

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING JANUARY 27, 1974

ST JAMES ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

The General Membershpp Meeting of St. James Armenian Church of Richmond, Va. was called to order by the Parish Council chairman, Gerry Sharigian who then called upon Der Hayr for a prayer.

Nominations were open for chairman and secretary for the day. John Baronian and Virginia Greene were elected respectively.

A roll call was taken and 44 members were present.

The minutes of the 1973 assembly were read by Vrginia Greene and were approved as read.

Der Hayr was called upon to give his pastoral report on 1973 activities. Included in his report he thanked various members for their devoted work during the year and specially thanked Robert Garian chairman of the Sunday School and expressed appreciation to all Parish Council members and to Yeretsgeen Araxi Manoukian, all deacons serving at the altar and to chairmans of all organizations. He also brought to the attention of the congregation the work of Mrs. Ann Goff who has volunteered to do the church secretarial work.

Virginia Bandazian suggested on organizing a committee to see why members do not attend membership meetings. She stressed the fact that 1\$ is not enough to be a dues paying member but the need for their presence is urgent. The Parish Council agreed to take this into consideration.

Various committee reports were given by the following

Sunday School: Mr. Robert Garian gave his report on the Sunday School and said that 25 students were enrolled. They are also teaching related arts and crafts and thanked the teachers for their work. He brought to the attention of the members that many of our teachers are also public school teachers which is an asset to us. The Sunday School had participated in many church activities including the Christmas pageant and the Blessing of Water ceremony. Mr. Garian also thanked the visiting out of towners who had made generous contributions to our Sunday School and asked the Parish Council that the Sunday School be included in our church budget.

Mrs. Azniv Emir Khanian/<sup>chairman of ACYOA</sup> gave a report on behalf of the ACYOA mentioning various activities held during the year and told of their future plans. She stated that their building fund pledge was \$2000.00 and that \$1600.00 of that sum had been paid and also that they had sponsored a child in Jarusalem.

Mrs. Nectar Kantarjian gave a report from the Ladies Aid and at this time donated \$500.00. (Report enclosed)

Mrs. Margaret Koustigian that something be done to increase the number of choir members. Mrs. Azniv Amirkhanian, chairman of the ACYOA said that one of their projects was to see what could be done about increasing choir members since many had left to teach Sunday School.

Chairman of the day, John Baronian then presented the names of the outgoing members, they being, Bedros Bandazian, Haig Giragosian, and Gerry Sharigian. The remaining trustees were John Ashjian, Nebe Boyajian, Robert Magarian, Barkev Baronian and Charles Dedeian.

The nominees for the new slate of officers were William Darhanian Vahe Garabedian, Peter Greene, Dr. Murad Kerneklian and Movses Tashjian.

Elections were held and the following were elected to the Parish Council: Vahe Garabedian, Peter Greene, Dr. Murad Kerneklian and Movses Tashjian.

In the past it had been the practice that nominating committee members be those parish council members whose term would expire in 1974. A motion was made by Mr. Nick Baronian and seconded by Mr. Harry Darhanian that this slate be elected. The vote was unanimous. Thusly, the nominating committee members are John Ashjian, Nebe Boyajian, Barkev Baronian, Charles Dedeian and Robert Magarian.


Auditing committee nominees were Geery Sharigian, Haig Giragosian, and Bedros Bandazian. Charles Evranian made a motion to elect this slate and seconded by Charles Dedeian. The vote was unanimous.


Bedros Bandazian, treasurer gave his report and stressed the fact that we are in dire need of funds. He urged every member to try and increase their pledges as funds were borrowed from the building fund treasury that were needed to operate the church.

Nebe Boyajian, treasurer of the building fund gave his report and also mentioned that even though donations were posted on the building fund plaque, donations still could be increased. It was made clear that those persons who had not fulfilled their pledges had until June of 1974 to do so.

There being no further business, Harry Darhanian made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Charles Dedeian.

  
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Rev. Arsen Barsamian, Pastor

  
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John Baronian, Chairman

  
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Virginia Greene, Secretary