

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - HOLY RESURRECTION ARMENIAN CHURCH  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 1966

Armand Bendian was elected chairman for this meeting; Grace Hadjinian secretary. First business at hand was to decide whether this parish wanted to maintain a priest, and if so, elect a committee to find a home for him and his family.

Mr. Derderian raised the question whether this meeting could be held without a priest present, and Chairman George Kaprelian cleared the matter saying the By-Laws state, if the Church has no permanent priest, such a meeting can be held. A secret ballot was taken, and the result was overwhelming in favor of asking Reverend Father Krikor Hairabedian to be our new priest. A special committee consisting of Armand Bendian, Sam Hadjinian, Hampar Kaishian, and George Kaprelian was selected to find a home, for him and his family.

Art Barsamian and Esahag Haidarian will remain diocesan delegates for one more year, when their four year term expires.

Nominations were taken for four new trustees from the floor: The four receiving the most votes were Nerses Nersesian, Russell Kaishian, Jerry Kashishian, and a tie with Nazar Balian and Yervant Derderian. Russell declined the nomination, so the new Trustees will be Nerses Nersesian, Jerry Kashishian, Nazar Balian and Yervant Derderian.

A new Auditing committee was nominated, i.e., Armand Bendian, Harry Nabedian and Grace Hadjinian.

Treasury reports from the various organizations were given and approved:

Trustees' report resulting in profit for the year of \$2406.00. Art Barsamian made a motion that this report be held until a final audit can be made, by the Auditing Committee. Seconded by Mary Ambrookian.

Ladies Aid report by Mary Haidarian showed a balance of \$1132.85.

Young Womens Guild profit \$564.00

Cemetery Committee - \$560.00. Mihran Hayalian reported that there are 1000 empty lots at the cemetery.

Hampar Kaishian reported for Keghart. He said the treasury had approximately \$5.00. He also said that the staff was doing its best to put the publication out, and would now try to issue it monthly; however, we need everyone's cooperation in receiving news bulletins, notices, etc. It was suggested that Mr George Jigarjian be contacted to do the Armenian writing.

Choir has no money in the Treasury, but it was brought out that during the year, miscellaneous expenses are incurred and they would like some consideration from the Trustees. Henry Ambrookian made a motion that the Trustees allot \$100.00 per year to the choir and they file a financial report. Grace Hadjinian seconded it; Motion carried.

Sunday School showed a balance on hand of \$238.00. Esay Easian made a motion that this report be accepted. Motion carried.

## Proposed budget for 1966 discussed:

Income from dues	-- \$8,000.00
Other income	4,300.00
Total income	<u>12,300.00</u>
Expenses	11,552.00

Harry Nabedian suggested a committee be appointed to call on delinquent dues members, to see if they could collect back dues. It was suggested that an article be put in the Keghart informing the congregation that the committee is to make these calls. At the same time, this committee will check on balances owing to the building fund.

When a final audit is made on the Treasurer's books, and audit will also be made on the building fund books.

The proposal made to Father Krikor Hairabedian is as follows:

\$100.00 per week, plus pay all of the Clergy Fund, which amounts to \$11 week, or \$572.00 yearly.

Rent a 3 bedroom flat, approximately for \$100, \$5 or \$10 either way.

We will pay his moving expenses, plus a 2 week vacation.

Breakdown;	\$5200.00 salary
	572.00 clergy fund
	1200.00 rent
	<u>\$6972.00 Annual Salary</u>

When the Trustees discussed this matter with the Father, he said he would leave the entire matter to them, and that he felt he had nothing to say, and was not interested in finances.

He has promised to visit every home before Easter. He intends to form a men's choir or combined chorus. The Trustees were in accordance in their feeling that he is a very religious and humble man. He has four children, ranging in ages from 7 to 13. He is 38 years of age, and his wife sings in the choir, when needed.

After a years time, if he is working out, we plan to give him an increase in salary. The Trustees have accepted him, and it is up to the people to make their final decision. He will be able to move within 10 days to 2 weeks.

Before actual vote, question was brought up about his leave of absence from the priesthood. Arthur Barsamian explained that he left the ministry not as a severance. He wanted to get out to get a new perspective because he had political differences with the diocese. He felt the church laws were not being followed. Diocese was making concessions. He claimed his love of the church took him out, because he did not want to fight the Church on these political differences. His love for the Church took him out of the Church and the same love brought him back. He stated that his wages and all other matters were in the hands of the Trustees. He will do his best for us and we should try to do the best we can for him and his family.

There was some discussion, about waiting a year to keep a permanent priest and buy a home for him, in the meantime. Also some discussion about the high cost of visiting clergy, and always the problem of locating a priest, when there is sickness and death.

Vote was taken, and as previously reported, the vote was overwhelmingly in favor of asking Father Krikor Hairabedian to be our new full time priest, as soon as possible.

It was suggested, that Mr Garabed Markarian might be instrumental in finding a home to purchase for the Church.

Armand Bendian asked everyone to be alert, in finding a home to either rent or buy, and to contact the committee if there is one available.

Armand Bendian then thanked the outgoing Trustees for their cooperation and efforts, during the past year.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Hadjinian, Secretary

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Chairman