

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

February 3, 1991

INVOCATION

The parish was led in prayer by the Reverend Father Oshagan Gulgulian.

VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by the 1990 parish assembly Chairman, John Baronian. A roll call of eligible voters indicated 41 parish members of the 75 members were present. (An additional 4 members came during the meeting after roll call.)

ELECTION OF ASSEMBLY OFFICERS

Nominations from the floor for Chairman and Secretary of the February 3, 1991 parish assembly were taken. Paul E. Mazmanian was elected Chairman and Pamela Mazmanian was elected Secretary for the 1991 annual parish assembly.

READING OF 1990 ASSEMBLY MINUTES

Virginia Greene, the 1990 Secretary of the parish assembly read the minutes for the 1990 meeting. The minutes were approved as written.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Sam Baronian, Jr., Parish Council Chairman, made a presentation on behalf of the Council in honor of John Ashjian to recognize his contributions to the parish. A plaque in memory of John Ashjian was presented to his sister, Virginia Greene. With the Ashjian family's permission, the plaque is to be hung in the church hall.

1990 FINANCIAL REPORT

Ron Greene, acting Treasurer of the Parish Council, presented the financial report and budget to the assembly. Noted changes in the financial summary from the previous year's summary included the sale of the parish house with the profit placed in a one year certificate of dividend at Sovran Bank in January, 1990. Decreases in expenses were attributed to lower premiums on health insurance, property insurance, and lower utilities.

1991 BUDGET

Proposed increases for the 1991 budget included an increase to \$2,000 to cover expenses for three convention delegates. Proposed expenditures for housing allowance was amended from \$7,500 to \$6,500. Charles Evranian made a motion to approve the budget as amended. The motion was seconded by John Baronian. The motion passed.

Transferring the additional \$1,000 from the housing allowance to the clergy stipend was discussed. A motion to transfer the \$1,000 difference from the housing allowance to the clergy stipend was proposed. Reverend Father Oshagan Gulgulian requested to have the issue closed and indicated Council should be contacted with any concerns regarding the clergy stipend. The motion to transfer funds was withdrawn.

PASTOR'S REPORT
(Report enclosed)

REPORTS OF PARISH COUNCIL AND CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

Reports of the church organizations were mailed to the parish membership prior to the meeting. Written reports of the organizations (enclosed) were received and approved.

It was noted that the written report from the delegate convention was not included in the annual reports of church organizations. The report is to be included in next year's package of information distributed to the membership prior to the assembly.

Parish Council Report was presented by Chairman, Sam Baronian, Jr. (Report enclosed)

ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS, NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND AUDITING COMMITTEE

The Candidates for the 1991-1992 Parish Council included: Tigran Amirkhanian, Charles Evranian, Henry Magarian, Paul Mazmanian, Linda Sharigian and Jack Tootelian. The nominations for the 1991-1992 nominating committee included: Virginia Greene, Robert Magarian, Gerry Sharigian, Joyce Soghoian, Elizabeth Tootelian, Isabelle Vranian and Lilly Thomas. The candidates for the 1991-1992 Auditing Committee included: Azniv Amirkhanian, Bedros Bandazian, John Darhanian and Michael Vranian.

Written ballots were tallied by the Chairpersons of the Auditing and Nominating Committee respectively, Dale Baronian and Virginia Greene, with the following people elected:

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| Parish Council: | Paul Mazmanian
Linda Sharigian
Jack Tootelian |
| Nominating Committee: | Virginia Greene
Joyce Soghoian
Isabelle Vranian |
| Auditing Committee: | Azniv Amirkhanian
Bedros Bandazian |

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business reported.

NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion regarding St. James Armenian Church having a booth in the International Boys' Festival. Statements on reasons for not participating in the festival in 1990 included, lack of volunteers, poor location of food booth and limited profit. Gerry Sarigian reported on past participation and cited options available such as a cultural booth. Sam Baronian, Jr. suggested that Donna Soghoian contact the Council and indicate a Council meeting date that the item may be placed on the agenda.

There was discussion regarding parish membership. It was noted that the increase in dues was a problem for some people and that there was a hardship fund for people who wish to be members but are unable to contribute the amount required. It was concluded that there needs to be specific policies and procedures for disseminating funds from the hardship fund. Additionally, it was concluded that there is a need for clarification of how to become a parish member.

There was discussion regarding the formation of an Editorial Board for the Parish newsletter, the Sevan. It was reported by the Council Chairman, Sam Baronian, Jr. that the formation of an Editorial Board was part of the plans for the Parish Council and it was indicated in the Chairman's report.

More communication between the governing body and the general membership was cited as a need. It was noted that according to the By Laws, the parish is required to hold an annual meeting. The parish may also hold special meetings as deemed necessary for a specific purpose. General suggestions were made to hold a meeting in addition to the General Assembly. Additionally, it was suggested that topics for parish council meetings be placed in the Sevan, so that members interested in a particular topic may attend.

There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela M. Mazmanian

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Secretary of the Assembly for February 3, 1991