

St. Sahag & St. Mesrob Armenian Church
Parish Assembly Minutes
February 23, 1986

The Parish Assembly of the St. Sahag & St. Mesrob Armenian Church was called to order by Parish Council Chairman, Claudette Sarian at 12:30 PM. The opening prayer was offered by The Reverend Patee Metjian. Attending were 128 voting members.

Minutes of the meeting of February 24, 1985 were corrected under the heading of Four Elected to Nominating Committee to read: Nina Stapan, instead of George Stapan. The other names remained the same.

Verification of eligible voters was the first order of business. The Chairman asked if all had signed the registration book in the narthex and received a pink verification card and ballot.

Election of Assembly Officers. George Devletian was elected Chairman of the 1986 Parish Assembly, Sonia Hagopian was elected Secretary.

Election of Parish Council. Additional nomination from the floor was Abraham Abrahamian. Nominations were closed.

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

Election of Auditing Committee. Additional nominations from the floor were Dr. Ara Yeramian, Charles Bulkey and Vahe Soghomonian. Nominations were closed.

All of the nominees present were introduced to the Assembly, after which voting took place. Ballots were counted by Noubar Karagulian, Nina Stapan, and Florence Kazanjian.

Parish Council Report. Claudette Sarian, Chairman of Parish Council, summarized the church's activities for the past year and acknowledged the responsibilities of Bruce Baltaian and the Rentals Committee. A ramp is scheduled for construction on the portico side of the patio. All of the church organizations were thanked for their contributions during the year.

Pastor's Report. The Reverend Patee Metjian read his annual report in which he expressed the parish's spiritual growth through Christian education and specifically of its youth as his priorities. A modernized office, reducing the church mortgage, purchasing a van, re-activating the Endowment Fund Committee and re-assessing dues collections procedures are future objectives.

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1986 Parish Budget. Questions from the floor on line items in the budget were answered by the Treasurer, Zabelle Zarmanian. A motion was made that the proposed budget for capital improvement and maintenance be increased by at least \$5,000 with monies to be raised by raffle. Seconded and defeated. Bob Hagopian suggested that a third column be added to the budget report listing the proposed income and expenses for 1985 beside the actual income and expenses for 1985. A motion was made that total monies received for the ad booklet be indicated in the budget report. Seconded and passed. A motion was made to accept the 1986 proposed budget in the amount of \$223,250. Seconded and passed.

Proposals Submitted by Parish Council.

- #1. In order to provide transportation for Senior Citizens so they may attend church and social activities, as well as to transport youth for Sunday School activities, Armenian School, camping trips and retreats, we propose that the Parish Council be authorized to form a committee to purchase a van.
- #2. In order to facilitate bookkeeping and meet our on-going expenses, we propose that all dues be paid by December 15 of the current year. If these obligations are not met by that date, eligibility to vote at the Annual Parish Assembly will be forfeited. In order for everyone to become familiar with this new ruling, this proposal would not take effect until 1988.
- #3. So that monies can be directed to other important needs of the church and not drain our operating expenses, we propose that Parish Council be authorized to form a Fund-Raising Committee to pay off the loan of Hayatian Hall within three to four years.

Paul Zartarian requested that the date in proposal #2 be changed to December 31 instead of December 15. Each proposal was voted upon and passed.

New Business. Steve Barsamian, representing the Campgrounds Committee, reported that the 8½-acre property was appraised in September, 1985 for \$190,000. He recommended a delay of two years for the property reach its optimum value based upon development of the immediate area. A proposal was made from the floor that the Campgrounds Committee give a detailed report to Parish Council prior to the next Parish Assembly on the feasibility of keeping or selling the property, with suggestions on the disposition of the income if it is sold.

Simon Koumjian recommended that a "Think Tank" Committee be formed to investigate the long range needs of parish members and to implement these needs into reality. The proposal was accepted, with Simon Koumjian as Chairman. Interested church members are to contact the Committee Chairman.

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George Mangigian, reporting for the Armen Ounjian Medical Fund, stated that the balance in the fund is presently \$46,000. Monies are available for any needy family which meets the guidelines for eligibility.

Election results are as follows:

Seven elected to Parish Council

Diane Baker	116
Bruce Baltaian	115
Jack Hajinian	99
Grant Mazmanian	97
Ohannes Meguerian	93
Robert Zakian	91
Guyzak Tomassian	72

Alternates

Tom Torcomian	68
Michael Boornazian	54

Three elected to Nominating Committee

Helen Baker	91
Joe Hoplamazian, Sr.	71
Pamela Kitabjian	68

Alternate (Tie):

Sonya Bulkey	50
Zovig Devletian	50

Three elected to Auditing Committee


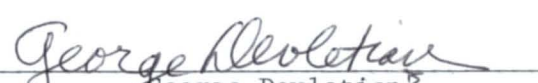
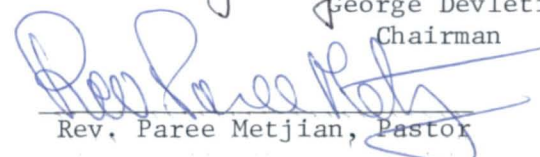
John Eskandarian	113
Diran Shakarjian	94
Edward Kazanjian	84

Alternate:

Dr. Ara Yeramian	32
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A motion was made and passed that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by The Reverend Parea Metjian at 3:00 PM.

 Sonia Hagopian Secretary	 George Devletian Chairman
 Rev. Parea Metjian, Pastor	