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the very Rev. zaven arzoumanian, pastor

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Verification of eligible voters

Election of Assembly Officers

Reading of 1983 Assembly Minutes

Election of Parish Council & Diocesan Delegates

Election of Auditing Committee

Election of Nominating Committee

'Pastor's Report

Reports of Parish Council & subordinate bodies

Adoption of 1984 budget

New Business

Adjournment and Benediction

PORTANT NOTE:

Election of Parish Council members, Delegates d those of the Auditing and Nominating Committees may done only at a specified time during the meeting. llots must be cast in person at that time. Only ose members whose church dues are paid up through 83 may vote.

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St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian Church Parish Assembly Minutes February 27, 1983

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 115 voting members out of a total of 475 dues paying members for 1982.

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 Mangigian, Leon Alyanakian and George Devletian. Elected Chairman of the Assembly was George Devletian. Nominated and elected Secretary of the Assembly was Malena Sarrafian.

Minutes of 1982 Parish Assembly: Since the previous minutes were published in the Annual Report booklet, there was a motion that the reading of the 1982 minutes be dispensed with. This motion was seconded and passed.

Election of Parish Council: There being no additional nominations from the floor, the nominations were closed.

Election of Auditing Committee: Additional nominations from the floor for Auditing Committee was Migirdich Azadian. Nominations closed.

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

All of the nominees were introduced to the Assembly, after which the ballots were cast. Ballots were counted by the 1982 Nominating Committee, headed by Richard Boyajian.

Pastor's Report: The Very Reverend Zaven Arzoumanian read his annual report for 1982. In concluding his report, Hyre Zaven Arzoumanian informed the Assembly that he received a \$25,000. donation for the church from Nellie Hayatian with two stipulations. 1) That the moneys be used exclusively for the renovation of the small hall, and 2) the hall be named Dicran, Rose, Nellie Hayatian Hall. The Parish Council had approved the stipulations and accepted the donation. Hyre Zaven Arsoumanian declared that the small hall, whether renovated or not, be known as the Dicran, Rose, Nellie Hayatian Hall. At the conclusion of his report, The Very Reverend Zaven Arsoumanian was thanked for his dedicated services.

Parish Council Report: Aram Payda, Parish Council Chairman, thanked Hyre Zaven for his efforts in obtaining the \$25,000., Steve Barsamian for his assistance in this effort, and Nellie Hayatian for the sizeable donation. The Parish Council annual report was read by Aram Fayda and was accepted with appreciation.

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

A contribution to the church treasury was gratefully received from the Ladies Aid Society in the amount of \$5000.

The Choir contributed \$500. to the church treasury towards their pledge for this year. Charles Ounjian, Choir Chairman, reported on the choir's activities and their position of being self supporting. They are not a money making organization and may not always have excess funds to give. There was a question from the floor regarding excess funds, since it was believed that all funds were to be turned over to the church treasury and then expenses requested when needed.

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

The following recommendations were made by the assembly regarding the Annual Report Booklet: 1) The number of votes a candidate receives not be included in the printing of the booklet, even though this information is required in the minutes for the Diocese. 2) The name of the person submitting the organization financial report be indicated.

1983 Parish Budget: Questions submitted from the floor on line items in the budget were answered by the Treasurer, Vahe Soghomonian, and the Finance Committee members.

A motion was made to accept the 1983 budget in the amount of \$164,350. The motion was seconded and passed.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made that the parishioners of St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian Church request that the Diocese of North America reduce the annual budget by 10 percent and reduce the Diocesan dues of our Parish by 10 percent for the year 1984. The motion was seconded and discussed.

It was stated that we should take the responsibility of what is happening here and in New York. Previous requests were made to reduce assessments with no results. This issue should be taken to the Diocesan Assembly through our delegates.

The motion was passed.

This issue is to be addressed to the Diocesan Council, and is to be presented properly.

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Plans for the renovation of the small hall were presented by Simon Koumjian with drawings and slides. The estimated cost of the hall would be \$100,000., the outside driveway cost \$6,000. and the handicap ramp \$6,000., totalling \$112,000. Richard Shakarjian informed the assembly that \$50,000. has been committed to the renovation of the hall, plus \$6,000. for the ramp. Additional revenue could be realized with fund raising, memorials in the hall, and soliciting. The balance then be borrowed.

There was a desire from the assembly to include the kitchen renovation costs with the hall costs, and that the kitchen work also be done. Eliminating the ramp and using the driveway for handicap access was suggested. This issue would have to be proposed to the donor of the ramp. It was submitted that the small hall renovation presentation should have been made with complete plans to include both kitchens.

There was an objection to the renovation because there is an urgent need for repairs to the stained glass windows and cornices of the tower. Assurance was given by the Parish Council Chairman, Aram Fayda, that this work is considered in the budget for 1983.

The interior of the church needing painting was another issue. The Chairman of the Assembly, George Devletian, announced there is a donor to bear this expense as soon as bids are received.

A motion was made that the small hall renovations be accepted as presented, with the driveway and handicap ramp, and to include the renovation of the two kitchens at a total cost not to exceed \$160,000. The motion was seconded and passed.

Submitted from the floor was the statement that not enough emphasis was put on the youth of the church. There is a need for a structured youth program. The Parish Council Chairman, Aram Fayda, responded that the Parish Council would support any committee for the youth. A program should be submitted, and it would be supported. It was suggested a youth committee be created from the assembly. Roupen Berberian volunteered as Chairman. Other committee members are Pat Pogharian, Marie Hoplamazian, Nina Pakhtigian and Claudette Sarian. It was pointed out that the youth currently have one night a month assured, and that when their proposal is made, funds would be available.

A motion was made that annual church dues be doubled, and senior citizens are to use their own discretion in increasing their contribution. The motion was seconded and passed.

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Election results are as follows:

Six elected to Parish Council

1.	Karl Boyajian	88
2.	Elizabeth Boyajian	80
3.	George Stapan	80
4.	George Devletian	70
5.	George Hagopian	65
6.	Louis Karagulian	54

Alternate: George Yacoubian, Danny Tankoushian

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Three elected to Auditing Committee

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Alternate: Joe Hoplamazian, Jr.

Three elected to Nominating Committee

1.	Noubar Karagulian	91
2.	Leon Alyanakian	75
3.	Dearon Mazmanian	57

Alternate: Eleanor Hachadorian

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

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Hyre Soorp at 4:30 pm.

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The Very Rev. Zaven Arzoumanian Pastor and President ST. SAHAG AND ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH 630 CLOTHIER ROAD, WYNNEWOOD, PA. 19096

Minutes of special Parish Membership Meeting Sunday, November 27, 1983

"SMALL HALL BUILDING RENOVATION PROJECT"

The meeting began with a prayer by the Very Rev. Zaven Arzoumanian, Pastor at 1:13 pm.

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN - Aram Fayda

Stated that we were authorized by the February 27, 1983 Annual Parish Membership Meeting to spend only \$160,000.00 for renovation of the small hall and two (2) kitchens.

PARISH COUNCIL VICE CHAIRMAN - Karl Boyajian

Projected costs to complete the project will be \$225,000.00 for:

1- Demolition of all old obsolete windows, Masonary work and installation of Law windows.

2- New restrooms, Conference room, Storage and Pantry room.

3- A new modern equipped kitchen, (only for small hall), with an insurance code approved ventilation hood with fire extinguishing system.

4- Air Conditioning, new roof, new Electrical lighting and wiring system, Plumbing work.

5- Complete finishing of the interior and exterior of the hall, including the small ramp area leading into the Church.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Karl Boyajian

Total cash raised to date \$81,453. Pledges outstanding \$4,000. Total available \$85,453.

The Church Finance and Budget Committee proposes that a loan be obtained for \$100,000.00 with repayment in five years. An immediate special drive made to raise the balance. Motion was made by Mr. George Devletian, seconded by Mr. Vahe Soghomonian, "To Approve the additional \$65,000.00 needed to complete this project."

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Twenty-four (24) members voted in favor of the motion. Five (5) members voted against the motion. Vote was taken twice to insure its accuracy. There were 36 registered members present. Motion was passed by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members in attendance.

The meeting was closed with a prayer at 2:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Louis Karagulian

CHOIR

Executive Body

Deacon Charles Ounjian Ms. Eleanor Hachadorian Mrs. Nina Pakhtigian Mrs. Helen Parseghian Mr. George Devletian Mrs. Pearl Maffei Mr. Kosrof Pakhtigian

Total Membership: 30 General Meetings: 10 Rehearsals: 10 Chairman Vice-Chairman Corresponding Secretary Recording Secretary Treasurer Advisors

Activities:

Participation in the Holy Badarak every Sunday and on special occasions.

Establishment of the "Sylvia Stapan Memorial Scholarship" to fund worthy candidates for Deacon Fraining School.

Regional Training Seminar, conducted by our choir, under the auspices of the Association of Armenian thurch Choirs of America, on February 25, 1983.

The Annual Musical event, held on October 26, 1983, eatured "An Evening with George Mgrdichian." A record number of people enjoyed the stellar performance of Mr. Mgrdichian and his accompanist Mr. Jerry Willard.

Our Choir wag represented at the Annual Assembly of the Association of Armenian Church Choirs of America, held in Evanston. Illinois on November 4. 5. 6. 1983.

On Palm Sunday, 1983 the Choir witnessed the Ordination of two Archdeacons, three Subdeacons, a goodly number of Acolytes and the Blessing of Veils of an equal number of young choir members.

Treasurer's Report	
Checking Account	
Balance Forward-Cash on Hand	
January 1, 1983	721.77
Receipts 1983	3,890.11
	4,611.88
Less Disbursements 1983	4,328.02
Balance December 31, 1983	283.86
Organ Maintenance Fund Certificate	fermining 30

Savings Account

\$1.920.41

\$2.710.00

During 1983 \$1,000.00 was turned over to the Church treasurer.

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3. Մեր Հայ Դպրոցի տաղանդներու հանդեսն ու ցուցահանդեսը, ինչպես ամեն տարի, անցեալ տարի եւս յաջողուԹեամր պսակուեցաւ Մարտ 13ին։

4. ՄԵΡ Եρխտասարդ Տիկնանց Միութեան Հրաւէրով Մարտ 16 խնսեցայ Հայ եկեղեցւոյպատմութեան եւ Հայ բրիստոնէութեան ծագման մասին։

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6. Όμημωημηρί βύθου Առաջύորդ Սրբագան Հօր Խախադահունեամը Եւ ի պատիւ իրեն Գերշ. Թորդոմ Արքեպսիկոպոսի, ճաշկերոյն սարքեցինը 27 Մարտի երեկոյեան։ Համայնքս նշեց Առաջնորդ Ս. Հօր եպիսկոպոսացման 20ամեակը, Ներկայացնելով Սրբաղանին ոսկեայ խաչքար մը։ ճաշկերոյնի ըննացքին պատւըւեցան Տիկ. Լիւսի Չաքեան եւ Պր. ճողէ ԱՀօփլամաղեան, իրենց տարիներու անսակարկ ծառայունեան համար։

8. Ապρիլ 8 ին նիւ Եπρρի Ս. Վարդան Մայր Տա-Απρին մէջ նշունցաւ Առաջնորդ Գեր. Տ. Թորգոմ Արբնպիսկոպոսի 20 ամնայ յոբնլնանը միջ-նկնդնցական ննրկայացուցչուննամը եւ պաշտամունքով։ Այդ առինով բարոզելու հրաւիրուած էին Ջէնըն Ունսդ (նիւ Եπρρէն) Եւ Հեր հովիւր (Ուինւտէն)։

9. Ապրիլ 15 ին կիրակնօր եայդպրոցի տեսուչին Հրաւէրով, ուսուցիչներուն եւ ծնողաց մասնաւոր դասախօսուԹիւն մը կարդացի Եկեղեցւոյ Խոր-Հուրդներու մասին։

10. Ապրիլ 21ի կէսօրին մասնակցեցայ Երիտաս. Տիկն. անդամուհիներուն հետ միասին Չրրչ Ուիմէն Եունայդրտ Միութեան տարեկան ճաշին եւ յայտադրին Ֆիլ. Սենթրր Հօթելին մէջ։

11. Հայ Նաճատակաց ՇղեռՆի յիշատակը ՆշեցիՆը միասՆաբար Ապրիլ 24իՆ Ս. ՇրրորդուԹիւՆ Եկե ղեցւոյ սրաճիՆ մէջ միջ-ճամայՆքայիՆ յանձՆախոշմրի կազմակերպուԹեամբ։ 12. Մայիս 19ին Հէվըցֆորտ "Հայ Սրուլ" տեսչունեան հրաւէրով լման օր մը բարձրադոյն դասարաններուն խօսեցայ հայ եկեղեցւոյ եւ հայոց պատմունեան մասին։ Ինեի հետ միասին դասախօսեցին նաեւ Տիկ. Ատրիէն Բայզըը եւ Օր Նենսի Պասմահետն։

13. Մայիս 22 ին մասնաւոր ընդունելութիւն մը սարբեցինք մեր սրահին մէջ փոբր սրահի նորոգութեան համար հանգանակութիւն սկսելու համար։ Արդիւնքը բաշալերական եղաւ։

14. Βαιύρυ 12 ρύ ζωσω μυρρο 2 ρ2 ωύωι ωρω ύβραιύ ζωσωρ μωσαιί ωρωραται Θριύ ίμωσω ρύβρυρ δι U. ζωταρται Θριύ σωσωί ωρω ρύβρυρ:

15. ύիι Շարբի ԱռաջՆարդարանին մէջ Թեմիս ԱռաջՆարդ Սրբազանը Յաւնիս 16ին, ի պատիւ ձեր Հավիւին գրական երնկոյ մը կազմակերպած էր Հայր Սրւրբի Հրատարական վնրջին պատմագիտական գործին առիթավ։ Ննրկայ հղան նանւ կարեւոր թիւով անդամներ մեր Համայնքէն։

16. Βπιζիυ 11 ին ύիι Οπροή Առաջնորդարանէն Κρωιές υπωցայ դասախουδίαι Հայ Դպրոցներու πιυπιցչաց Κωδωαπιδωρήδ, πις δερկայացուցի "Հայ Եկեղեցւոյ Ծագումն ու Զարգացումς":

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PASTOR'S REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

By the grace of God and with the cooperation of our church membership another year of service was added in the pages of St. Sahag and St. Mesrob's history. We are thankful for the fine accomplishments which were realized by the dedicated efforts of our people.

Pastoral Activities

a. Church Services

Divine Liturgy was solemnly held every Sunday. Sermons in both languages were delivered. Special thanks and appreciation to our deacons and the members of our choir for their talented and faithful participation in the worship services.

Special services included:

1. Confession and communion to our school children on two festive occasions.

2. Graduation service on June 12.

3. Mitchink Day service on March 9, and Armenian Women Saint's Day celebration by the Ladies Aid.

4. Christmas Eve and St. Stephen's Day on December 24 with Christmas Pageant by the Sunday School.

5. Blessing of graves on Memorial Day, May 30.

Choir Page Man.

b. Sacraments and Rites

The following were duly recorded in our Parish register as sacraments and rites performed in 1983.

Baptism-Confirmations	8
Weddings	12
Funerals	20

c. Visitations

Your Pastor has devoted considerable amount of his time for home and hospital visitations. Home

blessings were also made on two occasions as far as possible, according to a prepared list.

d. Administration

We have always been conscious of the efficiency and effectiveness of the church office management. The MER DOON, flyers and circulars were regularly published for the purpose of healthy communication among the parishioners and other parishes.

As the president of our church affiliated organizations I have personally presided over all Parish Council and church-related organizations meetings, whenever notified, and have witnessed full cooperation and dedication.

e. Renovation of Hall

The renovation of our church Hayatian Hall has already started and it will be soon completed, hopefully by Palm Sunday. There is no doubt that this is a worthwhile project which will make us feel very proud. The project was voiced upon and approved by the two Assemblies of our Parish (February and November, 1983) and an established cost of \$215,000 was earmarked and approved. There is no doubt that funds are urgently needed to cover the cost, especially as the construction works will be completed rather soon. We depend on your full cooperation so as we may worthily and proudly enjoy the beautiful hall with its brand new kitchen.

f. Special Activities

1. February 13, observance of Vartanantz by the Inter-Communal Committee.

2. Gave a lecture during the Armenian Church Choir Seminar on February 25.

3. The Armenian School Talent Show was a successful event on March 13.

4. Gave a lecture on the Origins of the Armenian Christianity to the Young Ladies Guild monthly meeting on March 16. 5. On the Mitchink Day, March 9, Ladies Aid Luncheon and program commemorated St. Mary the Mother of God.

6. Palm Sunday Annual Banquet on March 27, honoring His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate, who also presided over the festivities the same day. The Primate was given the honor for his 20th year of episcopal service to the Diocese. Also were honored as members of the year Mrs. Lucy Zakian and Mr. Joseph Hoplamazian, Sr. for their many years of service.

7. Holy Thursday, March 31. Before the Washing of the Feet ceremony a Lenten Dinner (fish) was served by the Sunday School staff and students to the Senior Citizens and parents of our church as a token of gratitude.

8. On April 8 at the St. Vartan Cathedral in New York the 20th anniversary of the Primate was marked. During the ecumenical service Canon West of the Episcopal Cathedral and your pastor from Wynnewood preached the sermons.

9. I read a lecture on The Sacraments of the Church to the Sunday School teachers and parents, labelled as "An Evening of Enlightenment", on April 15.

10. Attended with members of the Young Ladies Guild the international luncheon meeting of the Church Women United at Philadelphia Center Hotel on April 21.

11. Armenian Martyrs Day celebration on April 24 at Holy Trinity Church Hall.

12. On May 19 I spent the entire day lecturing at the Haverford High School senior class on the Armenian history and religion. With me also lectured Mrs. Adrienne H. Riser and Miss Nancy Basmajian.

13. On May 22 a kick-off party was given with the anticipation of starting a fund raising for the renovation of the Hall.

14. At the Diocese in New York the Primate honored your pastor on June 16 for his recent publication. Present were also members from our parish. 15. Upon the invitation of the Diocese I gave a lecture in New York on July 11 during the Conference of the Armenian School Teachers.

16. I attended the funeral services of the late Mnsgr. Leo Sarian of the Armenian Roman Catholic Church on September 29.

17. The third lecture organized by the Sunday School of Wynnewood was scheduled for October 17. Upon the invitation of the superintendent Mrs. Adrienne Riser I spoke on the Armenian Church Saints.

18. The Inter-Communal Committee sponsored the Armenian Cultural Day program on October 16.

19. A special evening to honor your pastor for his recent publication was sponsored by the Parish. Council on November 6. Two professors were the speakers (Dr. Simonian and Dr. Samuelian). The program coordinators were Mr. Noubar Markaridian and Mr. Vahe Soghomonian. At the conclusion an honorary plaque was presented to the pastor by Mr. Aram Fayda, Chairman.

20. The Annual Church Bazaar was held for two days, November 19 and 20. This was another successful event handled by Mrs. Claudette Sarian and Mrs. Elizabeth Berberian.

21. The St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Theatrical Group presented its annual play in Armenian, two acts: "An Unpublished Comedy" by Alexander Shirvanzadeh. The play was directed by Mr. Noubar Markaridian.

22. On December 15 Columbia University in New York conferred upon your Pastor the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) following his successful defense of his dissertation.

g. Ordinations

On Palm Sunday, March 27, our Primate His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian was invited to celebrate here at St. Sahag and St. Mesrob. During the Divine Liturgy the Archbishop ordained and elevated Deron Mangigian and Hagop Kitabjian to the rank of full deacon. Deacon Mangigian and Deacon Kitabjian are dedicated members of our church for many years. During his sermon the Archbishop honored Archdeacon Charles Ounjian for his 20th year of ordination and dedicated service and gave him the Saint Vartan Medal and a proper citation.

Ordination continued as three young men, Minas Mihranyan, Edward Ounjian and George Stapan, Jr. were ordained sub-deacons. Also five lady members of the choir had their veils blessed.

The evening preceding Palm Sunday, the Primate had also ordained twenty young men and acolytes, an impressive number indeed, to the rank of Tbir.

Appreciation

Sincere thanks and appreciation are due on my behalf to the entire church organizations and standing committees, headed by our faithful and dynamic Parish Council, chaired by Mr. Aram Fayda. Special thanks to the outgoing members of the Parish Council. Thanks to Miss Grace Ashekian for her office help and to our entire parishioners for their dedicated services.

With Prayers,

The Very Rev. Zaven Arzoumanian, Ph.D.

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Dear Parishioners,

Another year elapsed in the life of our church and the past year, 1983, will be remembered as the "20th Anniversary" of our service in our present location. It is truly gratifying to look back and enjoy with pride the fruitful harvest of our past accomplishments, for which the Parish Council extends sincere thanks and appreciation to all, past and present members of our parish for their support and dedication.

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The year 1983 became an active year full of responsibilities and commitments which the members of the Parish Council undertook with determination and pride. I can proudly report to you that through your generous support and collective efforts we did achieve our goal successfully, both in matters of spiritual endeavors and financial obligations.

Activities:

As a matter of priority we first called the executive bodies of each Church related organizations for a combined meeting to outline the calendar of events for 1983. I am happy to report that all scheduled events were carried out successfully. Programs and activities excelled beyond our expectations, especially the annual Bazaar handled by the Young Ladies Guild, under the co-chairpersons Mrs. Claudette Sarian and Mrs. Elizabeth Berberian.

The main events and related activities included:

(1) Palm Sunday Weekend on March 26-27, 1983 presided over by His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate, who was our guest celebrant. Upon the recommendation of our Pastor, the Archbishop elevated various members of our dedicated Choir into the ranks of deacon, sub-deacon and acolyte (<u>Tbir</u>). On Saturday twenty young men were ordained <u>Tbirs</u>, and on Sunday three men were ordained sub-deacon, and two others, Deron Mangigian and Hagop Kitabjian were ordained deacons. The Banquet the same evening was in honor of the visiting Archbishop whose 20th anniversary was also marked by our Parish. During the Banquet two distinguished members of our Church were honored for their dedicated service: Mrs. Christopher Zakian and Mr. Joseph Hoplamazian, Sr. Net Profit \$1,125.60.

(2) <u>Memorial Day Picnic</u>, May 29, under the guidance of George Devletian and Abraham Abrahamian. Net profit \$1,742.00.

(3) Labor Day Picnic, September 11, under the supervision of Vahe Soghomonian and George Stapan. Net profit \$1,600.00.

(4) <u>Reception Honoring Pastor</u>, November 6. It was the honor of the Parish Council to give a reception honoring our Pastor the Very Rev. Zaven Arzoumanian, on the occasion of his recent publication, the History of Lewond, an accomplishment of eight years of research, the history of Armenia of 7th and 8th centuries, prepared as his doctoral dissertation. Guest speakers included Dr. Simon Simonian and Dr. Thomas Samuelian. Refreshments were prepared and served by the Young Ladies Guild and the entire program was chaired by Noubar Markaridian and Vahe Soghomonian. A plaque of appreciation was presented to the Hyre Soorp by the Chairman Aram Fayda on behalf of the parish.

(5) <u>Armenian Theatre</u>, November 27. Presented by St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Theatrical Group was an Armenian play, two-acts, to mark the Armenian Cultural month. The director, as always, was Mr. Noubar Markaridian, under the chairmanship of Mr. Hrant Torunian. The evening with a large ausience was a great success, and those involved deserve our thanks and admiration.

Youth Activities

The ideal situation was to organize a Youth Committee formed with concerned parents, a step which was taken by last year's Assembly, and the Committee was duly formed. They met several times and worked towards a workable solution to our problem in implementing programs for the youth. The Parish Council welcomes this vitally important Committee and wish them success. Succeeding Mr. Roupen Berberian, presently the co-chairmen of the Youth Committee are Mr. Peter Seropian and Mr. Charles Bulkey. Special thanks must go to Mr. Roupen Berberian for his initial efforts as the former chairman.

In addition to the youth activities the Parish Council awarded scholarship to two Sunday School students to attend St. Nersess Summer Study program. Also we partially subsidized the expenses of our Church Basketball Team to travel to Detroit and participate in the Archbishop Torkom Mancogian Basketball Tournament in 1983. Finally, expenses of two members of our A.C.Y.O.A. as delegates to Toronto Annual Convention were absorbed by the Parish Council.

Ladies Aid Society

We have always considered our Ladies Aid as the backbone of our Church for their untiring service during their regularly convened monthly meetings and through the preparation of the hokejashs. We truly appreciate the dedication of each member, particularly the efforts of Mrs. Victoria Elvanian, Chairlady of the Ladies Aid, and Mrs. Mary Gortian, Chairlady of the hokejash committee.

Sunday School

Our Church School is no doubt the most important institution which is destined to build our future Church members in good standing. Our dedicated teachers under their outstanding Superintendent Mrs. Adrienne Riser, are truly doing a remarkable job without looking for any recognition or reward; they even sacrifice their Sunday worship so that they might be with our children and teach them. The Parish Council wishes to thank them, Superintendent, teachers, and parents for their most important and outstanding job.

Armenian School

We were fortunate to find a replacement for Dr. Ara Der Marderosian, the former Superintendent of the Armenian School, who did a remarkable job with his high education and experience for the last ten years. Mrs. Verjig Ohanissian is now in charge with Mr. Kosrof Pakhtigian, who are capably teaching the two classes of our School. Renovation Project

As reported earlier in the Mer Doon, the renovation of the Hayatian Hall was the biggest project the Parish Council undertook in 1983. Presently the construction of the Hall is underway and 30% completed. The completion of the work is scheduled for March 31, 1984. The financial status of this worthy project needs our immediate attention. As of the end of January 1984 we have received \$101,000 in donations, including pledges. As of the same date we have spent \$69,500 for the construction work done. Our current balance is \$31,500. The Parish Council is trying its best to raise the necessary funds before applying to the banks for loans. Therefore, we appeal to you and ask for your generous contributions so that we may keep the cost of this worthy project to a minimum.

Mr. Simon Koumjian, Engineer/Architect, also a member of the Parish Council, is the Project Engineer to whom we are most indebted. Our thanks and appreciation to Simon on behalf of our entire parish.

Rental Facilities

The responsibilities of the Parish Council increased as the Church activities and its influence expanded beyond our congregation. The Rental Committee is among those which is able to generate major source of revenue, amounting to 30% of our Church budget. The Parish Council would be remiss if it did not acknowledge the tremendous job done by the Rental Committee members Mr. Karl Boyajian and Mr. George Hagopian, who are running truly a professional operation.

Camp Grounds

Since November 1982 we were having problems in receiving rents from the last tenant of the camp ground. Thanks to Steven Barsamian, Esq., a member of the Camp Ground Committee, who pursued the case with legal actions in favor of our Church and without court charges. His legal services have always been his generous contributions to his Church. We wish to acknowledge Steve's devotion.

Further problems incurred, such as reparation and major cleaning of the house and the garage. The accumulated trash and debris were removed and the necessary reparation were supervised by our dedicated charter members of the Camp Grounds Mr. John Alabilikian to whom we extend our most sincere thanks who also used his own car for hauling the debris from the premises.

Finance

It was difficult and a challenging experience for the Parish Council to meet the ever-increasing expenses of the Church without exceeding the proposed budget for 1983. I am happy to report that the Parish Council was able to fulfil its obligations through your support and cooperation. We indeed balanced the Church operating budget in the amount of \$164,350, and were also able to generate additional revenue which was carried over into 1984. This revenue will help offset the building and ground improvements scheduled for 1984.

Energy Saving

Utility expenses comprised a prime concern in balancing our budget. The energy conservation committee assists us in programming the heating system, members of which are Robert Paretchan and Robert Hagopian, who are pursuing their task mo: fficiently.

Conclusion

We are gratified to see an increase in the Church membership, the highest ever in 1983. We are also glad to see that our faithful attend Church on Sundays and bring their children to Sunday and Armenian Schools. Our thanks must also go to Ms. Elizabeth Boyajian for providing hospitality each Sunday after Church.

Finally, on behalf of the Parish Council, I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciations to our Hyre Soorp. The Very Rev. Dr. Zaven Arzoumanian, for his truly outstanding spiritual leadership and guidance which he demonstrated to our Church with his wisdom and devotion, and helped keep our Church at its present highest level of standards.

God bless you all,

Respectfully submitted, Aram Fayda, Parish Council Chairman

81ST DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY IN PALOS HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS MAY 5-7, 1983

The 81st Annual Diocesan Assembly was held in Palos Heights, Illinois during May 5-7, 1983, under the presidency of His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate.

On the agenda were the Report of Diocesan Council which included all phases of Diocesan and parish activities, programs, St. Nersess Seminary and budget, the Primate's address to the Assembly, the Unity Committee report by the chairman Judge K. Najarian, "Hye-Rise" Committee study and the report of the Proposals Committee.

Diocesan delegates, Chairman of Parish Council and pastors attended the Assembly. The Clergy of the Diocese held their annual clergy conference earlier in the week at the St. Francis Retreat House in Oak Brook, Illinois.

The question of the Armenian Church Unity once again dominated the proceedings of the Assembly. Judge John K. Najarian, chairman of the Assembly as well as of the Unity Committee, reported on a number of problems encountered in the negotiations with representatives of the Prelacy Committee following the guidelines for church unity adopted at last year's Diocesan Assembly.

The chairman proposed and the Diocesan Assembly agreed that future unity negotiations proceed only upon the receipt of satisfactory replies from the Prelacy to a series of questions arising out of recent actions taken by leaders of the Antelias Church. The Diocesan Unity Committee further asserted that statements reached here by the Catholicos of Cilicia concerning the unity negotiations, were vague and did not address the specific concerns that had been raised.

The Diocese of the Armenian Church of America is exploring the possibility of developing a high-rise structure on the present site of the St. Vartan Cathedral Complex at 34th Street and Second Avenue in New York City. The structure, which would be erected over the present diocesan offices, could generate for the diocese income in the range of \$300,000 to \$350,000 per year, according to present estimates.

Any structure to be developed on the site would be approved only "if the cathedral can remain visually and otherwise unobstructed," according to a report presented to the Diocesan Assembly last weekend.

The Assembly approved an appropriation of \$15,000 for a feasibility study of the project. In other matters, the Assembly declined to act on a resolution passed by the Clergy Conference meeting earlier in the week calling upon the Catholicos, His Holiness Vazken I, to "use whatever resources are available to him to help the Brotherhood of St. James resolve the present crises" in the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem.

Four people were elected to the Diocesan Council: Rev. Mampre Kouzouian, pastor of the Holy Trinity Church in Cambridge and the present chairman of the Diocesan Council, was re-elected to a four-year term on the council. Very Rev. Vazken Keshishian, pastor of St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Church in Providence, Judge Vincent Guraghian of Lo. James Church in Westchester, New York, and Anne Kasparian, of the St. Gregory Church in Haverhill, Mass., were elected to four-year terms.

The Diocesan Assembly also voted, for the second time needed to amend the by-laws to increase the lay members of the Diocesan Council from five to seven members, so that the Council will consist of eleven members, four clergymen and seven lay members. The amendment will go into effect after next year's Assembly, when the two additional members will be elected.

In other issues, the Diocesan Assembly:

-approved a request for \$10,000 for use by the ad hoc committee formed in Canada to complete the mechanics necessary for the establishment of a separate diocese there:

-approved a budget of \$1,453,500 for 1983, compared to \$1,261,841 spent in 1982;

-defeated two proposals that would have directed the Diocese to make available low or no interest loans to needy parished embarking on building projects.

-approved a proposal to assess \$25,000 on the parishes to raise money for a Theological Education Fund of the Diocese.

The Assembly also approved a resolution recommending that the Board of Directors of the St. Nersess Armenian Seminary review their by-laws "with the purpose of having the North American Diocese structurally involved in the Seminary organization.

The Assembly was hosted this year by the Sts. Joachim and Anne Church of Palos Heights, Illinois. Meetings took place at the Oak Brook Marriott Hotel. The Clergy Conference was held at the St. Francis Retreat House in Oak Brook Seminars for the Womens Guilds, the Armenian Schools, the Religious Schools and the ACYOA were held on Saturday.

Our two delegates from Wynnewood parish, Mr. Paul Zartarian and Mr. George Devletian, attended the 81st Diocesan Assembly and as every year they again donated back to the church all their travel and lodging expenses. We thank them for their dedication and generosity.

Jeanette Engl-Tenhilan Fund (1-14-63)

340.75

1222.422.46

1983 ANNUAL REPORT PERMANENT MEMORIAL FUND OF THE ST. SAHAG AND ST. MESROB ARMENIAN CHURCH

Aram K. Jerrehian, Jr., Esquire	(1983)	Chairman
John Parseghian	(1985)	Treasurer
Steven P. Barsamian, Esquire	(1987)	Secretary
Avedis Alabilikian	(1989)	Canal Contraction
Joseph Hoplamazian	(1984)	
Robert Paretchan	(1986)	
Richard Boyajian	(1987)	

* Parentheses indicates year in which term expires.

STATUS OF HOLDINGS

BEQUESTS:

Hormig Temoyan Fund	\$ 1,061.30
Dickranegerd's Education Society Fund	8,811.05
Mrs. Grace Lucine	1,000.00
Kevorkian Brothers	2,000.00
Dikran Boyajian	1,000.00
Dr. and Mrs. Vram Nedurica.	1,000.00
Chadirjian Fund	18,931.65
Harry Hoplamazian	10,000.00
Mihran H. and Nourissa Terzian	5,000.00
Mrs. Aghavni Nigoghosian	2,000.00
Semerjian Fund	3,229.13
Treasury Note Discount	340.75
Gregory J. Parsegnian*	1,000.00
(In memory of grandfather Mihran K. Boya,	jian)

Jeanette	Bach-	Cashjia	n Fun	d (1-:	14-83)			\$55,443.88 66,978.58
Total .	•	• •	•	• •	•	•	•	\$122,422.46

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INVESTMENTS:

Western Union Bond Merrill Lynch:		9,000.00
Ready Asset Account		443.75
U.S. Treasury Note February 28, 1985		15,000.00
Certificate of Deposit October 10, 1984	16,000.00	and the second
February 10, 1986	15,000.00	31,000.00
	and a state of the state	55,443.88
Earnings to Parish Council	1983 1982	9,573.07 12,065.12
	1981	10,843.68
A side of the second dates	1980	7,338.97

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ARMENIAN SCHOOL

Classes for the Armenian Language School started on October 23, 1983, with an enrollment of ten students. Our dedicated superintendent Dr. Ara Der Mardérosian had already submitted his resignation earlier in year, after ten years of dedicated and most efficient service. We take this opportunity to thank Dr. Ara for his excellent and commendable job here at St. Schag and St. Mesrob Church.

The pastor assigned Mrs. Verjig Ohanissian as the new superintendent of the School, assisted by her husband Dr. Henry Ohanissian. Mrs. Verjig is handling the job remarkably well despite the fact that the enrollment went down like almost everywhere else. Our

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students are taught in two classes by two teachers: Mr. Kosrof Pakhtigian and Mrs. Verjig Ohanissian. The Treasurer's job is efficiently carried out by our dedicated executive member Ms. Negdar Aijian.

Armenian School Financial Repo	ort	Prototy .STE	
School Year - 1982-1983 Balance July 1, 1982		\$1,098.71	
Receipts:			
Registration Books Sold Donations Talent Show - Net Raffles	\$160.00 35.00 55.00 99.41 101.00	450,41	N.
		450.41	
Dem and i the mage		\$1,549.12	
Expenditures:			
Books Salaries	92.40 890.00		
Prizes - best students	30.00		٢.
	answed in the standard second	1,012.40	
Balance June 30, 1983		\$ 536.72	
December 31, 1983			
Balance June 30, 1983	ool al .hert	\$536.72	
Receipts: None			
Expenditures: None			
Balance December 31, 1983		\$536.72	

LADIES AID SOCIETY

Presently sixty members comprise the Ladies Aid and seven are elected to serve as the executive body. The executives are:

Mrs. Victoria Elvanian Diramyre Serpouhi Arzoumanian Mrs. Sona Hisarlian

Mrs. Lucy Tiryak Mrs. Satenig Vartanian Mrs. Lucy Zakian Mrs. Shahanig Geovjian Chairlady Vice-Chairlady Secretary & Corres. Secretary Treasurer Assist. Treasurer Advisor Advisor

During 1983 9 membership luncheon-meetings were convened, and 6 executives meetings. Luncheons are usually donated by individual members each month, otherwise they are prepared by the executive body. Every two years elections are held for the seven-member executives.

The Ladies Aid has two r affairs during the year. The Mitchink Lenten luncheon, followed by a special religious program depicting the life of an Armenian Church Saint. Last year St. Mary the Mother of Jesus Christ was commemorated by a stage presentation. The second event was the celebration of the Mothers' Day in May. As every year, the executive body selected a mother to be honored. In 1983 Mrs. Mary Gortian was chosen for the honor, who also prepared and donated the luncheon. Present were Mr. Charles Gortian and the members of their families.

The preparation of the <u>Hokejash</u> is a major responsibility assumed by a special committee. They operate separately and turn their accounts at the end of the year.

The Ladies Aid is also involved in the preparation of food during the Bazaar, a task which has always been offered by our ladies.

Treasurer's Report

January	1,	1983	-	Checking Account	\$141.39
January	1,	1983	roas	Savings Account	\$608.98

Income 20100 Patrial Sol	101
Luncheon-meetings Mitchink (Topig) Sales of Topig Mothers' Day	\$1,023.00 1,297.96 148.00 <u>726.00</u> \$3,194.96
Expenses	
Luncheon-meetings Mothers' Day	\$535.00 <u>100.00</u> \$635.00

December 31, 1983

Savings Account balance	\$2,008.98
Checking Account balance	\$1,189.53

In 1983 \$5,000.00 was turned over to the Parish Council by the Ladies Aid Society.

	HOKEJASHS			
Log Comilete		Income	Expenses	-
1-5-83		800.00	208.37	
2-22-83		715.00	134.22	2
3-30-83		325.00	102.41	
4-15-83		520.00	143.45	
6-27-83		840.00	192.03	
6-30-83	obreuf	750.00	139.50	
8-13-83		66.76	23.08	
10-3-83		400 00	87.81	
10-14-83		560.00	98.31	
12-2-83		420.00	101.00	
Miscel.		oral nevel .	112.36	
	ad Lexon	\$5,486.76	\$1,342.54	
December 71	1097	101 000	donated to Obumah	

 December 31, 1983
 (\$4,000 donated to Church

 Balance
 \$4,144.22

 in February, 1984).

Mrs. Mary Gortian, Mrs. Yevkine Chilingerian & Mrs. Lucy Zakian are in charge of the hokejashs.

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Executive Body

Chairman Vice-Chairman Recording Secretary Corresponding Secretary Treasurer Advisors Sonia Hagopian Marie Belluardo Adrienne Riser Rita Khachadourian Florence Kazanjian Bunny Boyajian Grace Soghomonian

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Activities	El cristi
March 16	- "Origins of Christianity" discussion by Very Rev. Zaven Arzoumanian, Ph.D.
April 20	- Elections - Covered Dish Meeting
May 8	- Mother's Day Luncheon - Musical Program
May 18	- Dinner - Social at JT's Place, Haverford
September 21	- Covered Dish Social Meeting
October 19	- Aerobics 'tness Class by three "Y" instructors
October 23	- Bus Trip to Atlantic City to the Playboy Club
November	- Church Bazaar - Guild Members involved in major functions: Claudette Sarian and Elizabeth Berberian as co-chairpersons; Buffet Table co-chaired by Margaret Yacoubian and Laura Zakian; Pastry Table chaired by Marie Belluardo; Craft Table chaired by Jane Hadjinlian; Grocery by Shirley Hajinian; Silent Auction by Margaret Boyajian; and the entire Guild membership participated in many ways to help make the Bazaar a success.
November 6	- Hosted Social Hour for Reception for the Very Rev. Zaven Arzoumanian, Ph.D.
December 4	- Christmas Party at Drexelbrook Luncheon - Dancing with D.J.

Members helped serve at Hokejash throughout the year; devoted much time and effort toward the Bazaar; helped co-ordinate and provide refreshments after the Christmas Pageant and on Christmas Eve; hostesses for social hour after Armenian Christmas services; Memorial Day and Labor Day Picnics are provided with baked pastries, kitchen assistance in food preparation and general over-all help by Guild members.

Hyre Soorp and Mrs. Claudette Sarian were the Guild's honored guests at the Church Women United luncheon in 1983.

The Guild is underwriting the time, labor and costs of publishing the St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian Church Cookbook. The cookbook will contain about 150 favorite Armenian and American recipes and will be published in early 1984. We are hopeful that the books will go on sale by May, 1984.

The guild donated two stainless steel chafing dishes to the Bazaar.

Standing Committees

MembershipGrPublicityScHokejashGrChurch Women UnitedZaLever Brothers TestingRcSunshineMiRound RobinEr

Grace Soghomonian Sonia Hagopian Grace Pakhtigian Zabelle Zartarian Rose Semerjian Millie Barsamian Executive Board

Treasurer's Report

Balance forward cash on hand	glagraonoil -
January 1, 1983	\$1,164.07
Receipts 1983	2,570.81
Disbursements 1983	1,048.63
Turned over to Church 1983*	500.00
Balance January 1, 1984	2,467.34
Checking Account - January 1, 1984	223.94
Savings Account - January 1, 1984	1,853.40
Cash on Hand - January 1, 1984	390.00
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*Please note that an additional sum of \$1,000.00 was turned over to Church in the first week of January, 1984.

ACYOA

Executive Body

Lisa Manookian Jacky Hajinian Dina Kazanjian Cynthia Bosnian Mary Odabashian Marie Hoplamazian Chairman Vice-Chairman Corresponding Secretary Recording Secretary Treasurer Advisor

The combined ACYOA has had a total of 10 executive meetings and 15 general meetings. At present we have 40 members. (Note: In late January or mid-February the ACYOA will divide into two groups - Seniors and Juniors).

The first six months were under the chairmanship of Lisa Kazanjian.

Activities

January: The ACYOA held its second annual Winter Wonderland Dance on January 15, 1983 from 9:00 p.m. to 1.m. Entertainment was provided by the Vosbikian Band and the Pros.

February: Bake sales and other fund raisers were held.

- <u>April</u>: The executive body, then consisting of Lisa Kazanjian, Pam Hajinian and Robert Sarrafian, along with fellow church members attended the first Youth Committee meeting held on April 4. Rehearsals were held for ACYOA Day.
- May: ACYOA held their 37th Annual ACYOA Day on May 15, 1983. The event was organized by Vice-Chairman, Lucy Ashekian. Members of the year was awarded to Lisa Kazanjian.
- June: Elections were held for the new officers.
- July: The new executive body met for the first time on July 1, 1983 to discuss plans for the coming year.
- August: ACYOA was represented by Lisa Manookian and Lisa Kazanjian at the annual ACYOA General Assembly. Sports Weekend held at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel in Toronto, Ontario, from August 31 to September 5. Present were about

fifty delegates from ACYOA Chapters throughout the Eastern Diocese; ACYOA Central Council; ACYOA Executive Secretary, James Magarian; and His Eminence, the Primate, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian.

September: First general meeting was held on September 11th.

- October: Plans were underway for an ACYOA booth at the annual church bazaar on October 23, we had a very delicious and profitable Hoagie Sale. The ACYOA assisted the Sunday School in preparations for the annual Halloween Night.
- December: ACYOA held their 3rd Annual Winter Wonderland Dance on December 10. Many members participated in the annual Christmas Pageant sponsored by the Sunday School.

Treasurer's Report

Balance forward cash on hand January 1, 1983	\$2,251.26
Receipts 1983	4,828.56
Disbursements 1983	4,851.72
Turned over to Church - 1983	500.00
Balance - January 1, 1984	2,228.10
Checking Account - January 1, 1984	1,030.76
Savings Account - January 1, 1984	1,197.34

ACYOA ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Annual General Assembly of the ACYOA convened in Toronto at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel from Wednesday, August 31 to Friday, September 2, Presiding over the deliberations was the Primate, Archbishop Torkom Manoogoan.

Assembly officers included Arda Nazerian, Chairman; Michael Mousigian, Vice-Chairman; Shake Ajamian and Melanie Barsamian, Secretaries; Michael Yapchaian, Parliamentarian; and Harold Kazanjian, Sergeant-at-Arms. Central Council officers included; Susan Mousigian, Chairman; Melanie Barsamian, Recording Secretary; Vaughn Tatovian, Corresponding Secretary; and Ralph Der Assadourian, Treasurer.

Highlights of the Assembly included a preview of a new A-V Educational program in development on the Armenians in the Holy Land; the Address of the Primate to the Assembly; the Report of the Central Council; the welcome of the host chapter (Toronto ACYOA Seniors) by chapter chairman, Mona Selyan; as well as the general elections, which are as follows:

Nominating Committee (One year terms)

Mark Tatovian (Watertown) Kathy Terzian (Detroit) Ralph Der Assadourian (Evanston)

Auditing Committee (One year terms)

Craig Eranasian Susan Dadekian Cheryl Arslanian (Providence) (Northern New Jersey) (Cleveland)

Central Council (Two year terms)

George Jevarjian Sona Palvetzian Arda Nazerian (Detroit) (Toronto) (Bayside)

Nineteen ACYOA Chapters were represented and participated in the Assembly. They include: Bayside, New York, Lawrence, Massachusetts; Watertown, Massachusetts; Racine, Wisconsin; Palos Heights, Illinois; Boston, Massachusetts; Detroit, Michigan; Montreal, Quebec, Canada; Providence, Rhode Island; Toronto, Ontario, Canada; Lowell, Massachusetts; Evanston, Illinois; Worcestor, Massachusetts; Northern New Jersey; St. Catherines, Ontario, Canada; Cleveland, Ohio; Washington, D.C.; Cheltenham, Pennsylvania; and of course, Mynnewood, Pennsylvania.

Also, eight clergymen of the Diocese were present: These included: Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian of Houston; Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian of Racine; Rev. Fr. Yeprem Kelegian of Hartford; Descon Michael Chevian of the St. Nersess Seminary; and Very Rev. Fr. Noubar Manoogian.

Completing their terms in office as ACYOA Central Council members were Ralph Der Assadourian and Susan Mousigian. Both gave many hours of personal time in executing the responsibilities and duties of Council members, and were thanked by the assembled delegates.

Proposals accepted by the Assembly included:

- 1) That religious programming be included in Sports Weekend itenerary.
- 2) That the ACYOA Mission Program be again re-instituted with the assistance of the St. Nersess Armenian Seminary.
- That additional, non-athletic activities be offered during the Archbishop's Tournament.
- That an Armenian Studies Program reunion be formally organized.
- 5) That an academic scholarship be researched and developed for the ACYOA.
- 6) That a revised package plan be instituted for the Sports Weekend as required of the athletic participants.

Next year's General Assembly/Sports Weekend will be hosted by the Palos Heights ACYOA.thirty miles south of Chicago - one of the nicest and friendliest Armenian communities this side of Mount Ararat. It will be held at the Alsip Holiday Inn from August 29 to September 3. So far all you people out there with Sports Weekend fever join us in taking the HYE road to Palos.

> Lisa Manookian Lisa Kazanjian

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Executive Board

Superintendent Assistant Superintendent Treasurer Advisor

Teachers

Elda Chamberlain John Gulasarian Diane Hadjinlian Jane Hadjinlian Adrienne Hatchikian Riser Blanche Boyajian Margaret Ashekian John Ashekian

Tina Karagulian Pamela Kitabjian Joanne Manawelian

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Assembly Director	
Louis Karagulian	
Treasurer's Report	
Balance 12/31/82 .	\$1,068.21
Balance 1/1/83	1,068.21
Balance 12/31/83	1,272.36
Cash Receipts 1983	2,858.14
Amount donated to Parish Council for Renovation of Small Hall	1,000.00
Cash Disbursements 1983	2,642.49
Balance 12/31/83	1,272.36
Balance 1/1/84 in interest bearing checking account	1,272.36
The following is a list of the Sunday S for the year 1983:	chool activities
January 8 - Armenian Christmas Communio	n & Breakfast
March 31 - Holy Thursday Dinnerdedicate Citizens	d to Senior
April 2 - Easter Communion & Breakfast	ARIAN LAND TO
April 10 - Bake Sale	the state to a state
April 15 - Evening of Spiritual Enlight The Sacraments by Very Rev. Arzoumanian	
April 23 - Bus Trip to Diocese in New Y State Bldg.	ork and Empire
April 30 - Attic Sale	Superintendent
May 1 - Armenian Martyrs' Day Service - to Martyrs at site of tree plan	
June 5 - Sunday School Closing Exercise	s & Luncheon.
September 11 - Pre-Registration at Picn	ic - Prizes
September 18 - Registration and first d School	ay of Sunday

- October 2 Family Communion Day and Breakfast
- October 7 An Evening of Spiritual Enlightenment The Armenian Saints by Very Rev. Dr. Zaven'Arzoumanian
- October 28 Halloween Party & Pizza Night. Movie shown.
- November 6 Lecture. An Overview of the Armenian Church by Adrienne Riser (for grades 7 to 12)
- November 12 Skating Party at Radnor Rolls Rink
- November 20 Project Love. An endeavor by the Sunday School children for making up food and toy baskets for the needy
- December 16 Christmas Party. Grades 9 to 12 at the Kitabjians
- December 24 Christmas Pageant

Our parish Sunday School was selected by the Diocese to participate in the pilot program for the new curriculum. It is currently being implemented in our classes and evaluated by our teachers. Changes will be made in the final curriculum when all parishes participating have sent their evaluations in to the Diocese. The new curriculum is expected to be in use by next fall.

Adrienne H. Riser

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Lords Sustalls	HOLIDAY BAZAAR 1983		
	Income	Expenses	Profit or Loss
Ad Book	\$2,810.00	\$1,079.78	\$1,730.22
Dinner Donations	1,440.00	.00	1,440.00
ACYOA	186.85	50.46	136.39
General Store	3,504.36	2,334.33	1,170.03
YIG Pastry	554.03	.00	554.03
White Elephant	74.65	.00	74.65
Bar	384.70	313.52	71.18
Bingo	17.00	20.00	(3.00)
Buffet	7,745.20	3,437.83	4,307.37
YIG Crafts	453.50	.00	453.50
Silent Auction	592.50	.00	592.50
Main Auction	4,050.00	2,075.10	1,974.90
Video Games	232.54	200.00	32.54
Raffle	1,770.00	1,040.00	730.00
Litchen Sales	399.80	.00	399.80
Rentals	120.00	.00	120.00
Miscellaneous	31.65	232.32	(200.67)
Entertainment	.00	200.00	(200.00)
Maintenance	.00	192.00	(192.00)

\$24,366.78 \$11,175.34 \$13,191.44

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MEN'S CLUB

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Executive Body

James Barikian Manuel Sagherian Haig Geovjian Charles Torosian Charles Garabedian

Receipts

Communion Breakfast Steak Dinner Food and Liquor Sales Raffle Tickets Chairman Co-Chairman Recording Secretary Corresponding Secretary Treasurer

\$	274.50
2	,437.00
	330.00
1	,770.00
\$4	,811.50
4	,267.46
\$	544.04

Debits

Cash on Hand

Agenda

Possible monthly bus trips, steak dinner or beef night.

During 1983 the Men's Club gave \$600.00 to the Parish Council.

THEATRICAL GROUP

Executive Body

Chairman	Hirant Torunian
Vice-Chairman	James Makoulian
Secretary	- Sona Makoulian
Treasurer	Vahe Soghomonian
Director	Noubar Markaridian
Advisor	Janet Soghomonian
Advisor	Shakay Markaridian
Advisor	Araksi Torunian

Statement of Income and Expenses

Balance January 1, 1983

Income

Dues Of Alland	22.00	
Play given for West Chester,	100.00	
New York Community		
Play given for St. Sahag and		
St. Mesrob Armenian Church	802.00	
Interest Earned	59.32	

983.32 \$2,457.20

Expenses

Bk. Charges

Donation to St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian Church

Balance December 31, 1983

16,00 \$2.441.20

500.00 \$1,941.20

\$1,473.88

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The St. Sahag and St. Mesrob basketball team would like to thank the church and its members for its support during the 1982-1983 basketball season. The team also attended a tournament in Detroit and made it to the semi finals. This experience enabled our youth to socialize and compete against other Armenians from Boston, Detroit and New York. The 1983-1984 season also looks promising with a tournament scheduled for March in New York.

The members of the team are:

Sam Arthin Player Rep. and Coach John Grantland Coach Mark Gulasarian Player Gregory Ashekian R Jeff Alvanakian 11 Dikran Asdourian 12 11 Steve Takoushian Suren Pakhtigian 11 Alex Dedeian Ernie Peacock 11 Rich Bazirganian Alex Bazirganian tt Raffi Azadian .. Ken Guveyian (1984-1985 season) INCOME

A Commission of Locitoriand	1983 Actual	1984 Proposed	
RECEIPTS	i has donned and	like to thank	
Dues Plate Youghakin Advance Dues Prior Dues	\$25,349 3,817 3,469 926 3,512	\$30,000 4,200 4,000 00 3,000	
SACRAMENTS		tor Bellbados	
Baptism Hokehankisd Weddings	250 1,760 1,492	500 2,000 2,000	
AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS	anishin a		
ACYOA Choir Ladies Aid Society Young Ladies Guild Men's Club Theatrical Group AFFAIRS	500 1,500 5,000 1.500 600 500	750 1,500 5,000 1,500 1,000 1,000	
Bazaar New Year's Eve Palm Sunday Picnics	13,191 2,618 1,125	15,000 3,000 1,200	
Labor Day Memorial Day	1,600	1,600 1,800	
DONATIONS			
Bequests In Lieu of Flowers Other	9,082 31,842	10,000	
Mer Doon Miscellaneous	1,561 · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	2,000 1,010	

Nepr Instal 200	1983 Actual	1984 Proposed
BUILDING INCOME		
Camp Ground	2,800	5,000
Facility Donations	52,590	55,000
OTHER INCOME		Jenttorial Farmer
General Fund Interest	355	4,000
Permanent Memorial Fund Sales	10,276 568	11,600 750
1,209 1, 500	\$180,147	\$203,560

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EXPENSES

03 Actual 1984 Proposed	1983 Actual	1984 Proposed
SALARIES & BENEFITS		Large Cround
Clergy	\$30,500	\$32,560
Visiting Clergy	454	500
Office Clerical	11,968	12,500
Janitorial Services	17,539	25,000
Employee Benefits	2,242	2,500
OPERATING EXPENSES		Sales
Telephone	1,209	1,500
Stationery	3,083	3,400
Newsletter - postage	4,624	5,000
Contributions to Church Youth Organization	875	15,000
Other (Church candles & Kitchen supplies)	9,157	10,500
ASSESSMENTS		
Diocesan Dues	19,010	20,000
CHURCH BUILDING EXPENSES		
Heat - Electric - Gas	27,782	30,000
Trash - Water - Sewer - Insurance	5,039	5,500
Repairs & Maintenance	7,425	12,000
Other (includes Capital	1,327	7,000
Improvements, taxes &		1,600
fees)		* * 1,000 · · ·
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