

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 1975
HOLY RESURRECTION ARMENIAN CHURCH, SOUTH MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Present: Father Arshag Khatchadourian, and 32 voting members (list appended to these minutes)

Meeting began with a prayer at 8:10 pm led by Fr. Arshag. Gilbert Jandegian, Parish Council Chairman asked Grace Hadjinian to take minutes, and Russell Kaishian was nominated to be Chairman for the day.

Because a quorum was not present, a motion was made to continue the meeting, according to the by-laws, and submit a copy of the minutes to the Diocese for their approval. Motion passed.

Father Arshag gave the Pastor's report. Added to his typed message were two events that took place during the year, the 50th anniversary of our Church, and the Seragan concert given by the Choir. Russell thanked Fr. Arshag for his untiring efforts in working with all organizations.

Parish Council report. Gilbert Jandegian said some of the accomplishments were the installing of bookholders on the backs of the pews, a library under the direction of Mrs. Helen Barsamian, installing book shelves in the office, removing the old sump pump, and the never ending search for a new site for the picnic. Temporary repairs were made to the roof by Peter Tamuzian and Matt Kademian, but major repairs are slated to be made soon. Bathrooms were painted by Matt Kademian and Sam Hadjinian. New lights were installed in the printing room, storage room, boiler room, Fr. Arshag's rooms. The big improvement was in the kitchen. He thanked the volunteers for their willingness in helping; namely, Mr. Mike Panosian, Peter Tamuzian, Barsam Barsamian, Matt Kademian, Sam Hadjinian, Herbert Barsamian, and others.

The Madagh was a big success netting \$6300.00, but he feels we can do better. He reported that this year the Parish Council has decided not to have the Madagh at the picnic grounds, but rather at Church during the month of April. The picnic will still be held, but no serving of Madagh. This will be discussed later. The New Years Eve Party was a success, more people could have attended. Gil said a lot of money was spent in the kitchen, but he expected some return in the way of donations, and other activities. Up to now, a donation by the Jandegian family has been made of a Convection oven on behalf of their mother and father, Vahan and Gulizar Jandegian. Russell thanked Gil for his report and for the fine job he and his fellow parish councilmen did during the year.

Parish Council financial report was read by Treasurer, Barsam Barsamian. He thanked Grace Hadjinian for her work in helping him through the year, and for auditing the books. Ruth Kashishian made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, and Peter Tamuzian seconded it. Motion passed.

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Auditor's report was given by Grace Hadjinian. Charley Kademian and Grace found the treasurer's books to be in good order. The Ladies Aid book was audited only through June 1974, as they opened a separate account at that time.

Grace reminded the Ladies Aid that every year they donate \$500.00 to the Parish Council, and hoped that they would do so again this year.

Mary Ambrookian gave the Choir report, saying the big event for them was the Seragan concert which netted them \$612.00.

Sunday School report given by Terry Ann Hadjinian. She reminded everyone that Sunday School is primarily an educational system, and not a profit making organization, so that donations are always welcome.

Father Arshag gave the Jr. ACYOA report. He said they are doing fine, but that they need encouragement.

Helen Barsamian on the Library said her report was in the book.

Doris Jandegian gave her Ladies Aid report, thanking all the women for their help, especially Mary Hayalian.

Russell thanked all the various committees for their fine work, and especially the Cemetery Committee, and Mr. Keropve Balian, our Sexton.

Grace Hadjinian gave a brief report on the 50th anniversary of the Church. She thanked Father Arshag for his help and her committee, especially Helen Barsamian, Margaret Kademian, Mary Ambrookian, and Mary Haidarian, and Russell and Kathy Kaishian. Also to Delbert Cohen and Peter Tamuzian for their untiring efforts even though they were not committee members. Final report is pending.

Mary Ambrookian made a motion that we accept all the reports. Meyer Jandegian seconded it. Book approved.

Gil had received a letter from the Ladies Aid regarding the cleaning of the Church. They propose that two couples clean the church monthly on a rotation basis. This would be light housecleaning, and not scrubbing of the floors. It was suggested that the Parish Council look into the situation since it is their responsibility.

It was reported that the date for the picnic has been set for July 27th. The Madagh will be held at the Church sometime in April, and donations will be solicited as in the past. Also, the Chairman of the picnic will be someone outside of the Trustees, but will be assisted by them.

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Grace felt that inasmuch as the Madagh has been held in the same manner for many years, the idea should not be changed, or rather, the decision should be made by the Parish Assembly and not the Parish Council. Ruth Kashishian moved that inasmuch as we have entrusted our Parish Council with the business of the Church, we leave it up to them. Mary Ambrookian seconded it. Vote taken with the majority voting yes, 4 no's.

Cemetery committee. Mr. Balian was asked if they would like some new committee members inasmuch as several of the original members had passed away. Mr. Balian said they needed and wanted new members. Volunteers were solicited, and Peter Sahagian and Mike Jandegian volunteered. Gilbert made a motion that we accept their services to fill the vacancies on the Cemetery Committee. Matt Kademian seconded. All in favor of the motion. Gil reminded the parish that the committee was not expected to do all the painting and cutting down of the trees, and that it was the job of all of us.

Budget for 1975. Mary Ambrookian made a motion to increase the income by 4,000 raising the Madagh profit from 3,500 to 7,500. Gil seconded it. Motion passed. Grace pointed out that the Diocesan dues had not been paid and instead of the 4,000 it should be 8,000, and also that Fr. Arshag's stipend should be increased due to the directive from the Diocese. John Gurinian made a motion that the budget be accepted and Peter Sahagian seconded it. Motion was passed with 6 opposing.

Gil said he would like to see a committee organized to study the raising of the dues, or the Parish Council should be authorized to do so. Ruth made a motion that the Parish Council form a committee to study the raising of the dues, finding out what other Armenian Church members pay, and from there make a decision, bringing it back to the Parish Assembly. Mary Ambrookian seconded. All in favor, except one.

Father Arshag said on the celebration or commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the Martyrs, and in view of the fact that His Holiness, Vasken I will visit the U.S. on the occasion of its bi-centennial, he would like to see a small chapel built on the cemetery grounds. He has received plans from Mr. Alex Manoogian, and asked Mr. Harold Bayerian to get prices. It could be done for as little as \$2,000 or as high as \$5,000. Gil made a motion that the parish council look into the feasibility of building an edifice on the Holy Resurrection-St. Haroutune Cemetery grounds. Mary Ambrookian seconded. Unanimous.

Elections took place next. Parish Council members.

Remaining members are Gil Jandegian, Sam Hadjinian, Charley Kademian, Barsam Barsamian, Peter Sahagian.

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Secret ballot was taken with the following results:

Herbert Barsamian	29
Peter Tamuzian	29
Matt Kademian	28
John Sahagian	24
Manoog Panosian	6
Harry Nabedian	4
Keropve Balian	3
Elsie Cifaldi	1

Herbert, Peter, Matt, and John are the new trustees for a 2-year period.

Diocesan delegate - Mary Ambrookian was elected for 4 years. Vote results:

Mary Ambrookian	15
Esahag Hafidarian	10
Mary Lewis	4

Auditing committee - 3 persons for 1 year.

Charley Kademian	29
John Gurinian	28
Meyer Jandegian	23
Ruth Kashishian	3
Helen Barsamian	3
Mike Jandegian	1

Elected were Charley, John and Meyer for one year.

Motion was made to keep the same nominating committee for one more year, namely Kappy Kaprelian, Ruth Kashishian, and Mary Ambrookian. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 pm with a prayer led by Fr. Arshag.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Hadjinian
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