

General Membership Meeting - Sunday, February 4, 1973

The General Membership Meeting of St. James Armenian Church, Richmond, Virginia was called to order by the chairman of the 1972 Parish Assemblies, Mr. John Baronian. He called upon Der Hayr to give the opening prayer. Nominations were made from the floor for officers of the day. Mr. John Baronian was ~~re~~ elected chairman and Mr. Noubar Boyajian, secretary.

The minutes of the 1972 General Membership Assembly was read by Mrs. Virginia Greene, the secretary of the 1972 Assembly. They were approved as read.

A roll call taken in which ~~54~~ dues paying members were present.

Chairman-of-the-Day, Mr. John Baronian, read the name of nominees to the Parish Council. They were John Ashjian, Barkev Baronian, Noubar Boyajian, Charles Dedejian and Robert Magarian. Mr. Sam Baronian made a motion to accept all nominees as trustees. Mr. Charles Dedejian seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Nick Baronian inquired whether Yeretsgin Barsamian was eligible to vote. It was determined that she was a member but not a voting member since there is no record of her dues payment.

Peter Greene, Chairman of the nominating committee, said that there was not any names submitted for the Diocesan Delegate. The committee felt that names should be submitted from the floor. Mrs. Nick Baronian suggested the Parish Council select a delegate. The Majority was not in favor of this suggestion. Mrs. Nick Baronian was nominated by Dr. Jack Garian and seconded by Mr. Peter Greene. Mr. Joseph Lachowski was nominated by Yeretsgin Manoukian and seconded by Mr. Gerry Sharigian. Mrs. Nick Baronian carried the majority vote for the Diocesan Delegate office and Mr. Joseph Lachowski as her alternate.

Election of the Auditing Committee for 1973 was held. The out-going members of the Parish Council were named and elected. They were Mr. Sam Baronian, Mr. William Darhanian, Mr. Gilbert Eretzian, Mr. Peter Greene and Mr. Joseph Lachowski. Mr. Joseph Lachowski made a motion to accept the nominees and Mrs. Nick Baronian seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Peter Greene submitted the names of Dr. Jack Garian, Bedros Bandazian and Gerry Sharigian for the nominating committee during the year of 1973. The vote was unanimous.

Der Arsen informed the members of a letter that had been received from the Diocesan Office requesting a vote be taken on the status of the priest. Der Hayr said that was stipulated in the By-laws a vote should be held every five(5) years. He reminded those present that a circular was sent twice informing the membership of this and that it was discussed at a Preliminary Membership Meeting held two weeks earlier. A majority vote of 51 "for" and 3 "against" was given to retain Der Arsen.

Der Hayr gave his Annual Report on his pastoral duties. (The report is enclosed herein) He announced that an Armenian School was started February 3, 1973 for youths between 10-12 and that so far 5 pupils are attending. He stressed that those younger or older wishing to enroll additional teachers would be needed. Der Hayr said there were two items he wished to bring to the members attention. They are, the condition of the inside and outside of the church, which should always be in a presentable state; and that all bills must be paid on time which is one of the reasons for such a heavy schedule.

Reports were given by the following organizations

Choir reported a bank balance of \$137.99

Sunday School - The Superintendent, Mr. Robert Garian said that there were 37 students, 7 teachers. They had 4 events and 3 activities thus far this year. Their bank balance is \$260.20

ACYOA - on behalf of this organization Mr. Joseph Lachowski said that an additional \$1000.00 was being pledged toward the Building Fund to bring their total pledge to \$2000.00. \$1000.00 has already been paid.

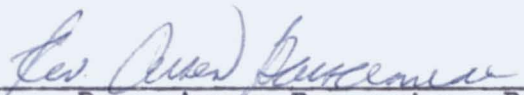
Ladies Aid - Mrs. Mary Kricorian, the chairwoman presented a check of \$1000.00 to the Parish Council from the Ladies Aid. Mrs. Nectan Kantarjian gave a report of the organization's activities and Mrs. Verona Lachowski their treasury report.

The Treasurer of the Parish Council, Mr. Bedros Bandazian, gave the Trustees' Financial Report for 1972 and the Budget proposal for 1973. Copies of these are enclosed with this report.

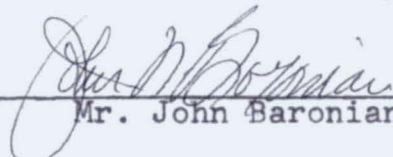
Mrs. Sophie Savadian inquired about the price of the rental of the Church Hall. She was instructed to see a member of the Parish Council

Mr. Noubar Boyajian, treasurer of the Educational Building Fund and gave the following financial report. A balance of \$14,000.00 remains to be paid over a period of 15 years. There is a bank balance of \$2053.68.

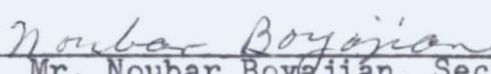
Dr. Jack Garian made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Mrs. Margie Ashjian. Der. Hayr closed the meeting with a prayer.



Rev. Arsen Barsamian, Pastor



Mr. John Baronian, Chairman



Mr. Noubar Boyajian, Secretary