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SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING JANUARY 13, 1985

A special membership meeting was called to vote on the Building Committee plans to enlarge the church kitchen.

Gerry Sharigian, Chairman, called the meeting to order. He explained who was eligible to vote today. If a quorum is not present, then approval must be by two-thirds of the membership present. There were 31 members present. Since the total membership is 93 persons, the members present constituted a quorum.

John Baronian presented the Building Committee plans. Members of the committee are Peter Greene, Chairman; John Baronian; Sam Baronian; Nebe Boyajian; Robert Magarian; Jack Tootelian.

Approximately 1,400 to 1,500 square feet of new space will be added. A new kitchen, approximately twice the size of the existing kitchen, is to be built. The existing kitchen space will be used to enlarge the social hall, adding approximately 50 additional seats. The new addition will also include a new vestibule, two storage closets, an entryway for access to the second floor and to all first floor areas. The second floor of the new area will be used for a large conference room.

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Several bids have been already received with a high bid of \$ 150,000.00 and a low bid of \$ 106,000.00. The bids are for construction only including new wiring. In addition, approximately \$ 30,000.00 will be needed for kitchen equipment and \$ 7,000.00 for interior repairs. The total cost will range between \$ 143,000.00 to \$ 145,000.00.

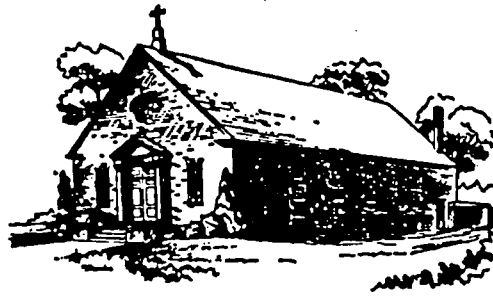
There is approximately \$ 150,000.00 in the various church bank accounts. \$ 50,000.00 must be retained for the operation of the church. The remainder of the construction funds is to be raised by donations and by special projects such as the bazaar and the rug sale.

Linda Sharigian asked how long would it take to complete the project and when would it be started. John Baronian said the start date would be about 30 days from the contract date and would take about 6 month to complete.

Elizabeth Tootelian asked the name of the low bid contractor. John Baronian replied that it is Brooks & Broaddus.

Dianna Der Hovhannessian brought up the point that the last year's budget was made up of funds from the bazaar and rug sale; therefore, donations will be needed for the remaining \$ 50,000.00 construction costs.

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Nebe Boyajian said that all of the old kitchen equipment would be reused where possible.

Bedros Bandazian asked if any of the \$ 100,000.00 was the endowment fund principle. No, this includes only interest from the endowment fund.

Ronnie Greene asked how long have we had an endowment fund. Since 1974.

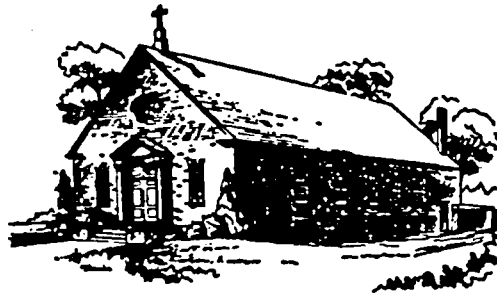
Bedros Bandazian asked if we could borrow from the interest instead of just using the money. The answer was no, there was no advantage.

Gerry Sharigian mentioned that the new entrance will be in the new entryway instead of through the kitchen as at present.

Gerry Sharigian asked if there was motion to accept the Building Committee plans. Barkev Baronian made the motion that the Building Committee package be accepted. Virginia Greene seconded the motion.

The roll was called and the results were 28 in favor, 2 against, and 1 abstention.

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Der Hayr thanked Peter Greene and his committee for a job well done. The committee will contact the contractor immediately in order to get a firm price and negotiate a contract.

Der Hayr closed the meeting with the recitation of the Lord's Prayer in Armenian.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p. m.

President *Rev. Fr. Arsen Barsamian*

Chairman *Gerry Sharigian*

Secretary *Joyce R. Soghoian*

Executive Officers of the Parish Council