

ST. SAHAG AND ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

PARISH ASSEMBLY MINUTES

February 23, 1992

The Annual Parish Assembly was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by George Mangigian, Parish Council Chairman, and opened with prayer from The Rev. Dr. Patee Metjian, Pastor and President of the Assembly.

There were 81 eligible voters when the meeting began. The number was reduced to 79 when voting took place.

The chairman welcomed those in attendance and then asked for nominations for Assembly Chairman and Secretary. By a voice vote, George Devletian was elected Chairman, and Betty Boyajian, Secretary. The meeting was then turned over to the Assembly Chairman.

Richard Shakarjian was elected Parliamentarian for the meeting.

The Minutes of the 1991 Assembly had been circulated in advance. There were no changes or additions, and the Minutes were approved.

Report of the Nominating Committee. The ballot, as presented, was incomplete. According to the By-Laws, a minimum number of names is required for each position. A motion was made that the composition of the Parish Council be reduced from 13 to 9. The motion was seconded. Discussion followed. The Parliamentarian said it was a valid motion. However, nominations were accepted from the floor to fill the ballot, and action was not taken on the motion.

Additional names for Parish Council were: David Nalbantian, Alicia Dakerian Craig, Ohannes Meguerian and Noubar Igidbashian;

For Diocesan Delegate: Ohannes Meguerian;

For Nominating Committee: Louis Karagulian, Harry Arakelian and Karnig Torossian.

The minimum number of candidates had been obtained for the Auditing Committee.

All candidates present were invited to come forward, and were introduced to the Assembly.

While a revised ballot was being prepared, Der Patee reviewed his report for 1991

Upon the completion of the Pastor's Report, there was discussion regarding the validity of a ballot if fewer than the required number were marked by an individual for a position. The Parliamentarian stated that such a ballot was in order. However, if an individual marked more than the required number, the ballot would not be counted. To make it official, a motion was made that a person may vote for the number of persons he chooses to vote for up to the maximum allowed. The motion was seconded and, by a show of hands, approved.

Reports of Parish Council and other Church Organizations. Members of the Assembly were invited to ask questions or make comments as reports were reviewed.

A question was raised regarding the "Unity Committee Report" on page 23 of the 1991 Annual Report. Louis Karagulian, Diocesan Delegate, responded that "Unity" is at a standstill because the Diocesan Unity Committee and the Prelacy Unity Committee cannot come to an agreement over implementation of the By-Laws for a re-unified Eastern Diocese.

Adoption of the 1992 Budget. It was recommended that the estimated amount for payroll taxes be removed from the \$29,000.00 figure for administration/office, and made a separate line item. This will be done in the actual budget for 1992.

Re: the 1991 Budget. It was explained that monies from several church organizations were not disbursed until calendar year 1992. That is why no income is reported in the actual budget for 1991.

The increased figure for Young Couples Fellowship in 1992 reflects anticipated income from a Rug Sale to take place in the Fall of 1992.

Motion was made to adopt the proposed budget for 1992, in the amount of \$290,600.00, which had been reviewed and accepted at the Pre-Parish Assembly. Seconded and passed.

New Business. Proposal by the Parish Council to the Parish Assembly, (Appendix I), to air condition the Sanctuary.

Simon Koumjian briefly explained that the bids received took into consideration the use of existing equipment and ducts where feasible, and replacing where necessary. Two areas in the Sanctuary would be zoned, as well as the Narthex. The Balcony is not included in the Proposal.

Four (4) bids were requested. Three replied. They ranged from \$43,408.00 to \$74,000.00. The low bid did not include some of the general construction work in the plans. The second bid of \$58,420.00 was recommended.

It was estimated that the air-conditioning in the Sanctuary would be used approximately a total of 75 hours during the 4 summer months, at a cost of \$3.20 per hour. At present rates, this would increase our total electric bill for those four months by about \$250.00.

Members of the Parish Council are in favor of air-conditioning the Sanctuary.

The Proposal was opened for discussion, limited to a maximum of 4 persons opposing the project and 4 in favor of it. The Treasurer explained that the financing of the project would not come from the church's General Fund, but rather through a loan or special fund-raising. Therefore, none of the on-going needs of the church would be affected by the additional expense.

The options on the ballot were discussed, and it was agreed that Options 1 & 2 should be combined, as one, if approved, and have the Parish Council move accordingly, since the price quoted would probably not be valid if it took a length of time to raise the funds. A motion was made and sec-

ended to approve a combined option. The motion carried.

Voting was done by a closed ballot.

While votes were being counted, it was announced that the church now has a Federal I.D. number, which should be used by any individual or organization which has or opens an account in the name of the church. This is in addition to the State I.D. number, which is used for tax-exempt purposes.

A request was made that adequate night lighting be installed at the back entrance to the church driveway. It was agreed that this should be done.

Results of the Air-Conditioning Proposal: Passed - 45 in favor, 20 opposed.

John Eskandarian reported that the Auditing Committee has yet to review the books of the Permanent Endowment Fund. Recommendations for book-keeping procedures have been sent to all sub-organizations. In its report to the Parish Council, the Auditing Committee will propose a new system of record-keeping for Memorial Hall; holding Finley Caterers more accountable. It was not required for the past year, because most of the rentals had been confirmed before a contract was signed with Finley.

Permanent Endowment Fund report (Appendix II) was circulated at the meeting. In response to a question regarding a better return for the money invested, it was explained that only the original principal holdings of approximately \$131,000 could be moved around. It was also noted that with a \$50,000 bequest from the estate of Nigohos Boyadjian, which was received early this year, the PEF holdings are now at \$851,458.39, approximately \$150,000.00 short of its \$1,000,000.00 goal.

Election Results:

PARISH COUNCIL

(7 elected)

George Arpajian	(60)	Karnig Torossian	(47)
Noubar Karagulian	(57)	Zabelle Zarmanian	(46)
Lisa Manookian	(54)	Hrant Trounyan	(43)
Noubar Igidbashian		(41)	

Alternates: Ohannes Meguerian (39); Alicia Dakerian Craig (38)
David Nalbantian (38); Vicken Evereklian (31);
Eleanor Hachadorian (16)

DIOCESAN DELEGATES

(4 elected)

George Devletian	(65)	Dearon Mazmanian	(39)
George Mangigian	(42)	Papken Megerian	(38)

Alternates: Louis Karagulian (32); Helen Parseghian (29);
Lisa Manookian (27); Ohannes Meguerian (26)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

(4 elected)

Betty Boyajian (66) Vartan Igidbashian (35)
 Edward Boyajian (41) Harry Arakelian (35)
 Alternates: Louis Karagulian (27); Karnig Torossian (23)

AUDITING COMMITTEE

(3 elected)

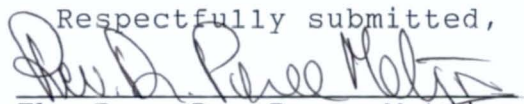
John Eskandarian (64) Daniel C. Takoushian (44)
 Ohannes Meguerian (35)
 Alternates: Rose Hagopian (31); David Nalbantian (29);
 Grant Mazmanian (27)

The Chair then turned the meeting over to Der Paree, who thanked all who served in specific capacities during the past year, including the out-going members of Parish Council.

He made special mention that in the evening, Hagop Kitabjian would be the honoree at the Inter-Communal program at the Armenian Martyrs Congregational Church. Hagop was being recognized for his many years of service with the Inter-Communal Association, and the local Armenian Community in general.

The meeting was closed with prayer, and adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


 The Rev. Dr. Paree Metjian
 Pastor and Assembly President


 George Devletian
 Assembly Chairman


 Elizabeth A. Boyajian
 Assembly Secretary