

December 1987

ST. SAHAG AND ST. MESROB ARMENIAN CHURCH

FEASIBILITY COMMITTEE

PROGRESS REPORT

The Parish Assembly convened in 1985 and passed a resolution that a "THINK TANK" Committee be formed. The stated purpose was to look into the feasibility of future uses of the church properties and to submit recommendations.

Furthermore, Simon Koumjian was asked to chair the above committee. With the approval of the Parish Council, the following were made members of the Committee:

Rev. Parea Metjian, President
Simon Koumjian, Chairman
Marcus Mamourian, Secretary
Rose Tourigian
Michael Gortian
Ash Melikian
John Sarian, Advisors

The above Committee met five times and considered two projects. One was an appeal to reduce the Hayatian Hall mortgage and the second was to assess the future growth potential- both physical and human needs.

In order to reduce Hayatian Hall indebtedness, the Committee decided to conduct a fund-raising, by letter, campaign. A letter was sent to all church members and a total of \$5,000.00 was raised which was applied to the reduction of the mortgage. The Committee discontinued the effort of raising extra funds, pending the sale of the campgrounds.

The "THINK TANK" Committee's key objective was to help the church grow in every possible way. As such, through various discussions, evaluate parish financial resources, liabilities, human needs and various assets.

The option presented as physical and human growth needs submitted in this report are ideas that our church must set as goals for the future. The Committee believes that the Parish Assembly must study and evaluate the proposed options, sponsor growth forums and focus on the future needs of our community. It is intended to promote healthy and useful discussions among members and possible action whenever the Parish Council deems it necessary

FEASIBILITY COMMITTEE PROGRESS REPORT

OPTION I Maintain the physical structure and continue to make needed improvements for the use of the community.

The Feasibility Committee studied the current property needs and arrived at the conclusion that the church complex needs ongoing repairs, renovations, and upgrading of facilities. The following list is submitted for your consideration:

Parking - lighting	\$ 20,000.00	
Driveway	15,000.00	
Canopy	10,000.00	
Lobby - bathrooms	10,000.00	
Stage - kitchen	50,000.00	
Building exterior	25,000.00	
Landscaping, tree removal	<u>20,000.00</u>	
	\$150,000.00	includes fees where applicable

- Funding:
1. Outright contributions
 2. Parish funds
 3. Items that are memorials

The Committee recommends that the Parish Assembly undertake this project within five years.

OPTION II The Feasibility Committee looked into the possibility of additional structures at the present site such as; a Parish House, Retirement Community for the elderly, Youth Center.

The Feasibility Committee looked into the project carefully. Our church grounds present us with enormous possibilities for growth. Option II needs further and thorough studies and careful research.

OPTION III The Feasibility Committee looked into the possibility of selling the present property and relocating at a more suitable site whereby a Church Community Center/Classrooms could be part of a Phase I program and Phase II could consist of building a Retirement Home or Youth Center - all on a modest scale.

The Committee realizes the ambitious nature of this project. It has many attractive features - creating a lasting legacy, community support and morale. Furthermore, this potential may be utilized better if Option II does not materialize because of zoning ordinances.

The Feasibility Committee needs to study Option III and submit a more detailed report at a special Parish Assembly.

OPTION IV The Feasibility Committee pondered a venture whereby the community look into a parcel of land and invest financial resources for future expansion or investment. If conditions and terms are created whereby within the foreseeable future we are able to sell the present property and move to the above location this option will be available to us.

The Feasibility Committee merely looked into this option and has no concrete recommendations at this time.

FEASIBILITY COMMITTEE PROGRESS REPORT ON HUMAN NEEDS
WITHIN OUR PARISH

In addition to the physical growth needs as recommended the "THINK TANK" Committee assessed the human needs within our parish. The following are recommended for consideration.

A. For the Youth of the Parish

1. Funds be available for the youth who desire to become clergy and serve the Armenian Church
2. Provide scholarship for the youth majoring in Armenian studies
3. Musical scholarship for future organist, choir director, etc.
4. Partial scholarship to the youth to visit Armenia

B. For the Older Members

1. Provide transportation for church and social functions
2. Assist financially whenever needed (housing, medical) for older members
3. Within an established Old Age Home, purchase a unit to accommodate deserving elder members

FINANCIAL GOAL \$300,000.00 over five years

FUNDING i) Outright contributions
 ii) Wills and Bequests
 iii) Special Appeals
 iv) Parish Funds

These are partial human needs that the Think Tank Committee feels must be addressed. A Special Human Need Committee appointed by the Parish Council upon approval of the Parish Assembly.