

January 19, 1969

The General Membership meeting of the St. James Armenian Church was called to order by Dr. Jack Garian. He then called upon Der Arsen Barsamian who opened the meeting with a prayer. Dr. Garian called for nominations for officers of the day. John Barenian was elected chairman and Mary Shahinian, secretary.

Vahe Garabedian, secretary of the Parish Council, then took roll call, and it was determined that 39 dues paying members were present. The 1968 Annual Report minutes were read and approved.

Der Arsen gave the Pastor's report for the year. He told of working with the different groups, visiting the sick and working and teaching three boys to become Sargavaks. He thanked Der Hayr Maneukian for taking over his duties in his absences, while on vacation and going to serve the Washington Church.

The report of the Parish Council was read by Vahe Garabedian. A Pastor's and Parish Council reports are enclosed with the mailed form. All church organizations gave their reports.

The treasurer's report of the 1968 Financial Statement and the 1969 Proposed Budget was given. There was a lengthy discussion on the Proposed Budget concerning the Secretary's salary. Vahe Garabedian read the minutes of the last trustee meeting concerning hiring a part-time secretary on a trial basis. A motion was proposed by Kachig Dedeian to accept the 1969 Budget report. The proposal was defeated by a vote of 22 against and 11 in favor. The treasurer presented a new Budget without the secretary's salary and this new Budget was accepted.

#### DIOCESAN DELEGATE

Nominated Delegates and Election results

Dr. George Vranian	25
✓ Der Beghas Maneukian *	<u>24</u>
Charles Dedeian	19
Alice Dedeian	11
Sam Barenian	7

\* A question arose whether Der Beghas Maneukian could represent the community as a lay representative since he is a clergy. If the Primate accepts there is no problem, otherwise Charles Dedeian will be the other delegate.

#### PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

Election results of new members to the Parish Council:

Barkev Barenian, Gerry Sharigian, Dr. Jack Garian and George Anusbigian.

Four persons were needed to fill the places of the four outgoing Parish Council members. The Parish assembly elected by unanimous voice the above mentioned four men.

There was no old business.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. E. Baronian made a suggestion to sound-proof the church hall. Dr. George Vranian made a motion that the Parish Council take on this project. The motion was seconded and passed by a vote of 33 in favor and 2 against.

Dr. George Vranian proposed that the members of the old building committee, with the addition of Mrs. Elizabeth Baronian, be reactivated. This committee will investigate the possibilities of enlarging the kitchen and also that the cost of such a project be a joint project of our two Ladies Aid organizations. The proposal was accepted by all.

A motion made by Gerry Sharigian to adjourn the meeting and seconded by William Darhanian was passed. The meeting ended with a closing prayer.