

St. James Armenian Church
834 Pepper Avenue
Richmond, Virginia

General Membership Meeting -----January 24, 1971

The General Membership Meeting of St. James Armenian Church was called order by the chairman, Mr. Nebe Boyajian who then called upon Der Arsen for the opening prayer. Nominations were made from the floor for officers of the day. Mr. John Baronian and Mrs. Virginia Greene were elected chairman and secretary, respectively.

The minutes of the 1970 General Membership Meeting were read by Mrs. Virginia Greene and were approved by Katchig Dedeian and seconded by Elizabeth Baronian.

A roll call was taken and then announced that 36 members were present.

Der Arsen gave his annual report on his pastoral duties of the past year. His work included attending the Diocesan Assembly, training young boys for altar deacons and also training them for the reading of the Scriptures. He held services at local hospitals, YWCA, the Lebanese Church and exchanged services with Washington, DC; performed weddings, baptisms and funerals and also visiting sick. His work consisted editing the Sevan, our local newsletter, took charge of all local newspaper articles and the Sunday School program.

A motion was made by Mrs. Elizabeth Baronian that a special Christmas and Easter Yughakin envelope be included in our weekly pledge envelopes and also another envelope for the same purpose be included in the Christmas and Easter Sevan issues.

Barkev Baronian gave his treasurers report on the financial statement for 1970 and a proposed budget for 1971. A suggestion was made to include an envelope marked with the amount of \$10.00 for our Diocesan Dues to also be inserted in our pledge envelopes since members have been neglecting to pay these dues in the past.

John Baronian, chairman of the day, asked that the 1971 budget be accepted. Gerry Shafigian made a motion to accept the budget seconded by Dianne Greene and unanimously voted upon..

A round of applause and credit was given to Dr. Jack Garian for the tremendous work involved in organizing and supervising the work at our State Fair Booth.

Reports were given by the following for the various church organizations; Mrs. Mary Kricorian, chairman of the Ladies Aid who also presented a check for \$1000.00 to the Parish Council; Mrs. Nectar Kenterjian, secretary of the Ladies Aid who in turn gave a secretarial report; Joseph Lachowski, chairman of the ACYOA Srs. listed their various activities and also announced that 100 new Divine Liturgy books were purchased; John Baronian, superintendent of the Sunday School mentioned that new books were purchased for the Sunday School.

Nebe Boyajian, Parish Council chairman gave his report on the past activities for the 1970 year.

Dr. Jack Garian, chairman of the Nominating Committee, named the new slate of officers consisting of William Darhanian, Joe Lachowski, Peter Greene, Sam Baronian and Gilbert Eretzian. The slate for the Auditing committee were Barkev Baronian, Dr. George Vranian and Vahe Garabedian.

Gerry Sharigian made a motion to close the nominations and to accept the slate as read and seconded by George Anusbigian. It was a unanimous vote.

Harry Darhanian closed the nominations for the Auditing Committee and again the slate was accepted as read and all voted unanimously.

Since there was no old business to be discussed, Peter Greene, chairman of the Building Committee gave a report on the progress of the building. He explained the layout of the plans which include rooms above and a recreation hall downstairs. The members of the building committee are Mr. Nick Baronian, Katchi Dedeian, Dr. Jack Garian, Gerry Sharigian, Peter Greene and Dr. George Vranian. The architect selected is Brooks and Womack and was approved by the members to proceed with building plans with \$50,000 or thereabouts being the amount agreed upon.

A request was made by Dianne Greene to require trustees to name liason officers for each organization.

A motion was made by Harry Darhanian that the meeting be adjourned and was seconded by all.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Der Hayr.