

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING - HOLY RESURRECTION ARMENIAN CHURCH, S.MILW. WIS.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 1967 -- PRESENT: REV. HAIRABEDIAN AND 61 MEMBERS

Armen Bendian was elected chairman to preside over the meeting, and Grace Hadjinian, secretary.

A booklet containing the 1966 financial reports from all our organizations, which was prepared by the Parish Council and Der Hayr was thoroughly discussed. The chairman asked that if anyone had any questions or criticisms or suggestions, they should offer them now.

DER HAYR'S REPORT

Mr. Nerses Karamanian suggested that the parishioners should be urged through Der Hayr to be at church by 9:30 am on Sundays. He said they are coming in very late, and by 10 am there are only a few present. Der Hayr agreed, and asked that everyone make a special effort to be at church earlier, and by no means any later than 10 am. Report accepted.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Question was raised re church hall rental. Nerses Nersesian clarified it as follows:

\$15.00 to be charged for the hall only

\$25.00 to be charged for the hall and use of the kitchen.

These fees are for all members of our church and all Armenian organizations, such as AGBU and Knights of Vartan.

Armen Bendian reminded the Parish Council that grates must be bought and placed over the area wells. Parish Council reported that work was being done on this project and promised that they would be installed by Spring of this year. Report accepted.

PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT

Armen Bendian reported that the books have been audited by Grace Hadjinian and Harry Nabedian, and they report the books in good order. Request was made that the report also be read in Armenian.

Question was raised as to whether there were any outstanding bills. Jerry Kashishian reported at the end of 1966, two items were owing to the Diocese - balance of the clergy fund, insurance, and dues of \$725.00 and \$302.00 which have been paid in January, 1967.

Each items was read and discussed. Jerry pointed out that although the report showed a net gain of \$1013.00, this was not reflecting a true picture because in the disbursement is an item of \$700.00 which was the down payment on the parish home, and \$1077.00 was given to the Building Fund. In other words, there was a profit of approximately \$3000.00 made during 1966.

Question was asked as to how the deed for the parish house was made out. Nerses N. answered it was entered under "Soorp Haroutune-Holy Resurrection Armenian Apostolic Church". Report accepted.

BUILDING FUND

Armen Bendian read the report on the newly purchased Parish house. Net cost \$17,526.82. The house is all paid for, but we still have outstanding the debt to the Diocese for \$10,000. This they hope to pay back in three years' time. Nerses has discussed this with Archbishop Torkom Manoogian.

Regarding the parish home, the Trustees are planning to have a garage built for a cost of between \$800-\$1200 this year.

Payments are still coming in towards the Building Fund, with \$1400 still due.

Nerses Nersesian reported that all bills for the Church Building have now been paid, and he thanked Charley Kademian for the fine job he has done during the past five years in handling the payment and settlement of all bills.

Charley Kademian asked that the Parish Council appoint a committee to audit the Building Fund books. Armen Bendian offered to get it done soon. Report accepted.

LADIES AID REPORT

They report \$1000 was given towards the Parish home, \$680 to the Parish Council (which is 3/4 of their profit) and \$150 to Keghart. Report accepted.

YOUNG WOMENS' GUILD

They report a small profit for the year, but gave the Parish Council \$300. Report accepted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Suggestion was made that each child bring 25¢ in his envelope each Sunday. This was not approved. The trustees offered any financial aid that the Sunday School may need. Report accepted.

CEMETERY

No income for 1966. They report out of a balance of \$520 beginning 1966, \$109 was spent for crushed stone for the driveway, \$75 to Schaefer Trucking, \$26 misc, \$200 to the Parish Council, leaving balance of \$110. Mr. Mihran Hayalian suggested that a new grass cutting machine be purchased, which he said would sell for \$300. He was told to get in touch with the Parish Council. Since the death of Mr. Kazar Barsamian, they will need a replacement on the cemetery committee. Two volunteers - Ronald Lewis and Avak Yenidunian

There was discussion on burial rates. N. Nersesian said any Armenian that is baptized in the Armenian Church can be buried in our cemetery. If they are not a member of the Armenian Church, we cannot refuse them legally. Therefore, the by-laws must be changed, and this must be done within the next few months. After the changes have been drawn up, they will be presented at a regular general meeting so that everyone will be informed. Now the rates for church services for burials are:

a non-member of the Armenian church \$175.00
members of other Armenian churches 125.00

The Parish Council feels these rates are too low. Charley Kademian reported that during 1966 a meeting was held among the three Armenian churches in the vicinity, and they all agreed that one rule must be set which will govern all three churches.

KEGHART

Hampar Kaishian reported expenses of \$200-\$250 yearly. Keghart purchased an addressograph this year which has facilitated his mailing job. However, he did ask for donations. Question was asked as to how many issues were sent out monthly, and why they were sent to out-of-towners. Der Hayr said this was a practice throughout all the Armenian churches to send each other their monthly bulletins. As far as former members and others receiving the bulletins, Hampar reported that they have been generous in their donations. Report accepted.

The question of the name of the church was again mentioned. Der Hayr said he had brought up this matter to the attention of Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, and that he had been asked not to commit himself. When the Archbishop pays us a visit in April, he will listen to all the pros and cons, and then decide whether the name of the church shall be Soorp Haroutune, Holy Resurrection Armenian Church, or Holy Resurrection Armenian Apostolic Church (Soorp Haroutune). It was agreed that we would await the next visit of the Archbishop to settle this argument once and for all.

OLD BUSINESS

Question was asked as to how many members we have. Nerses reported 164 members.

NEW BUDGET

The \$1200 item appearing on the sheet is the expense for the garage for the Parish home, and the \$120 is for improvements at the house. It was emphasized that it was the hope of the Parish Council to pay the \$10,000 debt to the Diocese within the next three years. It was suggested that probably some of the church maintenance expense could be cut down, One item mentioned specifically was the telephone.

Nerses said this was a very small amount that we were paying, but that he would place a box near the telephones in the church so that 10¢ could be deposited when making a call. Budget approved.

PROPOSALS AND SUGGESTIONS

The electronic bell is not working, and a repairman should be called. Harry Nabedian is working on this.

Nerses said the South Milwaukee Public Library was asking all organizations for donations towards their new building. Motion was made that a lighted globe of the world be donated to the Library by our church, cost to be in the neighborhood of \$42.00. Motion carried.

Armen Bendian reported that 5 new Trustees must be elected to replace the outgoing, who are Meyer Jandigian, Sam Hadjinian, Charley Kademian, Dr. Kash, and Russell Kaishian.

A slate of nominees was prepared and voting took place with the following results:

Avak Yenidunian	47
Harry Nabedian	42
Esahag Haidarian	32
Ronald Lewis	27
Kappy Kaprelian	21
Esay Esaian	20
Tony Cifaldi	15
Peter Panosian	15
Tony Hadjinian	13
Tony Savagian	12
Geo. Mazurkiewicz	11

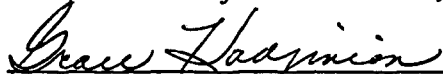
Arthur Barsamian withdrew his name from the list of nominees because he was a delegate to the diocesan assembly. Two other names were withdrawn because they have not been members of the church for 1 year.

The new trustees for 1967 are Nerses Newsesian, Yervant Derderian, Jerry Kashishian, Nazar Balian, Avak Yenidunian, Harry Nabedian, Esahag Haidarian, Ronald Lewis, Kappy Kaprelian.

Der Hayr thanked everyone who had cooperated and worked with him during the year. He urged that all the young people attend Saturday morning classes.

Meeting closed with a prayer by Der Hayr.

Respectfully submitted,


Acting Secretary