

1983

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

ST. JAMES ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

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The general membership meeting of St. James Armenian Church of Richmond, Virginia was called to order by the Parish Assembly treasurer, Noubar Boyajian at 12:30 p.m.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Der Arsen Barsamian. The chairman, Michael Vranian called the roll and reported that out of 97 paid pledge dues members 37 were present, therefore, a quorum was had.

Nominations were requested for officers of chairman and secretary of the day. John Baronian was nominated to be chairman of the day by Virginia Greene and seconded by Rose Soghoian. Virginia Greene nominated Joyce Soghoian for the secretary of the day and Paris Dedeian seconded the motion. Mrs. Bickers was nominated by Paris Dedeian and seconded by Isabelle Vranian. Mrs. Bickers withdrew her name. Joyce Soghoian was approved as secretary of the day.

Minutes of the 1982 general membership meeting were read by Roxie Kricorian. The minutes were approved as read. For following reports, see enclosures:

- a-Der Hayr
- b-Parish Council report by chairman Michael Vranian
- c-Women's Guild reported by Mrs. Shnorig Soghoian (see enclosure) \$1,722.16 which is 2/3 of their present balance was given to the Parish Council
- d-Annual Food Festival bazaar report by chairman, John Baronian (see enclosure) Chairman acknowledged his appreciation to all who helped and especially to Virginia Greene for organizing, Shnorig Soghoian and Margaret Dedeian and Noubar Boyajian for the kitchen work; Jerry Kambourian for washing of dishes, pans and utensils; Sam Baronian for ch-chairman; Roxie Sharigian for getting the helpers and to Becky Greene for organizing behind the scenes for publicity.
- e-ACYOA report by treasurer Raffi Barsamian (see enclosure)
- f-Sunday School report by Superintendent Roxie Kricorian (see enclosure) Roxie commended the teachers, Raffi Barsamian, Seran Kerneklian and Khoren Bandazian.
- g-Armenian School report by chairman/Principal Bedros Okhanes (see enclosure) The financial report by treasurer Bedros Bandazian (see enclosure)
- h-Anoush Dance Group report by Rose Soghoian who said the Dance group name was changed from Anoush Dance Group to Richmond Armenian Dance Group (see enclosure)
- i-Softball team report was given by Raffi Barsamian (see enclosure)

The next order of business was the election of the new members to the Parish Council to fill the vacancy of those whose terms had expired. The following slate was presented by Dianne Velegris, chairman of the Nominating Committee; Bedros Bandazian, Yeghia Bouroujian, John Giragosian, Henry Magarian, Gerry Sharigian and Joyce Soghoian. John Ashjian was nominated by Bedros Bandazian and seconded by Dianna DerHovhannessian. Alex Ghazarian was nominated by Bedros Bandazian and seconded by Peter Greene. The following were elected to office: Yeghia Bouroujian, Gerry Sharigian, Joyce Soghoian and John Ashjian.

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The following nominees were presented for the nominating committee: Azniv Amirkhanian, Virginia Bandazian, Alice Darhanian, Virginia Greene, Linda Sharigian, Isabelle Vranian. The following were elected to office: Virginia Greene, Linda Sharigian and Isabelle Vranian.

The following were nominees for the Auditing Committee: Sam Baronian, Pete Greene, Ronnie Greene and Joe Lachowski. Those elected were Sam Baronian and Ronnie Greene. Michael Vranian said that this committee will audit all committee books.

Auditing committee report by Barkev Baronian

Endowment report by Peter Greene (see enclosure)

The financial report was given by treasurer, Noubar Boyajian. Barkev Baronian made two proposals: 1-Rug sale for 1983 be removed from income in the church account. 2-Future Rug sales ~~be~~ a separate account be opened and not entered through church checking account. This motion was seconded by Pete Greene and passed by 26 votes. Charles Dedeian made the motion to accept the corrected budget. This was seconded by Robert Thomas. The motion was approved.

New Business: Barkev Baronian made suggestion that all voting be on one sheet of paper for the purpose of saving time.

Paris Dedeian asked to have the kitchen sink replaced. Charles Dedeian volunteered to raise the kitchen sink at no cost to the church.

John Baronian recommended that these items be taken into consideration by the 1983 Parish Council.

Parish Council Proposals:

1-That a Stewardship Endowment Fund be established with Stewardship Contributions. The interest of the fund would be made available for the parish diocesan dues if desired by the parish council and the principal would remain in the fund unless decided by a majority of the voting membership. Roxie Kricorian seconded this motion. Approved by everyone.

2-That \$1,000.00 be donated annually to the St. Nerses Budget. Rose Soghoian seconded it. Roxie Kricorian made a motion to change the proposal from \$1,000 annually to \$500.00 for 1983. (Later, consider \$1,000.00 annually)

Azniv Amirkhanian seconded the motion. It was approved by 20 and opposed by 4.

3-That pledges for voting privilege be increased: \$125.00 for Adults, \$75.00 for Students, \$25.00 Diocesan Dues (voluntary) This motion was seconded by Joyce Soghoian.

Bedros Bandazian made a motion to change the \$125.00 to \$150.00 for adults, excluding senior citizens if they cannot afford it. \$75.00 for senior citizens and students. This was seconded by Roxie Kricorian. This motion was passed by 22 and opposed by 6.

A minute of silent prayer followed honoring the deceased members during the course of 1982. Barkev Baronian made a motion to close the meeting and seconded by Dianna DerHovhannessian.

Der Hayr closed the meeting with a prayer at 3:05 p.m.

Joyce Soghoian, Secretary

