

ST. JAMES ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

The General Membership Meeting of St. James Armenian Church of Richmond, Va. was called to order by the chairman Katchi Dedeian at 12:30 p.m. in the church hall.

Der Arsen Barsamian opened the meeting with a prayer after which time there was a roll call of 38 members present.

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

Minutes of the 1978 Membership meeting was read by Mrs. Virginia Bandazian and were approved as read. Also read were minutes of a second membership meeting held because of the absence of balloting at the previous meeting.

The chairman, Barkev Baronian, then called upon Der Hayr for his pastoral report. Der Hayr reported on his activities and accomplishments during the year.

The following other reports were read:

Parish Council by Katchi Dedeian, chairman, reported of having 9 Parish Council meetings and one joint executive membership meeting and mentioned various activities and problems confronted by the Parish Council.

Virginia Bandazian, chairman of the Womens Guild gave her report of functions held by the Womens Guild and also mentioned a membership of 49 members who had worked hard throughout the year. Included in their achievements were providing dance costumes for the dance group, purchasing tables for the church hall, etc. She then presented a check for \$5000.00 to the Parish Council.

An ACYOA report was given by Lucy Ann Barsamian who also mentioned yearly functions such as a spaghetti supper, halloween party, bingo and reported a membership of 18 members. A check for \$900.00 was then turned over to the Parish Council.

Roxie Kricorian reported on the Sunday School who has an enrollment of 20 children. She mentioned the fact that the Sunday School was self supporting and then reported the yearly activities.

Armenian School report was given by Zakar Yayla. The school consists of 28 students and has 5 teachers and 5 classes.

Harry Tatian reported on the International Boys Club Festival and stressed the importance of the cooperation of the entire community during the festival.

Endowment Fund report was given by Peter Greene who stated that there was a balance of \$30,638.11 in the fund.

There were no reports from the Choir, State Fair or the Bazaar but the funds from these functions had already been turned in to either the Parish Council or the Womens Guild.

The next business of the day was the election of officers. The nominees for Parish Council was presented, they being, Nerses Berberian, John Giragosian, Barkev Baronian, Harry Tatian. Nominated from the floor was Peter Okhanes whose name was added to the slate.

After tabulations the following were elected to the Parish Council:

Nerses Berberian, Barkev Baronian, and Harry Tatian with John Giragosian as first alternate and Bedros Okhanes as second alternate. Because of a tie vote, the membership voted for the second time.

The following names were presented for the slate of the Auditing Committee: John Ashjian, Bedros Bandazian, Dale Baronian, Peter Greene, Zakar Yayla. Those elected were John Ashjian, Dale Baronian and Zakar Yayla.

The slate for the Nominating Committee was as follows: Bedros Okhanes, Roxie Kricorian, Margaret Boyajian, Alice Darhanian, Henry Magarian, Robert Magarian. Again a tie vote was cast with the membership voting again. Those elected were Bedros Okhanes, Roxie Kricorian and Margaret Boyajian.

The proposed budget was discussed. A motion was made by Bedros Bandazian and seconded by Liz Baronian to raise dues to \$100.00 per person with an amendment that for those over 65 or full time students the dues remain at \$65.00 per year. After much discussion another motion was made by Bedros Bandazian to approve the budget and seconded by Joyce Soghoian. The vote was 35 for and 2 against.

A request was made for a Membership Committee. Mr. Katchi Dedeian, Parish Council chairman, then appointed Mrs. Nick Baronian and Mrs. Anahit Berberian as co-chairwomen.

Sam Baronian made a motion for the Endowment Fund Committee to look into the possibility of increasing the amount of interest being earned by the Saving Certificated by possibly investing in U.S. Treasury 6 Month Money Market Certificates and also for the Parish Council to look into opening an account that would be a combination checking and savings account. That was seconded by Peter Greene.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Der Hayr closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Virginia Greene
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The vote count was as follows:

<u>Parish Council</u>		<u>Auditing Committee</u>		<u>Nominating Committee</u>	
Nerses Berberian	31	Dale Baronian	21	Roxie Kricorian	25
Barkev Baronian	26	John Ashjian	19	Bedros Okhanes	23
Harry Tatian	21	Zakar Yayla	19	Margaret Boyajian	17
John Giragosian	21	Peter Greene	15	Alice Darhanian	17
Bedros Okhanes	11	Bedros Bandazian	15	Henry Magarian	10
				Robert Magarian	4

Rev. Aram Baronian
President

Barkev B. Baronian
Chairman