

ST. MESROB ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

February 24, 1971 - 2:30 p.m.
Present - 64

The annual membership meeting was opened with a prayer by Chairman of the day Mike Garoukian. The minutes of the previous January meeting were read and corrected by Adam Chalekian. The minutes stand approved as corrected. The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved. Murad Gengozian moved that those present constitute a quorum. Harry Cherkinian seconded the motion. Motion carried. (?)

The first order of business was the election of four new Parish Council Members. The following names were submitted by the Nominating Committee:

Sahag Akgulian
Harry Boranian
Gene Chardukian
Charles Garabedian
Jack Torosian
Al Topalian
Avak Topalian
Nishan Hacherian
Tony Minasian

Mike Janikian moved to close the nominations, Robert Akgulian seconded the motion, motion carried. The chairman stated that ballots would be accepted until 3:45 p.m. The following were elected:

Harry Boranian) 55
Sahag Akgulian) 48
Nishan Hacherian) 37
Al Topalian) 27

votes?

Alternates (in order)
Gene Chardukian
Avak Topalian
Charles Garabedian
Jack Torosian
Tony Minasian

Reports of church organizations:

1. Parish Council - Chairman Harry Cherkinian
Commended Charles Hardy and all the people serving our church.
Explained the visitation of priest once a month.
Paid members as of December 31, 1970 - 221.
Nothing available on a permanent priest.
Discussed various organizations - lack of leadership one of the main problems.
Importance of a Membership Committee. Parish Council with help of Building Committee to organize a membership committee.

2. Financial and Budget Report - Perry Paragamian (enclosed)
3. Deacon's Report - Charles Hardy
Need of altar society committee consisting of three to seven women.
Newly organized Junior Acolytes - ages 9 to 13 (report enclosed).
4. Building Committee - Ira Eland, Chairman
5. Women's Guild - Mary K. Akgulian
6. Sunday School - Sam Kaprelian, Superintendent
Enrollment increasing
Commended all teachers for their devotion
Armenian hymns being taught and sung
7. Armenian School - Virginia Musurlian, Chairman
Good enrollment
Asks for volunteer for one addition to board
8. Ladies Auxiliary - Mary Kamakian
There was a question on their total assets as this was not listed on report. In the future all organizations should list their total assets.
Ann Akgulian reported Ladies Auxiliary assets were \$8,055.61.
9. Choir - Pat Balian, Director
List of officers not mentioned in report are: Pat Balian, chairman; Jeanette Lebor, treasurer; and Diane Vidian, secretary.
10. Junior ACYOA - Robert Akgulian, Advisor
This group has shown a great deal of progress.
They have 17 members to-date.
11. Reserve Fund - Frank Vidian
Harry Cherkinian moved that new reserve fund officers be elected at the next meeting. Sam Akgulian seconded - motion carried.
12. Auditing Committee - Mary D. Akgulian, Chairman
Audited the books two times and found in good order. Did not realize Building Committee and Reserve Fund should also be audited. Virginia Musurlian moved that the 1970 Auditing Committee consisting of Mary Akgulian, Paul Minasian, and Sam Akgulian audit Building Committee and Reserve Fund for 1970. Kay Mikaelian seconded the motion. Motion carried.
13. Building Committee Financial Report - George Sahagian, Trea.
Correction of C.D. notes - the interest should be \$375.00 instead of \$350.00.
Statements to be sent out by March 15.
Discussion on envelopes.

The chairman appointed the following balloting committee: Harry Cherkinian, Perry Paragamian, Adam Barootian and Frank Vidian.

Election of a 1971 Auditing Committee followed. Those nominated were:

Mary Cherkinian
Rose Kaprelian
Mary D. Akgulian
Paul Minasian
Catherine Mikaelian

Elected:

Mary D. Akgulian
Mary Cherkinian
Catherine Mikaelian

Proposals for Diocesan Assembly:

1. Armenian School Books - Anna Barootian stated that the board had sent money three months ago for material and have received no reply. Have written letters and called New York and still no response. Would like to have this matter checked into. ✓
2. Senior ACYOA - Harry Akgulian suggested that there be a field worker for this group as it is weak and inactive in our area.
3. Vartine Cherkinian would like to know when they are going to assign a Vicar-General in our area.

Discussions on English services followed. Hayr Soorp Tatoyan suggested a Saturday evening service.

Mesag Vidian moved to adjourn, Harry Cherkinian seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Vartine Cherkinian
Secretary

Enclosures