE FIRST ONE.
- (4) AFTER ACCOMPLISHING THIS A "PARISH ENDOWMENT FUND" COULD BE STARTED.
- (5) TO DO THE SURVEY OF THE BACK 4 ACRES OF LAND WHICH WE WOULD HEAR ABOUT LATER FROM THE INVESTMENT RESEARCH COMMITTEE.
- (6) HAVE THE CONSECRATION OF THE TEN NEW PAINTINGS, THE OPENING OF THE CHURCH HALL AND CLASSROOMS WITH OUR SURPAZAN.
- (7) WRITE AND PUBLISH A BOOK ABOUT THE SAINTS WITH SOME OTHER ARTICLES THAT WILL INTEREST AND HELP OUR AMERICAN BORN NEW GENERATION COME CLOSER TO THEIR CHURCH. HE WAS HAPPY TO SAY THAT HE HAS THE SUPPORT OF MANY PARISHIONERS AND THE PRIMATE FOR THIS PROJECT. HIS GOAL IS TO HAVE THE BOOK READY BY JUNE 3, 1990 WHICH HE CAN'T PROMISE BUT HE IS GOING TO TRY.
- (8) TO HAVE A JOINT ACTIVITY WITH THE WESTCHESTER PARISH, POSSIBLY A DANCE.
- (9) HAVE THE CHILDREN, 10 YEARS AND OLDER FROM THE SUNDAY AND ARMENIAN SCHOOLS JOIN THE CHOIR ONCE A MONTH.
- (10) TO HAVE MORE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS.

IN THE LAST SIX YEARS THE PARISH HAS SUPPORTED HIM AND HE ASKS ONLY THAT HIS SUPPORT CONTINUES.

IN 1989 HE WAS ACTIVELY INVOLVED WITH THE TRUMBULL CLERGYMEN, ATTENDING MEETINGS AND LUNCHEONS AND MAKING OUR CHURCH A MEMBER OF THE TRUMBULL INTERFAITH COMMITTEE. HIS CONTACTS WITH THESE CLERGY SHOWED HIM HOW LITTLE THEY KNEW ABOUT OUR CHURCH, PEOPLE AND CULTURE.

LAST FALL HE WAS INVITED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE BRIDGEPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM TO ADDRESS 1200 TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS AT THE OPENING OF THE SCHOOL SYSTEM. THIS WAS A VERY GRATIFYING EXPERIENCE FOR HIM.

AT THE DIOCESAN LEVEL, HE WAS ON THE PRIMATE'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE. OUR PARISH WAS REPRESENTED BY A DOZEN PARISHIONERS AT THIS BANQUET ON JAN. 28, 1990 WHICH HE FELT WAS THE LEAST WE COULD HAVE DONE FOR A MAN WHO HAS SERVED OUR CHURCH FOR 50 YEARS AND LEAD THIS DIOCESE FOR 25 YEARS.

HE WAS DISAPPOINTED TO SEE ONLY A FEW OF US ATTENDING THE CANDLELIGHT VIGIL AT THE SOVIET MISSION IN NEW YORK AND THE ECUMENICAL MEMORIAL SERVICE AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL WHERE CARDINAL JOHN O'CONNOR AND MAYOR DINKINS ADDRESSED OUR PEOPLE. DER HYRE SAID THAT THE 1915 GENOCIDE IS BEING REPEATED AND ATTENDING A MARCH OR A MEMORIAL SERVICE, FAR AWAY FROM OUR HOMELAND AND KARABAGH IS THE LEAST WE CAN DO FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS. HE ALSO HAD ANOTHER DISAPPOINTMENT WHEN ON OUR CHRISTMAS SUNDAY, WE COLLECTED ONLY \$147.00 FOR A NEEDY ARMENIAN FAMILY.

ON THE OTHER HAND HE EXPRESSED HIS JOY AND WORDS OF APPRECIATION TO THE PARISH IN HELPING RAISE \$127,118.22 WITH THE EARTHQUAKE RELIEF COMMITTEE FOR THE ARMENIAN EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS. HE KNOWS HOW HARD WE ALL WORKED AND WAS PROUD THAT THIS PARISH WAS IN 7TH PLACE AMONG ALL THE PARISHES IN THE EASTERN DIOCESE. HE ALSO THANKED ALL THE PEOPLE WHO TOOK CARE OF THE INJURED VICTIMS THAT CAME TO OUR AREA FOR FURTHER MEDICAL TREATMENT IN OUR AREA HOSPITALS. THE TOTAL AMOUNT THAT WAS SENT TO THE DIOCESE WAS \$115,024.73. THE EXPENSES WERE \$12,093.49. THE COMMITTEE WAS DISSOLVED AT THE END OF 1989.

IN 1989 HE MENTIONED A FEW NEW ACTIVITIES, NAMELY:

- 1 (1) FR. OSHAGAN'S YEREVAN CHORALE CONCERT IN JUNE ORGANIZED JOINTLY WITH ST. JAMES ARMENIAN CHURCH IN WESTCHESTER.
- (2) A TALENT SHOW IN APRIL.
- (3) EDUCATIONAL LECTURES ORGANIZED BY THE ARMENIAN SCHOOL OPEN TO THE ENTIRE PARISH.
- (4) HIS LECTURE ON H. AJARIAN, A GREAT ARMENIAN

LINGUIST AND ARMENOLOGIST TO THE ARMENIAN SCHOOL TEACHERS ONE SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

(5) EDUCATIONAL LECTURES - DISCUSSIONS DURING LENT AFTER PEACE AND REST SERVICE.

HE SPOKE A FEW WORDS ABOUT DUES/PLEDGES/AND RENOVATIONS. EMPHASIZING THAT THE DUES AND PLEDGES COMPRISE 25% OF OUR BUDGET AND THAT ALMOST ALL GOES TOWARD THE UPKEEP OF OUR BUILDINGS. THIS YEAR ALONE, WE SPENT \$15,000 FOR THINGS THAT ARE NOT NOTICEABLE, A NEW PUMP, NEW STAIRS FOR THE PARISH HOUSE, NEW FIRE AND SMOKE ALARMS ETC. THEREFORE, HE ASKS THAT WE MAKE OUR PAYMENTS ON TIME AND TO PLEASE INCREASE THEM YEARLY ACCORDING TO OUR ABILITIES.

HE THANKED THE 85 FAMILIES FOR PLEDGING ALMOST \$40,000 TOWARDS THE CHURCH MORTGAGE AND THE 60 FAMILIES FOR GIVING OVER \$9,000 FOR THE NEW PARISH CAR WHICH HE STATED BELONGS TO THE PARISH. HE ALSO SAID THAT BECAUSE THE DONORS OF THE HALL, CLASSROOMS AND PAINTINGS WILL BE HONORED AT THE JUNE 3, 1990 BANQUET, HE WILL NOT MENTION THEIR NAMES TODAY.

HE EXPRESSED WORDS OF APPRECIATION TO LISA MISAKIAN AND GARY KHACHIAN FOR VISITING ARMENIA IN A VERY DIEFICULT TIME TO HELP, PHYSCICALLY THE VICTIMS OF THE EARTHQUAKE. HE ALSO EXPRESSES HIS APPRECIATION TO CHARLES GOORHIGIAN FOR SHOW<sup>ING</sup> INTEREST IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR CULTURAL HERITAGE. HE HOPES AND PRAYS THAT MORE YOUNG PEOPLE WILL FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THESE THREE.

HE THANKED ARCHIE MISAKIAN AND RICHARD KALFAIAN, TWO PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR SERVING THE LAST SIX YEARS ON THE PARISH COUNCIL.

HE THANKED ELEANOR AND STANLEY ZYSK FOR TAKING CARE OF THE COFFEE HOURS FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS. HE THANKED THE ENTIRE PARISH WITHOUT MENTIONING NAMES FOR ALL THAT THEY DID. HE ESPECIALLY MENTIONED HIS LOVE FOR ALL EQUALLY.

HE STRESSED THAT IN THE FUTURE LET'S NOT WASTE TIME BY DOING NOTHING OR BY ONLY GIVING ORDERS, GOOD ADVICE OR BY CRITICISING, NO MATTER HOW WEAK OR POOR OUR MOTHER IS WE STILL LOVE HER, THEREFORE, THE SAME SHOULD APPLY HERE. IF THE CHURCH IS WEAK, IT NEEDS YOUR ASSISTANCE SO PLEASE EXTEND YOUR HELPING HANDS.

HE ALSO SAID, WHEN YOU DON'T AGREE WITH YOUR PASTOR, OR ARE UNHAPPY ABOUT WHAT HE SAYS OR DOES, DON'T GET MAD AT YOUR CHURCH, SINCE A PASTOR IS NOT PERMANENT BUT THIS HOLY INSTITUTION IS. HE DOES NOT WANT TO LOSE ANYONE FOR ANY REASON. TO QUOTE DER HYRE "I LOVE YOU ALL" AND I'M HERE TO SERVE YOU. I WON'T SAY LEAVE ME ALONE...BUT I'LL SAY LET ME SERVE YOU".

ARCHIE MISAKIAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, GAVE HIS REPORT STATING THAT THE PLIGHT OF OUR MOTHERLAND, FIRST WITH THE EARTHQUAKE AND SECOND WITH THE AZERIS DECIDING AT THIS TIME TO ADD TO OUR SORROWS BY MURDERING OUR PEOPLE AND MAKING THEM FLEE THEIR HOMES IS INDEED ALMOST TOO MUCH FOR EUROPEANS TO BEAR BUT THAT WE MUST MAINTAIN OUR FAITH AND BELIEVE IN THE WORDS OF ANOTHER MINORITY LEADER "WE SHALL OVERCOME".

HE THANKED THE EARTHQUAKE RELIEF COMMITTEE'S FUND-RAISING EFFORTS AND RESULTS AND THE EFFORTS OF TWO YOUNG PARISHIONERS WHO VOLUNTEERED TO GO TO ARMENIA FOR HANDS ON EFFORT TO HELP CONSTRUCT THE FIRST PROTOTYPE HOME IN STEPANAVAN.

HE MENTIONED THAT TWELVE YEARS AGO A COMMITTEE WAS FORMED TO SEEK, RELOCATE, AND OR BUILD A NEW CHURCH. THAT COMMITTEE, THE BUILDING COMMITTEE DID THEIR JOB AND ALSO MAINTAINED THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MORTGAGE FUNDS AND PAYMENTS. THIS YEAR THE COMMITTEE FELT THEIR JOB WAS COMPLETED AND SHOULD DISBAND BUT AT A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IT WAS DECIDED TO RENAME THE COMMITTEE, THE MORTGAGE BURNING COMMITTEE, AND TO ADD FOUR NEW MEMBERS RAISING THEIR NUMBER TO NINE.

ALSO, ANOTHER COMMITTEE WAS FORMED, NAMELY, THE INVESTMENT RESEARCH COMMITTEE. THEIR JOB AND THE OUTCOME WILL BE EXPLAINED LATER.

ARCHIE STATED THAT THE DENOMINATING FACTOR OF MOST OF OUR PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS WAS "FIRE MARSHAL". THE RECENT CHANGES IN STATE SAFETY LAWS ARE COSTING US MANY DOLLARS PLUS TIME AND EFFORT AND HE THANKED SHAVARSH PAPAZIAN FOR HIS EXPERTISE IN THESE MATTERS SINCE HE SAVED US COUNTLESS DOLLARS, OTHERWISE WE MAY HAVE HAD TO BORROW MONEY TO GO AHEAD WITH ALL THE NEW SAFETY REQUIREMENTS. HE THANKED ALL THE PARISH ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR CHAIRPERSONS FOR THEIR TIME AND EFFORT. SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR TWO ORGANISTS, THE TWO LOVELY LADIES WHO MAKE THE MAS AND THE TWO DEDICATED DEACONS WHO ALSO SERVE ON THE COUNCIL. HE THANKED ALL THE PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND CO-OPERATION AND SAID IN ALL HIS YEARS OF EXPERIENCE HE HAD NEVER SEEN SUCH VOLUNTEERISM NO MATTER WHAT THE PROBLEM OR TASK AT HAND. IT WAS A PLEASURE AND PRIVILEGE FOR HIM TO SERVE HIS CHURCH. SPECIAL THANKS TO DER HYRE FOR HIS ADVICE AND COUNSEL.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

MARI YAPOUJIAN RAISED A QUESTION, "WHY COULDN'T THE TREASURER'S REPORT BE SENT WITH THE OTHER REPORTS PRIOR TO THE PARISH ASSEMBLY SO IT COULD BE STUDIED MORE CAREFULLY, THEREFORE, MORE INTELLIGENT QUESTIONS COULD BE ASKED."

SHAVARSH SAID THE TIMING WAS TOO SHORT BETWEEN THE END OF THE YEAR AND THE DATE OF THE PARISH ASSEMBLY TO GET IT ALL TOGETHER THAT QUICKLY. THE AUDITING COMMITTEE HAD TO MEET WITH HIM PLUS A SPECIAL MEETING WITH THE PARISH COUNCIL WAS NECESSARY TO PRODUCE A FINAL BUDGET. SO TO MAIL IT BEFORE THE PARISH ASSEMBLY WAS NOT PRACTICAL BECAUSE OF THE TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE EVERYTHING. DER HYRE SUGGESTED THAT WE GO THROUGH THE BUDGET LINE BY LINE.

HOAGY AZARIAN SUGGESTED THAT IN LIEU OF FLOWERS SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET BECAUSE WE SHOULD NOT COUNT ON THIS MONEY TO RUN THE CHURCH. VREJ MENTIONED IT WAS DONE TO BALANCE THE BUDGET. HOAGY SAID THIS IS REALLY A TECHNICALITY AND IT STILL SHOULD NOT BE PART OF THE BUDGET, VARTAN VARTANIAN SUGGESTED IT COULD BE LISTED UNDER INCOME INSTEAD, AND DER HYRE RESPONDED THAT, UNFORTUNATELY, WE KNOW PEOPLE WILL DIE AND MONIES WILL COME TO US THROUGH "IN LIEU OF FLOWERS" SO IT IS A KNOWN INCOME AND WE HAVE TO MAKE A SEPARATE LINE ON THE BUDGET FOR IT.

VREJ SAID IT WOULD BE TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT FOR THE FUTURE.

LIONEL KETCHIAN ASKED WHY THE ANNUAL PLEDGE WAS BUDGETED FOR \$40,000 AND THE ACTUAL WAS \$18,000 AND WHY WE ARE BUDGETING \$10,000 MORE FOR 1990.

SHAVARSH RESPONDED BY SAYING THAT WE HAD PLANNED TO MAKE NEEDED REPAIRS, (a) DRIVEWAY, (b) NEW SIDING OR PAINT FOR THE CHURCH BUILDING. WHICH EXPLAINS THE \$40,000 AND SINCE THAT AMOUNT WAS NOT COLLECTED THE PROJECTS COULD NOT BE DONE AND WE RAN INTO EXTRA EXPENSES BECAUSE OF THE NEW FIRE CODES AND THE FIRE MARSHALL ENFORCING THE CODES. THE FIRE AND ELECTRICAL COMPLIANCE COST US \$7,000 IN '89' AND THE WORK IS NOT COMPLETED ACCORDING TO THE FIRE MARSHALL'S SPECIFICATIONS SO THAT IS WHY THE \$10,000 IS BUDGETED.

ARCHIE MENTIONED THAT IF THE WORK WAS NOT DONE, THEY WERE GOING TO CLOSE OUR DOORS.

VARTAN VARTANIAN STATED THAT HE FELT THE NURSERY SCHOOL RENTAL WAS TOO LOW. ARCHIE MENTIONED THAT ALL ASPECTS OF RENTAL ON THE SCHOOL WERE CONSIDERED AND THE RENT HAS GONE UP 5 to 10% A YEAR.

LEO KRICKORIAN ASKED WHAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY THE SURVEY WHICH COST \$2,800. VREJ RESPONDED THAT IT WAS THE COST OF THE BOUNDARY MAP INCORPORATING THE NEW PROPERTY WHICH ENABLES US TO ELIMINATE TRUMBULL TAXES.

IT WAS AGAIN MENTIONED ABOUT THE TREASURER'S REPORT BEING MAILED PRIOR TO THE ASSEMBLY OR AT LEAST ½ OF THE REPORT, AND ARCHIE REPLIED THAT HE FELT STRONGLY THAT THIS WAS A CONFIDENTIAL REPORT AND SHOULD NOT BE IN A PERSON'S MAIL BOX.

DER HYRE ASKED THAT ALL ORGANIZATIONS KEEP THEIR EXPENDITURE RECEIPTS AND HAND THEM IN TO HIM. THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO BE KEPT FOR THREE YEARS. HE ALSO STATED HE DOES NOT FEEL THE FINANCIAL REPORT SHOULD BE DIVIDED. IT SHOULD REMAIN ONE REPORT.

LIONEL KETCHIAN ASKED WHY THE PARISH HOUSE RENTAL WAS BUDGETED FOR \$13,000 BUT THE ACTUAL WAS \$11,872. ANSWER: THE PARISH HOUSE WAS VACANT FOR TWO MONTHS BETWEEN RENTALS.

CONNIE KASPARIAN MENTIONED THAT THE RENTAL FROM THE PARISH HOUSE HEADING SHOULD BE CHANGED TO SOMETHING ELSE BECAUSE WE COULD BE AUDITED AND TAXED AND VARTAN VARTANIAN AGREED THAT THIS IS POSSIBLE. SHAVARSH SAID HE USED THE FORM FROM THE DIOCESE.

SAM AGULIAN MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT. RICHARD NAJARIAN SECONDED AND IT WAS PASSED.

#### NEW BUSINESS

A DISCUSSION FOLLOWED REGARDING THE RENTAL OF THE CHURCH HALL MORE FREQUENTLY EVEN DURING THE WEEK AFTER NURSERY SCHOOL HOURS AND THE COST OF CLEARING THE ROOM AND RETURNING THE ROOM FOR THE NURSERY SCHOOL COULD BE INCLUDED IN THE RENTAL FEE. LIONEL KETCHIAN MADE A MOTION THAT WE TRY TO RENT THE HALL MORE FREQUENTLY AND ARSHAKHACHADOURIAN SECONDED. A DISCUSSION FOLLOWED AS TO WAYS AND MEANS AND THEN A VOTE WAS TAKEN AND IT WAS PASSED.

DER HYRE MENTIONED THAT AT A RECENT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, IT WAS AGREED THAT IF A PROBLEM AROSE IN THE CHURCH, I.E. PLUMBING ETC. A VOLUNTEER WOULD BE GIVEN TWO WEEKS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM. IF THIS COULD NOT BE ACCOMPLISHED THEN HE WAS AUTHORIZED TO SEEK PROFESSIONAL HELP. HE STRESSED THAT WE HAVE PATIENCE IN THESE MATTERS.

LEO KRICKORIAN ASKED IF THE NURSERY SCHOOL USED THE KITCHEN AND IF THAT WAS INCLUDED IN THEIR RENTAL. THE ANSWER WAS YES.

VREJ SAID IF WE CANNOT MAKE MONEY, THEN WE NEED TO SAVE MONEY ANY WAY WE CAN AND ONE WAY IS THRU A VOLUNTEER AND A STATEMENT WAS MADE THAT THE KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS DO NOT WANT TO WAIT TWO WEEKS FOR THEIR PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED. IT SHOULD BE DONE IMMEDIATELY BECAUSE IT IS HARD FOR THEM TO WORK WITH KITCHEN PROBLEMS. MARGARET AZARIAN EXPLAINED THAT THE COUNCIL WAS TRYING TO FIND PROFESSIONAL HELP TO FIX THE DRAINAGE PROBLEM IN THE KITCHEN BUT IT TAKES TIME SINCE TWO TO THREE ESTIMATES SHOULD BE TAKEN JUST AS WE DO IN OUR OWN HOMES AND TO HAVE PATIENCE. SOMETIMES THE JOB IS DONE AND THE PROBLEM STILL REMAINS...SO IT DOES TAKE TIME.

VARTAN VARTANIAN SUGGESTED WE START BINGO AS A MONEY MAKER AND IT WAS MENTIONED THAT THIS SUBJECT CAME UP TWO YEARS AGO AND IT WAS FELT AT THAT TIME IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR OUR PARISH TO TAKE ON BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF MANPOWER. A MINIMUM OF 20-25 VOLUNTEERS WOULD BE NEEDED WEEKLY TO RUN THE BINGO NIGHT BETWEEN FOOD, CALLERS, MONITORS ETC. LEO KRICKORIAN ALSO SAID THAT THE PAPER WORK ALONE FOR THE STATE WOULD BE A BIG HEADACHE.

ROSE AVAKIAN SUGGESTED THAT WE LOOK INTO THE NORWALK OYSTER FESTIVAL AS A MONEY MAKER OFFERING ONE OR TWO SPECIALTIES.

AT THIS TIME ELEANOR ZYSK PRESENTED THE PARISH COUNCIL WITH A CHECK FOR \$2,000. SHE STATED THAT \$1,080 REPRESENTED COFFEE HOUR MONEY.

HARRY TARPINIAN REPRESENTING THE INVESTMENT RESEARCH COMMITTEE BEGAN HIS REPORT BY MENTIONING HIS COMMITTEE MEMBERS: NAZARETH AZARIAN, CARMEN CARTIGLIA, BEDROS NAHABEDIAN AND VARTAN VARTANIAN.

THEIR JOB WAS TO PUT OUR CHURCH ON A FINANCIALLY SOUND BASIS BY LOOKING AT WAYS TO DO THIS. ONE WAY, THEY DECIDED, WAS TO LOOK AT OUR PROPERTY AND WHAT COULD BE DONE WITH IT TO INSURE INCOME FOR THE FUTURE. THEY MENTIONED THAT THEIR FIRST RECOMMENDATION WAS TO SPEND \$2,800 FOR A BOUNDARY MAP WHICH WOULD INCLUDE THE NEW PROPERTY RECENTLY PURCHASED AND THIS WAS DONE. WITHOUT THIS SURVEY AND MAP WE WOULD HAVE HAD TO PAY TAXES ON THE NEW PROPERTY. THIS FIRST STEP WAS ALSO A PRE-REQUISITE TO HAVE A TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEY DONE FOR THE PREPARATION OF SUB-DIVIDING OUR 7 ACRES INTO SALEABLE LOTS IF WE DECIDE TO SELL. NEXT WE WOULD APPLY TO THE TOWN OF TRUMBULL PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE FOR THE POSSIBLE SUBDIVISION OF THE UNUSED PROPERTY BEHIND OUR CHURCH AND PARISH HOUSE. THE TIME FRAME FOR THIS WORK AND APPROVALS WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 18 MONTHS. THE COST BREAK-DOWN IS: DEPOSIT \$2,000; MAP: \$4,000; TOWN APPROVAL: \$1,500. IF THE TOWN DOES NOT APPROVE, WE ARE NOT OBLIGATED TO PAY THE \$1,500. THE POTENTIAL VALUE OF EACH LOT WAS ESTIMATED AT \$125,000. IT WAS FELT THAT THIS MONEY WOULD BE EXCELLENT INCOME FOR OUR CHURCH.

IT WAS CONCLUDED AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION, THAT THIS SURVEY IS NEEDED FOR POSSIBLE SALE OF THE PROPERTY AND FOR APPROVALS BY THE TOWN. RICHARD KALFAIAN ASKED IF TODAY WE ARE LOOKING FOR APPROVAL FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP TO SPEND THE \$7,500. THE ANSWER WAS YES AS PER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE INVESTMENT RESEARCH COMMITTEE AND THE PARISH COUNCIL.

ARCHIE SUGGESTED A SPECIAL FUND RAISER TO DEFRAY THE COST COULD BE DISCUSSED LATER.

IT WAS MENTIONED THAT IF WE CANNOT SUB-DIVIDE, WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO SELL THE WHOLE PIECE OF PROPERTY AND MOVE ELSEWHERE AND BUILD ANOTHER CHURCH.



THE COMMITTEE FEELS THERE WOULD NOT BE A PROBLEM WITH APPROVALS AND THE REAL ESTATE MARKET WILL CHANGE FOR THE BETTER IN THE NEAR FUTURE FOR SELLING THE SUB-DIVIDED LOTS. THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY WOULD BRING IN A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR INCOME AND WOULD TAKE A GREAT DEAL OF FINANCIAL PRESSURE OFF THE PARISHIONERS IN RUNNING THE CHURCH.

IT WAS ASKED IF APPROVAL FROM THE DIOCESE WAS NEEDED.. DER HYRE READ ARTICLE 17B OF THE BY-LAWS: FOR THE PURCHASE, FOR THE PROPOSAL TO SELL, TO MORTGAGE, TO LEASE OR TO EXCHANGE REAL ESTATE, OR FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BUILDING FOR A PARISH, DECISIONS SHALL BE MADE BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTES OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING, AND SHALL BE SUBMITTED FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE PRIMATE AND DIOCESAN COUNCIL.

IT WAS ASKED IF THE DIOCESE EVER SAYS NO. THE ANSWER WAS IF WE WANT TO SELL, THEY WILL NOT DENY OUR WISHES.

CONNIE KASPARIAN MADE A MOTION TO GO AHEAD WITH THE SURVEY AND ROSE AVAKIAN SECONDED THE MOTION. A VOTE WAS TAKEN WITH 40 MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVE REPRESENTING A MAJORITY AND IT WAS PASSED.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE THAN READ THE OUTCOME OF THE ELECTION:  
FOR PARISH COUNCIL:

MARGARET AZARIAN	38
GARO GARABEDIAN	38
CONNIE KASPARIAN	31
CHARLES GOORHIGIAN	26
DARWIN JAMGOCHIAN/ALTERNATE	20

FOR AUDITING COMMITTEE:

RALPH TRAPASSO	39
MATTHEW TOKATLIAN	34
LEO KRIKORIAN	27
STANLEY ZYSK/ALTERNATE	19

FOR FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

SAMUEL AGULIAN	27
VIRGINIA KALFAIAN	21
LINDA CARTIGLIA	20
LIONEL KETCHIAN/ALTERNATE	20

THERE WAS A THREE WAY TIE IN FOR THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE. ELEANOR ZYSK, LINDA CARTIGLIA AND LIONEL KETCHIAN. ELEANOR DECLINED, LIONEL PREFERRED TO BE THE ALTERNATE.

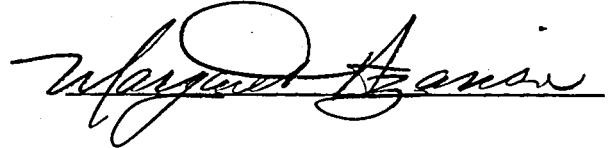
BEFORE CLOSING, DER HYRE MENTIONED THE DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY BEING HELD THIS YEAR IN WORCESTER, MASS. IN MAY AND THAT THE FIRST ARMENIAN CHURCH WAS STARTED THERE 100 YEARS AGO.

HE THANKED VREJ YAPOUJIAN FOR BEING THE PARISH ASSEMBLY CHAIRPERSON FOR THE DAY AND MARGARET AZARIAN FOR BEING THE SECRETARY FOR THE DAY.

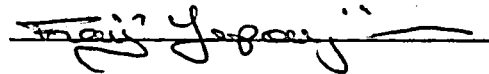
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HE THANKED HARRY TARPINIAN AND HIS COMMITTEE FOR THEIR WORK. HE CLOSED WITH A PRAYER AT 3:55 P. M.

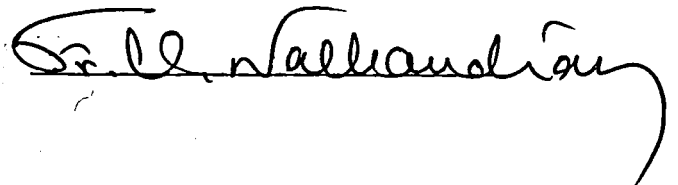
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
MARGARET AZARIAN, SECRETARY

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VREJ YAPOUJIAN, CHAIRMAN

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Vrej Yapoujan", written over a horizontal line.

FER. UNTZAG NALBANDIAN,  
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