

Parish Council Chairman's Report

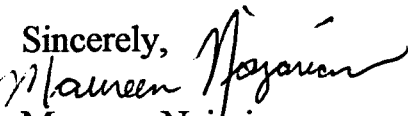
Did you ever hear the phrase, "There's nobody quite like you."? I am honored to be able to say this is how I feel about our Der Hyre, who is the key member of our parish council, and all the council members. This council has made a real impact and contribution to our church. Our council members are very involved in the community life of our church. You will find them on the altar, choir, ladies guild, on committees and helping every Sunday in the nartex and sometimes during and always after the coffee hour. Council members attend monthly meetings to resolve any problems that may arise. They love their church and show it by their devotion. For instance, this year the investment committee was established and includes two parish council members. There are also two council members on the 1997 pledge committee. A council member was also active this year on the Trumbull Interfaith Committee. Two council members have agreed to be advisors to young adults in our church and are planning on helping and encouraging them to become more active.

Another accomplishment this parish council made was to resolve the water problem that plagued us for many years. This was completed last January. Also, the 1997 budget was developed and approved by the parish assembly. Council members covered holy week services and several attended lenten lectures. There was parish council representation at the April Armenian National Committee of Connecticut 82nd Anniversary of the Armenian genocide observation in the State Capitol. Council members also participated in our own Martyrs Day celebration on April 20th. They participated at the church anniversary banquet. The parish council had representation at the Annual Diocesan Assembly. In August, two council members organized the annual church picnic. The parish council organized the church bazaar and members chaired many of the bazaar sub-committees. To encourage and motivate the women of the church, I organized a tea with a spiritual theme, "Renewal, Restoration and Revitalization".

In November, it was noted that almost 80% of the pledges pledged were collected. Checking the treasurer's report, the church has all its bills paid up to date. Presently, the council is continuing to look for other avenues of revenue. One such area is the newly established endowment fund. Another is to encourage our members that God never fails those who are faithful to his work.

Throughout the church year this council has kept the church doors open. They are here for their church community and are doing an excellent job of managing, organizing and controlling. I am proud to be part of this team. They are "good and faithful servants".

I give this council a special "thank you" for helping make my job so satisfying.

Sincerely,

Maureen Najarian
Parish Council Chairman