

ST.SAHAG AND ST. MESROB ARMENIAN CHURCH

WYNNEWOOD, PA

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1987

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MINUTES

The Parish Assembly of the St. Sahag & St. Mesrob Armenian Church was called to order by Parish Council Chairman, Edward Ounjian at 1:00 PM. The opening prayer was offered by The Reverend Parea Metjian.

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

Election of Assembly Officers: Richard Shakarjian was elected Chairman of the assembly, Lucille Mazmanian was elected as Secretary and George Mangigian was elected Parliamentarian with a voice approval.

The Assembly started with 106 registered members and the Chair declared a quorum thus a dually convened meeting.

The Secretary, Lucille Mazmanian was called to read the minutes of the 1986 Parish Assembly. There were no additions or deletions. Corrections are as follows: Pg. 4 Helen Baker should read Helen Amirian and pg. 6 C Administration and pg. 15 Grace Ashekian did not resign but she was asked to leave as the secretary of the church. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Election of Parish Council No additional nominations were received from the floor. Nominations were closed.

Election of Nominating Committee No additional nominations were received from the floor. Nominations were closed.

Election of Auditing Committee No additional nominations were received from the floor. Nominations were closed.

All of the nominees present were introduced to the Assembly, after which voting took place.

A roll call was done by the Secretary by which each ballot was counted.

ELECTION OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Thereafter, Dearon Mazmanian appointed by the Chair, introduced the nominees for the Parish Council nominating and auditing committees. There ballots were distributed and the voting took place. The appointed committee to count the ballots were Helen Amirian, Grant Mazmanian, Jack Hajinian and Guyzak Tomassian.

PASTOR'S REPORT

The Chairman invited Der Paree to read his report to the Parish Assembly. A few ideas were presented by Der Paree that are needed for our parish: Campus Ministry, Membership Drive, 25th Anniversary Celebration, Public Relations and Development of Human Resources. Der Paree concluded his remarks by saying that God has given us gifts and that we should use these gifts in the community of the church. His message was well received by the Assembly.

Chairman, Richard Shakarjian then proceeded to have each organization give its report and each was reviewed according to the submitted booklet. They are:

- Parish Council
- Women's Guild
- Ladies Aid
- Men's Club
- Rental Committee
- Sunday School
- Choir
- ACYOA, JR.
- ACYOA, SR.

Hayatian Hall Renovation Fund

Richard Peckjian recommended to reduce the Hayatian Hall debit by paying off the outstanding balance with cash funds. This matter was presented to the Parish Council consideration.

Rose Torigian reminded the Parish Council to review and act on proposals and recommendations that were brought up at Parish Assembly to the betterment of the community. This matter is being considered.

The 1986 report of the Organizations were accepted by the Parish Assembly.

Auditors Report

Then Mr. John Eskandarian, Chairman of the Auditing Committee stated that he had audited all of the Organizational Reports, including the Parish Council to be found correct and in order.

The Chairman then invited Mr. Steven P. Barsamian (Esq.) to give the status of the camp grounds. An appraisal was done in 1987 and the figure was around mid \$200,000. There were inquiries concerning this report and new information will be submitted to the Parish Council within 30 to 60 days.

Dr. Simon Simonian made a motion that Norma Tekoushian be added to this committee and the Parish Assembly voted in favor.

The Chairman acknowledged Mr. Steven P. Barsamian (Esq.) for his outstanding contribution to our Parish through his profession and that he is an example for others.

MEMORIAL FUND (ENDOWMENT FUND)

Mr. Steven P. Barsamian (Esq.) was asked to give a report on the Permanent Endowment Fund stating the progress and to solicit support from the members to undertake projects to benefit our Parish through wills and bequests.

The 1987 budget was presented and properly discussed.

Mr. Grant Mazmanian proposed that in 1987 the estimated dues to be realized should be from \$43,427.00 to \$44,795.00 which would make the total \$219,476.00 as a balanced budget. This was voted and approved by the Parish Assembly.

At this time, Chairman, Richard Shakarjian announced the results of the elections as follows:

Six Elected to Parish Council

Claudette Sarian	96
Parsegh (Pete) Seropian	91
Zabelle Zarmanian	80
Bruce Ballard	79
Leon Alyanakian	74
Louis Karagulian	71
Alternatives	
Ara Yeramyian	59
Robert Temoyan	54

Three Elected to Nominating Committee

Richard Shakarjian	83
Edward Kazanjian	65
Lisa Manookian	54

Alternative

Michael Mullian	52
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Three Elected to Auditing Committee

John Eskandarian	97
Diran Sharkarjian	81
Joseph Hoplamanian	64

Alternative

Mary Semerjian Heslip	54
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NEW BUSINESS

The Parish Council submitted the following proposals:

1. Hayatian Hall to be rented to the public with the priority of dates to be given to the members of the church. Considerable discussion took place, the vote was taken and the proposal was defeated.

2. To name the large church hall in memorial to Christopher and Jack Zakian. The Zakian Family wished to donate \$50,000.00 in cash within two years and a \$100,000.00 paid up Life insurance policy with the beneficiary as the church. Considerable discussion took place as to whether this proposal should be discussed at this time. The Chair ruled that it was a proper time to discuss this proposal. Many people spoke against this ruling and there upon the Chair recommended to table this proposal for further consideration. The motion to table this proposal was unanimously passed.

Thereafter, George Devletian made the following proposal: To have the Parish Council assemble all of the facts 90 days from this Assembly (February 22, 1987) and to send this information to the all parishioners of our church for them to review one month before a special Parish Assembly takes place to review the naming of the large church hall. This proposal was seconded and passed unanimously.

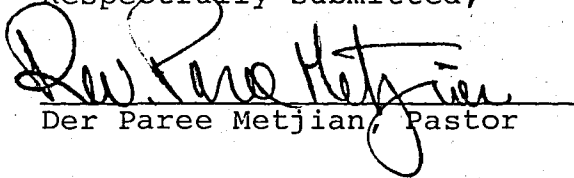
Thereafter, Der Paree was called upon to make his closing remarks. He stated his desire to see a harmonious and united parish. Futhermore, he added the realization of many resources and challenged everyone to put his gifts into good use within the Church community.

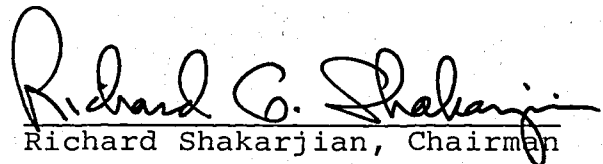
Der Paree thanked Richard Shakarjian for his talents of leading the Assembly and also Lucille Mazmanian for her being a capable recording secretary.

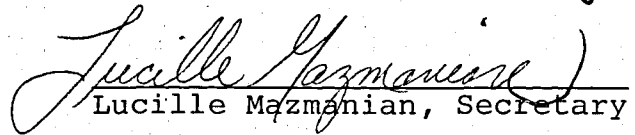
Last, but not least, Der Paree thanked the church members for their participation and patience.

With Der Paree's benediction the Assembly ended by 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Der Paree Metjian, Pastor


Richard Shakarjian, Chairman


Lucille Mazmanian, Secretary