

St. James Armenian Church—Richmond, Virginia
Annual Report by Parish Council Chairman

The Parish Council had 16 meetings during the year and one joint executive meeting with the other church organization. During our Council meetings we discussed the following.

1. The rental of the Parking Lot to Temple Beth Israel.
2. Financial problems of the Armenian School at which time correspondence was sent to the AGBU.
3. Attempts to form a committee for a membership drive.
4. Discussions on coming events such as the Easter Hantes, Fathers Day Picnic, Boys Club Festival, State Fair, Bazaar and St. James Day.
5. Endowment Fund—Discussions as to what should go into the Fund and what monies should not.
6. Diocesan Assembly—Agreeing to send delegates and Parish Priest.
7. Organization of the I A N Club headed by Bedros Bandazian. Meetings were held periodically during the year.
8. Planning of painting of the church and also of resurfacing parking lot.
9. Discussions on maintenance and care of church as to broken windows, new sign for church, furnace repairs, etc.
10. Attempting to form a Sports club for our young teenagers but apparently not enough interest was shown from our youth.
11. Decisions about plaxques for stained glass windows.
12. Der Hayr's increment—One Increment covers three years of service. Der Hayr has 18 years of service and is entitled to 6 increments, none of which have been paid.
13. Replacement of Parish Council member upon resignation of Jack Tootelian and also secured replacement for member of Endowment Fund.
14. Special meeting was called in regards to the purchase of a home adjacent to our church property. We find now that the home is not for sale.
15. Three main functions were held during the year—The Boys Club chairmaned by Harry Tatian; The State Fair - Gerry Sharigian, chairman; and Virginia Greene and Ruth Sharigian, chairmans for the Food Festival with the Country Store being chaired by Stella Bandazian and Dianne Velegris. We thank them all and also to their committees.

On behalf of the Parish Council, I wish to thank all those who have worked so very hard during the year for the various events. I also thank all the Parish Council members who have faithfully devoted their time and efforts for the betterment of the Church..

January 28, 1979

Peter Greene
Chairman—Parish Council

