

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 1973

Meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm with 48 members present (list attached). Hayr Mer was said, and roll call was taken. Peter Sahagian, Chairman, Grace Hadjinian, Secretary.] The prayer

was led by Fr. Arshag

Since there was not the necessary quorum present, Sarkis Tchejeyan made a motion that we proceed with the meeting. Rose Esaian seconded it. (By-laws were read in English and Armenian regarding necessary number of members that should be present before meeting could start.) Vote was taken on the motion, and it was unanimously passed, and the meeting began.

Rose Esaian nominated Charlie Kademian for Chairman of the Meeting. There were no other nominations, and Charlie took over. Grace Hadjinian was nominated for Secretary. No other nominations, So Grace was secretary for the day. Minutes of last January, 1972 general membership meeting were read. Sarkis made a motion to accept the minutes. Matthew Kademian seconded it. Vote taken, all ayes, but one no. Motion carried. Joseph Turgurian asked that the secretary taking the minutes today please follow Roberts Rules of Order, and limit the minutes to only pertinent information.

Meeting proceeded with the Parish Priest's report. Father Arshag read his report in both English and Armenian from the prepared booklet that was passed out to all members (copy of which is attached). Charlie asked for questions or comments; there being none, meeting continued with the Parish Council's Annual Report.

Peter Sahagian, Chairman, mentioned the highlights of his report, specifically the installation of a new hot water tank, and the front stoop of the Church being repaired. Also, that as of November 1, 1972, the rent on the Parish House had been increased to \$175.00 per month, which will give us an increase of \$300.00 annually. One project the Parish Council had hoped to complete, but did not, was the roof repair of the Church. Peter has contacted the Cudahy Roofing Co. and has been given an estimate of \$600.00. They have been instructed to do the work at their first opportunity, hopefully in the Spring.

Regarding the Altar repair, Barsam Barsamian has received a bid of \$500.00 to fix the back part of the Altar, which includes removing the decorative moulding in front of the Altar and putting it at the back to hide the crack. Peter mentioned that Surpazan Hayr had suggested painting a mural on the wall of the Altar, and he has contacted one artist, who has offered to do the work at no cost.

There being no questions, Kappy Kaprelian was asked to give the Parish Council financial report for 1972. After reading the report, Esahag Haidarian asked why the Diocesan dues was so high (\$3,854). It was explained that this amount included arrears from 1971 and two special assessments levied at us by the Diocese this year. Armand Bendian said there was a big expenditure made for Hayr Soorp's apartment furnishings, and said permission should have been granted from this Assembly before any amount over \$500 is spent. Armand was answered by the reading of the Primate's letter to the Parish Council dated July 14, 1972 in which he outlines the provisions which this Council must meet for Father Arshag. (letter in its entirety was read to the Assembly.)

There being no further questions on the financial report, Auditor's report was next. Charlie asked if the books had been audited; Kappy said they had been by John Gurinian and Naimzar Kaprelian, with the assistance of Grace Hadjinian. They have not signed the documents, but intend to do so this week. Kappy mentioned that Father Arshag was also present during the auditing.

Cemetery committee's report was read by Grace Hadjinian, in the absence of Nerses Nersesian. No comments made or questions asked. Esahag Haidarian made a motion to accept the reports as they have been presented up to this point. Rose Esaian seconded it. Vote was unanimous to accept all reports.

New business. Election of new Parish Council members. Outgoing members are Sam Hadjinian, Kappy Kaprelian, Manoog Panosian, Nerses Nersesian, and Grace Hadjinian. The nominating committee has selected the following names, who have been sent letters, and to their knowledge, have accepted the nominations:

John Gurinian
Meyer Jandigian
Harold Baylerian
Nazar Balian
Bedros Salbashian
Russell Kaishian

Charlie asked for nominations from the floor. This year's Trustees will be limited to 9 members, per agreement between the Parish Council and Father Arshag. Remaining members are Peter Sahagian, Michael Barsamian, Esay Esayan, Sarkis Tchejeyan.

Manoog Panosian was nominated by Esahag Haidarian.

Mihran Balian was nominated by Peter Sahagian.

Alex Haidarian was nominated by Peter Sahagian.

Rushan Esayan was nominated by Rose Esaian.

Rose Esaian moved the nominations be closed. Mary Ambrookian seconded it. Question was raised that no girls' names were on the list for secretary. Rose withdrew her nomination. There being no woman present accepting the nomination, Rose made a motion to close the nominations. Mary Ambrookian seconded it. Vote taken, motion carried. Secret ballot taken with the following results:

1. John Gurinian	✓	42 votes
2. Meyer Jandigian	✓	38
3. Harold Baylerian	✓	36
4. Nazar Balian	✓	29
5. Russell Kaishian	✓	41
6. Bedros Salbashian		16
7. Manoog Panosian		21
8. Mihran Balian		10
9. Rushan Esayan		7
10. Alex Haidarian		4

The five new members of the Parish Council are John Gurinian, Russell Kaishian, Meyer Jandigian, Harold Baylerian, and Nazar Balian.

Next in line in the following order: Manoog Panosian, Bedros Salbashian, Mihran Balian, Rushan Esayian, and Alex Haidarian.

Nominations for Auditing Committee - 3 members for one year. All nominations from the floor:

Grace Hadjinian
Mary Lewis
Naimzar Kaprelian
Kappy Kaprelian
Barsam Barsamian
Charley Kademian

Celia Vahradian made a motion nominations be closed. Rose Esaian seconded. Vote taken, motion carried. Results of the secret ballot were:

Charlie Kademian	√42 votes
Grace Hadjinian	√33
Barsam Barsamian	√23
Naimzar Kaprelian	21
Kappy Kaprelian	15
Mary Lewis	12

Nominations for Nominating Committee - 3 members for one year. All nominations from the floor:

Celia Vahradian
Ruth Kashishian
Kappy Kaprelian
Helen Barsamian
Harry Nabedian
Tony Cifaldi
Trudy Kaprelian

Sarkis made a motion the nominations be closed. Grace seconded it. Vote taken; unanimous. Results of the secret ballot were:

Harry Nabedian	28
Celia Vahradian	27
Ruth Kashishian	22
Tony Cifaldi	20
Helen Barsamian	19
Kappy Kaprelian	14
Trudy Kaprelian	14

Next order of business was to approve the 1973 budget. Peter went over the figures and said we anticipate three new members in 1973, and the amount in the dues reflects that. Charlie asked some questions. Was the increase for the clergy taken into consideration? He was advised that the clergy salary for the first 9 months of 1973 will remain the same, and for the last three months, there will be an increase, and that amount was taken into consideration. Peter explained the Stewardship program that has been instituted by the Diocese. Any member of the Parish can be considered a Steward of the Diocese if he pays \$100 yearly. In doing this, the Diocese wants to eliminate the special assessments that the Parishes have been receiving. If the Stewardship program does not work, then the amount shown in Diocesan dues is anticipated. Charlie said his understanding was that five people from this Church must be Stewards to ward off an increase. Peter said he had the correct understanding, and to date, he has two members who are willing to pay \$100.

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The utilities allowance has been increased, because we know there will be an increase in rates. The Parish House allotment has been figured at the special rate of \$169.00 monthly, or \$185.00 for 12 months, less one month free rental. Peter explained that we are not paying a parking fee as before. Peter was asked what expenditures would be made for \$4500, and he answered with the repairing of the roof, Altar, and tentative plans to remodel the kitchen.

Charlie asked how the Parish Council hopes to make up the deficit shown on the budget. Peter answered that hopefully, we would have a more successful Madagh, or the other alternative, would be to increase the dues. Hayr Soorp explained all of the above also in Armenian. Esahag Haidarian made a motion to accept the budget. Sarkis seconded it. Vote taken, motion carried.

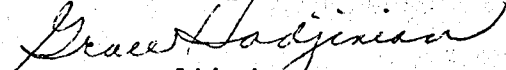
Charlie said "thanks" were owed to the outgoing Trustees, who worked very hard this past year under very trying conditions. He said he was personally very well pleased with our new Hayr Soorp as he is getting out and meeting all the people, and we shall give him a helping hand whenever we can. He said those who attended the Consecration Services in Racine this day noticed the spirit that existed in that Church. The same spirit existed in the South Milwaukee Church ten years ago, and we should rededicate ourselves in the coming year to gain the same enthusiasm.

Hayr Soorp thanked everyone for the fine job they have done, and gave his blessings.

Peter made a few closing remarks. He welcomed Father Arshag officially to our community. He thanked his fellow Trustees for working so closely with him, and also thanked all the other organizations.

Armand Bendian made a motion to adjourn. Rose Esaian seconded. Carried. Meeting closed with a prayer led by Fr. Arshag at 10:35 P.M.

Respectfully,


Grace Hadjinian, Secretary