

MINUTES OF THE 1992 PARISH ASSEMBLY

ARMENIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY ASCENSION TRUMBULL, CT.

The 1992 Assembly was held in the Agahigian-Sherinian Hall on Feb. 2, 1992. The meeting opened with prayer of "Hayr Mer" led by Rev. Fr. Untzag Nalbandian, Pastor at 1:00 P.M.,

1991 Parish Assembly's Chairman Mardy Azarian presided as temporary Chairman. He called on Connie Kasparian, Parish Council Assistant Treasurer and Sonia Trapasso representing the Nominating Committee to verify the presence of dues paying members. Of the 129 dues paid members 54 were present, constituting a quorum. Election ballots were distributed as the roll was called. Simple majority carries the votes.

Nominations were made for Chairman of the Assembly for the day and the Secretary of the Assembly of the day. Mardy Azarian and Garo Artinian were nominated and Garo Artinian was elected. Ginny Kalfaian, Richard Kalfaian, Tom Dabakian, Richard Najarian were nominated and they all declined. Vartan Vartanian was nominated and was elected.

The new Secretary read to the Assembly the minutes of the 1991 Parish Assembly. The minutes were accepted as read.

Chairman Garo Artinian Called on the Nominating Committee (Nicky Tarajian and Sonia Trapasso) to conduct elections for Parish Council, Nominating Committee, Auditing Committee. Sample ballot is attached to this report. Completed ballots were collected by roll call. The Nominating Committee and the Auditing Committee (Matthew Tokatlian, Ralph Trapasso) retired to the conference room to tally the votes.

In the interim Der Hyre presented the Pastor's report in Armenian then in English. A copy of these reports is enclosed. The following major points are highlighted in the Armenian report:

- 1- The 127 member Church had more than 40 small as well as large social, cultural, religious, educational and fund-raising events & activities.
- 2- Besides the dues paying members there are more than 100 other individuals associated with our church - whose needs are met as well by the pastor.
- 3- In relation to the non-religious organizations operating in our area-be they political or benevolent, in purpose or affiliations - I would like to point out that they are the children of our Holy Church and that our church belongs to all equally. I do attend their events and that is proof of what I want to highlight.
- 4- We welcomed in 1991 Armenia's Independence with great satisfaction and sense of responsibility.
- 5- In 1991 we celebrated with great decorum the 60th Anniversary of our Church.

The Church is 60 years old and the times have changed but our problems are similiar to the past. The duties of the pastor are the same. I have emphasized in my pastordship-the family. I visit many families and I can see the accomplishment of a lot of communications between myself and each family - often more than can be accomplished

in official assemblies. I thank everyone who gave from his material possessions or non-material ---through efforts. Let God Bless them and give them back tenfold.

In the English Report of the Pastor the following were salient points:

- 1- The 60th Anniversary Celebration was a landmark since 25,000 U.S. Dollars were donated by a former parishioner - Tony Jevardjian - May his soul rest in peace since after the donation he passed away.

On this occasion I am happy to announce that the Narthex of the church will be named after Tony Jevardjian from hereinafter - the assembly approved this proposal of the Der Hyre and the Parish Council unanimously.

The 25,000 went toward lowering the mortgage. Our objective is to have each family donate 500 dollars by June 7, 1992 and thus we will be able to burn the mortgage on that day.

- 2- Harry and Connie Agahigian Educational Fund - The June 2nd banquet also saw the establishment of this fund. The interest of this fund will be given to the sons and daughters of our parishioners pursuing higher education provided they are active in the parish. The first scholarship will be given on June 7, 1992 during the banquet.

- 3- Land Survey - In order to sell part of our property this project is on going and the Women's Guild contributed \$1,000 for this purpose.

- 4- Renovations - The Library-Conference Room and the Choir Room were completely renovated during 1991. The septic system got a new pump costing \$1,000.

The following are to be thanked and greatly appreciated for their contributions to these projects:

Dr. Berdj and Mrs. Theresa Harabedian for the Library along with Edward and Helen Mardigian. Dr. & Mrs. Harabedian contributed an additional \$2,000 for the purchase of books and Rose Stambolian for the oriental rug for the library.

For the Conference Room; Mr. & Mrs. Berch Khachadourian, Annie Khachian, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Khatchian and Mr. & Mrs. Edward Jevardjian.

For the Choir Room; Sara Der Megerdichian and Isabella Minella and Keghan Stambolian.

#### NEW ARMENIA

Our Church did its part when emergency help was requested for the Armenia. One of our church members - Nazareth Azarian was actively involved in going and distributing the aid in Armenia itself.

The following topics were discussed by Der Hyre:

- a. His Education and schooling during the past year.
- b. New church directory.
- c. Fund for the Needy.
- d. Ideas about how the parishioners should interact with the priest and Parish Council and cooperate in order to best serve the church.

Some Pledges.

- f. Policy with non-church related organizations in the area.
- g. Church computer.
- h. May dance.

- i. Mas women - thank Felice Avakian and Arshalous Dinihanian.
- j. Maintenance Volunteers - thank Herbert Avakian and David Avakian and Richard Kalfaian and Stanley Zysk.
- k. Ani Newsletter - thank Sharyn D'Urso and Lisa Misakian.
- l. Women's Guild - thank all members.
- m. Sunday and Armenian Schools.
- n. Cultural Committee.
- o. Pew sales.
- p. Mortgage Burning Committee
- q. Bazaar 1991 - profit \$16,000.
- r. ACYOA JRS.
- s. Choir.

Der Hyre ended his report with blessing and thanking everyone who was mentioned as well as forgotten unintentionally. He said that serving is leadership.

Next we had the report from the Chairman of the Parish Council - this report is also attached.

Margaret Azarian - the chairperson read the report - it highlighted the following points:

- a. 60th Anniversary celebration.
- b. The 25,000 donation.
- c. Computer.
- d. Renovations.
- e. Help for Armenian refugees.
- f. Septic system pump.
- g. Insurance matter.
- h. Election of Der Hyre to Diocesan Council.
- i. Thanked Parish Council for their support of her - She has elected not to be on the ballot after serving four years.

Next we heard from the Treasurer - Shavarsh Papazian. His report as well as the Auditing Committee report is attached. The 1992 Budget was approved unanimously.

By this time the Nominating Committee and the Auditing Committee had returned and they announced the results of the elections as follows:

Parish Council

Garo Garabedian	42 votes	Elected
Fraij Yapoujian	42 votes	Elected
Connie Kasparian	33 votes	Elected
Nicky Taraian	29 votes	Elected
Carmen Fuchs	23 votes	Alternate

Nominating Committee

Maureen Najarian	32 votes	Elected
Salpi Tokatlian	29 votes	Elected
Mari Yapoujian	28 votes	Elected
Eleanor Zysk	26 votes	Alternate

Auditing Committee

Matthew Tokatlian	41 votes	Elected
Archie Misakian	33 votes	Elected
Leo Krikorian	29 votes	Elected
Mark Gavoor	27 votes	Alternate

NEW BUSINESS

The assembly discussed and made the following comments and decisions:

a. That a letter should be sent to the Primate insisting that the clothing donated for Armenia be flown in as soon as possible. This was voted on by the majority of the assembled.

b. Mari Yapoujian made a comment on one of the reports in the booklet for the report of all church organizations - copy attached - that the Armenian books although provided by the Diocese were paid for rather than supplied - which might have implied that they were provided free.

c. Mari Yapoujian wanted to have the assembly acknowledge the efforts of Maria Agulian in the Armenian School.

d. Archie Misakian asked as to what is happening to the Armenian refugees who came here last year. He was informed by Margaret Azarian and Der Hyre that most of them had left the area for better opportunities elsewhere.

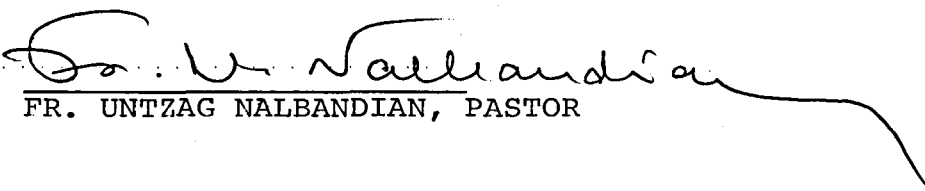
e. Women's Guild gave \$500 dollars to the Parish Council.

f. Setta, Yeretzgin, wife of the Pastor became the subject of special appreciation by the assembly.

At 4:10 P.M. the assembly ended by the benediction of Father Untzag Nalbandian.

  
VARTAN VARTANIAN, SECRETARY

  
GARO ARTINIAN, CHAIRMAN

  
FR. UNTZAG NALBANDIAN, PASTOR