

*of Holy Resurrection Arm. Church, South Milwaukee,*

The first General Membership meeting was held on Sunday afternoon, January 10, 1971, in the church hall. There were 63 members present. Assistant Treasurer, Armand Bendian, verified the fact that those present were members and eligible to vote.

The meeting was called to order by the Parish Council Chairman, Arthur Barsamian at 1:15 P.M.. An opening prayer was said by our President, Very Reverend Vazken Keshishian.

An election, by hand vote, was held for chairman and secretary for this meeting.

Celia Varhadian, I nominate Sarkis Tchejeyan.

Tony Cifaldi, I nominate Kaiser Boyajian.

Namzar Kaprelian, I move that the nominations be closed.

Agnes Barsamian, I second it.

Election took place: Sarkis 22 votes. Kaiser 26 votes.

Election for secretary: Rose Bendian 32 votes. Margaret Kademian 18.

The (acting) chairman and secretary then presided over this meeting.

The Parish Council Secretary, Grace Hadjinian read the minutes of the January 18, 1970 General Membership meeting.

Chairman, Kaiser, asked if there were any additions or corrections.

Arthur Barsamian, I have one correction. The election of Harold Baylerian as a Delegate was not in order, because Harry Nabedian had not officially resigned. We will have to have another election today. That election of a delegate should be removed from the minutes.

Esahag Haidarian, I make a motion that the minutes be approved, with the correction.

Celia Varhadian, Seconded.

The "aye" vote as unanimous. The minutes, with correction stand.

Hayr Soorp, Those of you who can read in English can follow by reading along in your books. But first add to the list of Visiting Clergy, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian and Rev. Guregh Kalfayan. The names were omitted in typing.

Hayr Soorp proceeded to give his Annual Report in Armenian.

Chairman Kaiser, We will now have a report by the Parish Council Chairman.

Arthur Barsamian introduced each of the members of the Parish Council and the Diocesan Delegate.

Arthur,

You can read my report in your book. I just want to add here that these Gentlemen and Lady have worked very hard for this church. There are so many things going on here that benefit you. I would like to make a plea for your help. We have to get cooperation so that we can make the office of the Trustee a desirable one. Every year so many of you decline an office but no one is any busier than we are. You can compare the schedule of the Trustees and the business people of this parish. When you want to get something done, pick someone that is already loaded. We are all busy. It is up to each one of you to help. How can I help? You ask. I am sure each one of you know what has to be done. It is ridiculous of me to tell each one of you what should be done. It is because of you that this church is progressing. If you really want to be a part of this church, do at least your share. If we have some coat hangers on the floor, you leave them. Let the Trustees do that, or let the Ladies Aid do it. You are turning the Trustees into Janitors. That is not the kind of comradeship we are looking for. We are all doing our part and we are only asking you people to do what little there is left. That way you make our job a little easier. We are trying to keep the expenses down, we need people to offer their services. I am sure that everyone has talent. It will make you feel good. I would like to get you people active. If there is a good working relationship, this place will be a happier place. Thanks to the Ladies Aid for their support. They never said "no" to us. My special Congratulations to all of the Trustees and to Russell for the excellent results of the Madagh. 1970 was a successful year and they all deserve special praise. I thank you for the opportunity to serve as chairman and for your support.

The Parish Council Financial Report was read by Treasurer, Kappy Kaprelian. Hayr Soorp read and explained the report in Armenian. The report is attached.

Chairman Kaiser, Are there any additions or corrections?

Tony Cifaldi, I make a motion that the Treasurer's Report be approved.

Armand Bendian, Seconded.

The "aye" vote was unanimous. The Treasurer's Report stands approved.

Sarkis Tchejeyan, When are you going to take up the Proposed Budget?

Chairman, Kaiser, Next.

Arthur Barsamian, Our Hayr Soorp deserves a place in our meeting, besides his just giving his general report. This year was an active and busy year for all the organizations. And in order to have good guidance, you need a good leader. It take a special kind of person. Hays Soorp is this special kind of person. He thinks not only of the Parish Council, he gives his guidance to the Ladies Aid, A.C.Y.O.A. and etc, to all. He make each one feel that they have a special place in this church. There is no organization in this church that Hayr Soorp doesn't help. And he knows what each organization is doing. This man has eyes in the back of his head. He sees all and he hears everything. We are all thankful for his guidance and his leadership. You work for him too. It is South Milwaukee's gain that we have Hayr Soorp with us. Our praises to him.

Arthur Barsamian read the Proposed Budget for 1971.

Hayr Soorp read and explained it in Armenian. The proposed Budget is attached.

Hovagim Yelangian, What about the Building Pledges? Are all the people paid up?

Hayr Soorp, All those that have paid, have their names on the Pledge Board upstairs.

Esahag Haidarian, I make a motion that the Proposed Budget be accepted.

Rose Esaian, Seconded.  
The "aye" vote was unanimous. The Proposed Budget for 1971 is accepted.

Chairman, Kaiser, I would like to ask you if you want each organization to read their report.

Hayr Soorp, On December 20, the Ladies Aid report was read to their members at the General Membership meeting. Do you want them to read it again? We could read just the financial page.

Chairman, Kaiser, Is it alright if we don't read the reports and approve the book?

Sarkis Tchejeyan, I make a motion that we approve the reports as printed.

Celia Varhadian, Seconded.  
The "aye" vote was unanimous. The Committee reports stand.

NEW BUSINESS:

Celia Varhadian, Can't we have these reports more than once a year?

Hayr Soorp, We have two.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Kerope Balian, I want some people to keep the church's grass cut and to clean the snow.
- Hayr Soorp, The City Engineer of this city is Armenian. The city has ordered the plows to clean snow in front of all the churches. This year our church was the last one. We are hoping to have Mike Panosian as a Trustee this year. He is retired and lives close to the church. He is a good person to have to do this kind of work.
- Chairman Kaiser, This year's Trustees can pick someone to do this kind of work.
- Grace Hadjinian, Charlie Kademian was going to give a Building Committee report from the last General Membership meeting.
- Hayr Soorp, brought the idea that in our church we must have a centralized treasury. Because we now have 12 kinds of checking accounts, there fore all the monies should go under one bank account.
- Charlie Kademian, I suggest the South Milwaukee Marine Bank-Golden Mariner Account and in this way it will bring more interest.
- Mihran Hayalian, We need atleast \$500.00 in the Cemetery Committee.
- Hayr Soorp, You have more than \$700.00. You can keep your \$500.00. Don't be afraid.
- Arthur Barsamian, I want to make one point. Each organization wont have it's own account. Now, we don't say that each time you need money, you have to ask the Trustees. Each organization will have their own spending accounts. The Trustees will decide how much each should keep. We are trying to make it more simple and efficient. All the monies should be credited through one Central System.
- Sarkis Tchejayan, If they have to write a check for \$25.00, do they have to come to the Trustees?
- Celia Varhadian, Most business send a bill. When you get the bill, you give it to the Trustees.
- Esahag Haidarian, I second Charlie Kademian's suggestion.
- The "aye" vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- John Tertadian, May I make a recommendation that we have the Auditing Committee for three years? So that only one will go out each year?
- Hayr Soorp, There is nothing about your question in the By-Laws. It is a very good idea. We will discuss it.

Parish Council elections: (6)

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| Grace Hadjinian  | 51 |
| Archie Dadian    | 49 |
| Nerses Nersesian | 40 |
| Barsam Barsamian | 31 |
| Mike Panosian    | 31 |
| Kappy Kaprelian  | 28 |

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| George Kaprelian | 26 |
| Mathew Kademian  | 26 |
| Sam Hadjinian    | 22 |
| Ronald Lewis     | 22 |
| Alex Haidarian   | 21 |
| Peter Sahagian   | 17 |
| Esay Esaian      | 16 |
| Dr. Sarkis Kash  | 9  |

Chairman Kaiser, We are now open for nominations from the floor.

Ovagim Yelangian, I nominate Bedros Salbashian.

Bedros Salbashian, I decline.

Esay Esaian, I want my name removed, I declined. I didn't sent a letter.

Yevkin Karian, I nominate Bruce Barsamian.

Bruce Barsamian is a new member and therefore not eligible.

Sarkis Tchejayan, I make a motion that the nominations be closed.

Mary Ambrookian, Seconded.

The "aye" vote was unanimous. The nominations were closed.

Auditing Committee: (1)

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| John Gurinian    | 45 |
| Celia Varhadian  | 10 |
| Helen Barsamian  | 8  |
| Sarkis Tchejayan |    |

Grace Hadjinian, I nominate Celia Varhadian.

Baizar Kachigian, Seconded.

Sarkis Tchejayan, I understnad that John Gurinian is an accountant.  
I want my name removed.

Sarkis Tchejayan's name was removed.

Esahag Haidarian, I make a motion that the nominations be closed.

George Kaprelian, Seconded.

Hand-vote taken, nominations were closed.

Diocean Delegate (Alternate) (1)

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| Arthur Barsamian | 42 |
| Esahag Haidarian | 14 |

Parsagh Varhadian, I nominate Armand Bendian.

Armnad Bendian, I decline.

Tony Cifaldi, I make a motion that the nominations be closed.

George Kaprelian, Seconded.

Hayr Soorp, This will be for one year term only.

Hand vote taken.

Nomination Committee: (3)

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| Kaiser Boyajian  | 36 |
| Sarkis Tchejayan | 26 |
| Anthony Cifaldi  | 26 |

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| Rose Bendian    | 18 |
| Tony Hadjiian   | 16 |
| Mary Ambrookian | 14 |
| Nazar Balian    | 14 |
| Hampar Kaishian | 12 |
| Ruth Kashishian | 11 |

Tony Cifaldi, I nominate Sarkis Tchejayan.

Mary Ambrookian, Seconded.

Grace Hadjinian, I nominate Mary Ambrookian.

Rose Esaian, Seconded.

Celia Varhadian, I nominate Ruth Keshishian.

Mary Ambrookian, Seconded.

Celia Varhadian, I make amotion that the nominations be closed.

Grace Hadjinian, Seconded.

Hand vote taken.

Chairman Kaiser, Do you have any recommendations to the Diocean Assembly? Any other suggestions from the floor? If there is no furthur business, the meeting can be adjourned.

Hayr Soorp,

Thank you all again for coming. Thank you for last year. It was a good year. Thank you to all the Trustees. Thank you to all the committees. Let us give our luck to the Trustees that are leaving us this year. God bless all of you and God bless your homes.

Sarkis Tchejayan, I make a motion that the meeting be adjourned.

Celia Varhadian, Seconded.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Hayr Soorp at 4:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Bendian, Acting Secretary.