

St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian Church  
Parish Assembly Minutes  
February 26, 1984

The Parish Assembly of the St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian Church was called to order by Parish Council Chairman, Aram Fayda, at 1:30 pm. The opening prayer was offered by The Very Reverend Zaven Arzoumanian, Pastor and President of this Assembly. Attending were 89 voting members out of a total of 449 dues paying members for 1983.

Verification of eligible voters was the first order of business. The Chairman asked if all had signed the registration book and received their ballots.

Election of Assembly Officers: Nominated were George Devletian and Marcus Mamourian. Elected Chairman of the Assembly was George Devletian. Nominated and elected Secretary of the Assembly was Sonia Hagopian.

Minutes of the 1983 Parish Assembly: Since the previous minutes were published in the Annual Report booklet, there was a motion that the reading of the 1983 minutes be dispensed with. This motion was seconded and passed.

Election of Parish Council: Additional nominations from the floor was Claudette Sarian for Parish Council. Nominations closed.

Election of Nominating Committee: There being no additional nominations from the floor, nominations were closed.

Election of Diocesan Delegates: There being no additional nominations from the floor, nominations were closed.

Election of Auditing Committee: There being no additional nominations from the floor, nominations were closed.

All of the nominees were introduced to the Assembly, after which the ballots were cast. Ballots were counted by Dearon Mazmanian, Charles Ounjian, and Edward Boyajian.

Pastor's Report: The Very Reverend Zaven Arzoumanian read his annual report for 1983. Hyre Zaven Arzoumanian informed the Assembly that the renovation of Hayatian Hall is progressing and hopefully will be completed by Palm Sunday at a total cost of \$215,000. The Parish sponsored a special reception in honor of its pastor for being awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) from Columbia University on December 15, 1983.

Parish Council Report: Aram Fayda, Parish Council Chairman read the Parish Council annual report. Aram Fayda thanked Simon Koumjian for his professional commitment and donation of his services to the completion of the hall renovation project. Mr. Fayda reported that the date for paying the balance of monies due for the renovation was nearing, and an open-end loan would be secured from a bank or insurance company. The feasibility of borrowing from the Permanent Memorial Fund would be discussed with the Permanent Memorial Fund Committee.

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The Assembly Chairman announced that all of the church organizations' reports were printed in the booklet and would be read if requested.

All of the church organizations were thanked for their contributions during the year.

The Assembly Chairman asked a representative of the Youth Committee, namely Nina Pakhtigian to report on its status since the Youth Committee was not included in the Annual Report Booklet for 1983. Nina Pakhtigian informed the assembly that two successful socials were sponsored by the Youth Committee up to now and that the Committee would submit a job description for a prospective Youth Director for the church youth.

1984 Parish Budget: Questions submitted from the floor on line items in the budget were answered by the Treasurer, Vahe Soghomonian.

A motion was made to accept the 1984 budget in the amount of \$203, 560. The motion was seconded and passed.

NEW BUSINESS

A suggestion was made that the church publication, Mer Doon accept paid advertisements. It was taken under consideration.

Paul Zartarian discussed the merits of a group trip to Armenia during the fall season. Interested people should contact him.

Report on Renovation of Hayatian Hall: Simon Koumjian informed the assembly that Phase I, installation of Sunday School windows, has been paid in full. Phase IIA which is installation of new windows on the first floor is about 80% completed. The final phase of work or Phase IIB is the renovation of the Main Hall and Kitchen which is still in progress. About 44% of the total work is completed to date. The expected date of completion is the end of March, 1984.

Karl Boyajian is the Treasurer of Fund-Raising and reported that the total contract costs for interior and exterior work are \$215,700. The monies paid so far total \$89,860 leaving a balance due of \$125,840.

Election results are as follows:

Seven elected to Parish Council

1. Malena Sarrafian	71
2. Michael Mullian	64
3. Vahe Soghomonian	61
4. Bruce Baltaian	60
5. Aram Fayda	52
6. Noubar Markaridian	52
7. David Ahakinian	51

Alternate: Claudette Sarian 50, Paul Zartarian 46

Four Elected Diocesan Delegates

1. George Devletian 67
  2. Nina Pakhtigian 57
  3. Noubar Markaridian 44
  4. Louis Karagulian 41
- Alternate: Dearon Mazmanian 35

Three Elected to Nominating Committee

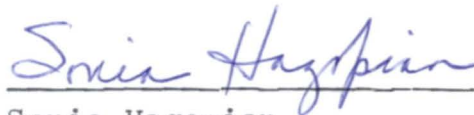
1. Elizabeth Boyajian 74
  2. Charles Garabedian 64
  3. Florence Kazanjian 55
- Alternate: Dearon Mazmanian 41

Three Elected to Auditing Committee

1. John Eskandarian 76
  2. Richard Boyajian 68
  3. Diran Shakarjian 51
- Alternate: Edward Ounjian 47

There being no further new business on the agenda, a motion was made and passed that the meeting be adjourned.

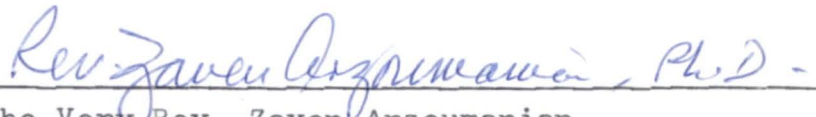
The meeting was closed with a prayer by Hyre Soorp at 3:30 pm.



Sonia Hagopian  
Secretary



George Devletian  
Chairman



The Very Rev. Zaven Arzoumanian  
Pastor and President