

General Membership Meeting  
January 21, 1968

Parish Council Secretary's Report

January-February-March

During this period, the Parish Council held five meetings, one Joint-Executive Meeting, and sponsored one Dinner, (Armenian Christmas). We worked out the final details for the purchase of a home for our Der Hayr, and made plans to remodel the Sunday School.

Deacon Kasparian visited us and together we planned for the ACYOA Mission, which took place later in the year. He also acquainted us with the ACYOA Retreat, which was held at Happy Valley in Maryland, and we made plans to send our children there for the weekend.

April-May-June

We held five meetings, an Easter Hantess, and three dinners (Der Boghos' Testimonial) Mothers Day, And Martyrs Day). We met with the Martyrs Day Committee, and decided, on Der Arsen's suggestion, to <sup>MOUNT</sup> hang a marble plaque on the wall in the vestibule of our Church, in memory of our Martyrs.

We also met with the Sunday School Teachers and Parents to discuss their problems and agreed to have a stairway erected as a fire exit from the second floor rear.

July-August-September

Three meetings, one picnic, and the State Fair made up this quarter. During this period we were visited by the ACYOA Mission Group, with whom we also met.

Our State Fair project once again was a great success, thanks to everyone who worked. Of the profits, it was decided to set aside \$500.00 for some needed remodeling.

October-November-December

During this last period we held five meetings and two dinners (Anniversary and St. James Day)

It seemed as though we discussed finances every time

we met. Our income just is not covering our expenses. Each year we borrow from our savings account to make ends meet. The Church and Hall are in need of painting. We were fortunate to have Garbis Alexanian volunteer to paint our Hall for us, but it's going to cost \$1000.00 to paint the Church, and we don't know where the money is going to come from. True, the pledge collections have increased over the past years, because many members increased their pledges, but some members are still giving what they did five or even ten years ago. Whether you've increased your pledge or not, your Parish Council appeals to you to please reconsider what you are now giving to your Church. Here is a rundown on how our weekly pledges are.

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|----|---------|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| 2  | Members | giving | \$4.00    | per    | week.     |
| 6  | "       | "      | 3.00      | "      | "         |
| 7  | "       | "      | 2.00      | "      | "         |
| 5  | "       | "      | 1.50      | "      | "         |
| 31 | "       | "      | 1.00      | "      | "         |
| 26 | "       | "      | less than | \$1.00 | per week. |

Respectfully submitted,

Gerry Sharigian, Secretary