

ST. JAMES ARMENIAN CHURCH

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

The General Membership meeting of the St. James Armenian Church of Richmond, Virginia was called to order by Parish Council Chairman, Peter S. Greene at 12:50 p.m.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Der Hayr and the minutes of the 1978 meeting were read and approved. From 70 eligible members (e.i. paying dues of \$65 or more) 35 were present.

Nominations were opened for Chairman and Secretary of the day. Charles Dedeian and Virginia D. Bandazian were elected respectively.

The Chairman then called on Der Hayr and the following organizations for their reports:

Der Hayr read his Pastoral Report in which he told us of his activities and other duties performed throughout the year. (See enclosed report.)

A.C.Y.O.A.: Krikor Boyajian, Chairman reported that the Juniors and Seniors were undergoing reorganization. They have a combined amount of \$1,051.63 in their bank account.

Sunday School: Roxie Krikorian, Superintendent - No report.

Choir: Susan Eramian reported the need for new members. It was reported that they have \$171.30 in their treasury.

Women's Guild: Chairman, Virginia Greene reported activities of group and thanked all who gave their aid to all projects. 100 chairs were purchased for church hall. The Women's Guild has made a trip to Washington to meet with the Women's Guild of St. Mary's Church and also had a trip to the Virginia Museum in Richmond. Other activities included the Boy's Club International Food Festival, the State Fair, Easter Hantes and Tupperware and Bingo parties. Treasurer, Stella Bandazian reported that after giving the Parish Council a check for \$5,500.00 they still have \$328 in their checking account.

Parish Council Report - Chairman, Peter Greene explained about Der Hayr's increment and also told about their work in 1978. (See enclosed report.)

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Armenian School: Bedros Bandazian reported that a class of younger children was added and adult class eliminated. The A.G.B.U. has been approached for financial aid.

State Fair: Gerry Sharigian reported that our status for next year is not definite at this time. All bills have been paid and we had \$6,000 income.

Endowment Fund: Der Hayr reported \$320.00 in Savings and \$30,720.53 in certificates as of January 28, 1979.

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Treasurer's Report: Report was read by Joe Lachowski and motion was made and seconded to accept financial report and proposed budget as presented.

The election of new Parish Council was next and since nominating committee was unsuccessful in preparing a slate - four persons were nominated from the floor and accepted unanimously by members. The new Parish Council members are: Alice Darhanian, Charles Dedeian, Linda Sharigian and Gerry Sharigian.

Discussion was had as to how we can bring in more people to help us in the work of the church. Der Hayr recommended a membership committee. It was also suggested that members try to increase their dues. Henry Magarian suggested a secretary was needed to assist Der Hayr and Virginia Dedeian volunteered for this job.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Der Hayr closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia D. Bandazian
(Mrs.) Virginia D. Bandazian

VDB/dgv

Rev. Arsen Barsamian

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President

Charles Dedeian

Mr. Charles Dedeian
Chairman