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## **1991 REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

The Parish Council held a total of thirteen meetings in 1991. After Jack Tootelian's resignation August 31 as Chairman of the Parish Council, I became Acting Chairman according to the By Laws of the Armenian Church. At that time, Henry Magarian who received next to the highest votes during the past Parish Assembly was invited to complete the unexpired term of the member he replaced with the approval by the Primate.

1991 became the year of the computer for our church. Hayr Soorp and Virginia Greene have spent many hours and days organizing the church records with the help of our new computer. We would also like to thank again the Women's Guild for its generosity in purchasing this new system.

Under the supervision of Jack Tootelian, and with the help of many volunteers, the following and much needed repairs have been made to the church:

1. The front doors and pillars have been painted.
2. A new stained side door replaces the old one.
3. The flat roof over our kitchen and boiler room areas have been corrected.
4. Ceiling areas in our main church hall have been repaired.
5. The church parking lot has been resurfaced.
6. The freezer motor was replaced along with other repairs in the kitchen.
7. The old air conditioner was replaced from Hayr Soorp's office.
8. Electrical repairs were made to update some our electrical systems' along with purchasing new phone system to stay in touch with Sunday School Building and Main Hall.

The Parish Council wishes to congratulate our wonderful Armenian young dancers who won the first place award for the Children's matinee at the International Festival on Saturday, September 14, 1991. The dance group was awarded a plaque and a check for \$500.00. We are very proud of our youth who love and enjoy the Armenian music and who want to share it with our community. Also, a special thanks to Azniv Amirkhanian who has undertaken this time consuming task of teaching the youngsters.

Again, thanks go out to Michael Vranian for his handling of the 1991 Rug Sale, We netted a profit of \$14, 125.43 from sales of \$87,483.

Parish Council assisted Tigran Amirkhanian with the Fathers Day Picnic and also assisted Bedros Bandazian in preparation with the Church Name Day and the Madgah Dinner.

Hayr Soorp and the Parish Council received a letter from the Primate, Bishop Khajag Barsamian requesting that we hold an emergency meeting concerning the Relief Fund for Armenia. Letters requesting help were sent out to the Richmond Community and \$6,245.00 was collected and sent to the Diocese.

In an effort to assist our community and provide help to others, The Parish Council:

- I. Donated \$500 to St. Nerses Seminary.
2. Under the budgetary allowance approved by the Parish Assembly for Mission Programs, the Parish Council donated \$250 each to the following organizations:
  - a. CROP for hunger
  - b. The Freedom House
  - c. YWCA Children's Center
  - d. City of Richmond Christmas Mother
  - e. Emergency Shelter Fund
  - f. Henrico County Christmas Mother

In the past year Hayr Soorp received his Immigration papers better known as a Green Card and became a legal resident of the United States.

With Hayr Soorp's association of in-state and out-of-state church affiliated organizations, the Parish Council has been made aware of the activities that have taken place.

I wish to thank Hayr Soorp and all Parish Council members for their participation and leadership. Also Parish Council expresses its thanks to the members of the Nominating Committee, and Building and Grounds Committee for their services. In addition, we wish to thank the officers of the various church organizations for their leadership.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Parish Council Chairman