

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
4605 Erie Street
Racine, Wisconsin 53402

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING

JANUARY 26, 1975

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RACINE, WISCONSIN

It should be noted that all that is stated here is only a summary of the work of the Parish Council and not a report on the financial side. The Parish Council is in a position to provide all of the financial information in a separate report. PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Our long term program is to initiate and maintain a program of building projects. In reviewing the past twelve months, we can best assess our performance and that of the parish by the things accomplished as well as those things left undone. Fortunately, with the wholehearted support of the Project Committee, we were able to complete the majority of our building projects. The few tasks remaining can be completed in 1975 without imposing any undue burden on our budget.

With respect to the spiritual and administrative life in the parish, it is my belief we have made no headway. Spiritually, we are fortunate in having dedicated people serving at the altar and in the choir. Without their contribution, it would be difficult to maintain and nourish our spiritual interests.

Our greatest enemy seems to be apathy on the part of many to pitch in and assume responsible roles of leadership. Many organizations report indifference on the part of members to accept elective positions or committee assignments. As a result we seem to function as organizations, yet have no direction and no apparent goals to achieve. We lack leadership, both spiritually and administratively.

Spiritually, of course, we need a full time spiritual leader. When we will get a suitable clergyman, I cannot venture. I can only say that the clergymen available are generally unsuitable or not compatible to the needs of our community. Your Parish Council and its Search Committee have taken the position not to accept anyone without a thorough investigation. We feel the parish cannot afford to go through another Yetenekian period. As a result of our attitude and the indifference of the Diocese to our needs, we can only foresee 1975 to be generally a repeat of 1974. We will, however, continue to explore all possibilities and hope for better results this year.

Administratively, I can only repeat that your Parish Council is aware of our needs and has tried to fill them whenever possible. With few exceptions we have met in regular meetings most every week. Last year approximately 50 meetings were held.

Our new facilities impose many different and often time-consuming problems. The work of the Council, therefore, is vastly different than the problems faced at the old church.

There were certain projects proposed last year that we were unable to get off the ground for lack of volunteer help and interest by parishioners.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT (cont.)

It should be readily apparent to all that we cannot function efficiently by expecting the Parish Council to spearhead and provide all of the leadership. In vital areas as Financial, Membership, Cultural and Social, there is dire need for standing committees to initiate, activate and implement needed projects. Unless we wholeheartedly accept the "Committee Concept," our parish will not show progress and may, through apathy, become a sick parish.

The picture we painted is not pleasant. We tried to put things into perspective to help you visualize where we are and where we are headed.

Unless there is a general re-awakening, a new spirit of interest and much more desire by all of you to become more active in parish affairs, then there is no bright future for St. Mesrob Church. You alone can decide its fate.

Our greatest asset is Harry Cherkinian, Chairman. In and around the role of leadership, many organizations report indifference on the part of members to accept elective positions or committee assignments. As a result we seem to function as organizations, yet have no direction and no apparent goals to achieve. We lack leadership, both spiritually and administratively.

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 1000 S. WISCONSIN ST. RACINE, WISCONSIN 53405

ST. MESROB CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Membership Dues paid through 1976	2
Membership Dues paid through 1975	.....	49
Membership dues paid through 1974	.....	191
Membership Dues paid through 1973	.....	50
Membership Dues paid through 1972	.....	141
Membership Dues paid through 1971	.....	3
Membership Dues paid through 1970	24
Membership Dues paid through 1969	2

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Deacon's Report . . . 1974

Religious services were held regularly in our Church. The Divine Liturgy was celebrated the Third Sunday of each month by Father Patee Metjian. Morning and Midday services were held the remaining Sundays. Evening services were held each Friday in Lent. Participating in each of the above mentioned services were the deacon, subdeacons, acolytes and choir.

The altar and its furnishings were periodically checked, cleaned and repaired by the Altar Society.

From a check of the Church records of the past year, the following facts are noted. There were a total of 2 weddings, 7 baptisms and 10 funerals.

It is our hope that all of us will be able to work again together in 1975 with the help of God to promote the spiritual life of our Church.

Deacon, Charles Hardy

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1975 BUDGET

INCOME

MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$	4,000
PLATE COLLECTION		1,250
SACRAMENTS & CEREMONIES		350
DONATIONS		
Easter	\$	500
Christmas		400
Requiem Services		400
Building Fund		3,000
Other		100
		<u>4,400</u>
AFFAIRS		
Madagh		1,300
Church Picnic		9,000
Other		600
		<u>10,900</u>

RENTALS

Hall	500	
4551 Erie Street	<u>3,300</u>	3,800

DIVIDENDS

Wisconsin Electric Co.	200	
A.T. & T.	60	
Other	40	300

BUILDING FUND PLEDGE

Church Memorials	4,000	
Weekly Pledge	<u>16,000</u>	20,000

ORGANIZATIONAL TRANSFERS

5,000

OTHER

1,500
50,500

It is the hope of all of us to be able to work again in
 harmony with the will of God to create the spiritual
 life of our church.

Charles Henry

1975 BUDGET (continued)

ST. JAMES' CATHOLIC PARISH, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

DISBURSEMENTS

STIPENDS & SALARIES:

Diocesan Dues	9,400	
Pastor	5,000	
Janitorial Services	1,600	
Sunday School	250	
Visiting Clergy	<u>2,000</u>	18,250

AFFAIRS:

Madagh	800	
Church Picnic	5,200	
Other	<u>500</u>	6,500

ADMINISTRATION

Office Supplies	250	
Telephone	330	
Church Supplies	300	
Insurance	<u>1,000</u>	1,880

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Repair & Upkeep	1,300	
Utilities	<u>3,900</u>	5,200

CONSTRUCTION COSTS

Landscape/Parking Lot	850	
Steeple	<u>150</u>	1,000

CHURCH/HALL FURNITURE

Tables	150	
Cabinets	2,000	
Misc.	<u>100</u>	2,250

EQUIPMENT

Lawn Mower	100	
Misc.	<u>300</u>	400

MORTGAGE PAYMENT

		6,700
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OTHERS

Accessories	300	
Recreation	200	
Diocesan Assembly Expense	<u>750</u>	1,250

NET PROFIT

		\$ 43,430
		\$ 7,070

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FINANCIAL REPORT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1974

INCOME		
MEMBERSHIP DUES	000.00	
PLATE COLLECTIONS	000.00	
SACRAMENTS & CEREMONIES	000.00	
DONATIONS	000.00	
Easter		\$ 553.00
Christmas		408.25
Requiem Services	000.00	400.00
Other	000.00	85.00
DONATIONS - In lieu of Flowers		2,927.50
AFFAIRS		
Madagh	000.00	1,277.00
Armenian Picnic Dinners	000.00	8,746.25
		<u>541.05</u>
RENTALS		
Church Hall	000.00	445.00
4551 Erie Street	000.00	<u>3,300.00</u>
DIVIDENDS		
Allghny. Lud/M	000.00	30.00
Wis. Electric Co.	000.00	238.92
AMF	000.00	<u>11.16</u>
ASSET TRANSFERS		
Womens Guild	000.00	1,841.75
Ladies Auxillary	000.00	1,157.47
Altar Society	000.00	<u>39.00</u>
BUILDING FUND PLEDGE		
New Church Memorials		4,655.00
Weekly Pledge		<u>15,746.75</u>
OTHERS		
Sale of Liturgy Books		10.00
Sale of food		296.50
Miscellaneous		<u>2,388.58</u>
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NET INCOME		\$ 50,557.97

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FINANCIAL REPORT
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1974

DISBURSEMENTS

STIPENDS & SALARIES

Diocesan Dues	\$ 0	
Sunday School	210.00	
Janitorial & Security	1,560.00	
Visiting Clergy	565.00	
St. John Armenian Church	<u>1,150.00</u>	\$ 3,485.00

PARISH BENEFITS

Gas	1,813.98	
Lights	<u>1,417.05</u>	3,231.03

AFFAIRS

Church Hall affairs	268.06	
Madagh	671.80	
Picnic	<u>4,942.84</u>	5,882.70

ADMINISTRATION

Office supplies	114.70	
Telephone	297.70	
Church supplies	275.09	
Insurance	892.00	
Postage	225.36	
Mimeograph supplies	<u>375.10</u>	2,179.95

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Repairs & Upkeep	1,155.35	
Sewer & Water	<u>205.89</u>	1,361.24

CONSTRUCTION COSTS

Blacktopping	11,800.00	
Architectural fees	3,689.97	
Church Steeple	63.20	
Shrubs	1,983.90	
Miscellaneous	<u>1,376.80</u>	18,913.87

CHURCH-HALL - PARISH HOME

Kitchen	465.78	
Home	317.31	
Hall	<u>920.60</u>	1,703.69

MAJOR PURCHASES

Lawn Tractor	1,167.00	
Tool Shed	<u>693.09</u>	1,860.09

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FINANCIAL REPORT
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1974

DISBURSEMENTS (continued)

TAXES	0		
MORTGAGE PAYMENTS			
Interest	4,469.75		
Principle	2,150.17		
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES			
Publications	222.63		
Diocesan Assembly	490.00		
Miscellaneous	125.00		
Varak	80.17		
Ball Team (repaid \$61.50)	116.56		
NET DISBURSEMENTS			\$ 46,338.43

S U M M A R Y

Check Book Balance 12-31-73			\$ 1,042.44
1974 Income			\$ 50,557.97
Less: 1974 Disbursements			\$ 46,338.43
Balance January 1, 1975			\$ 5,261.98

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 OF THE MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
 Racine, Wisconsin

The Board of Directors of the Church has the honor to present to you the following report of the activities of the Church during the year 1974.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE - 1974

Month	Day	Attendance	Notes
January	4	75	
	13	178	Picnic
	20	77	
February	3	72	
	10	54	
	17	155	
March	3	81	
	10	97	
	17	142	
April	7	275	
	14	155	
	21	75	
May	2	75	
	9	80	
	16	150	
June	2	70	
	9	76	
	12 (Wed)	93	
July	7	80	
	14	117	
	21	117	
August	4	75	
	11	75	
	18	200	
September	1	68	
	8	83	
	15	185	
October	6	72	
	13	65	
	20	240	
November	3	75	
	10	69	
	17	141	
December	1	73	
	8	64	
	15	140	

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FORMATION OF PROJECT COMMITTEE
AS PER LETTER FROM PARISH COUNCIL,
APRIL 10TH, 1974

1. Concrete walks at both entrances of church. Ira Eland donated his skill and time with the assistance of the Committee members.
2. Painting of extended chimney, two coats. Work completed by Manoog Jansouzian, (paint donated).
3. First application of fertilizer for church lawn and parish house. Work completed by Larry Koleske and Sam Kachichian. Fertilizer donated by Sam Kachichian.
4. Bathroom doors and kickplates mounted by Kay Mikaelian, (donated by Kay Mikaelian).
5. Steeple on church. Skills and labor donated by Sahag Jansouzian with the assistance of the Committee members. Stainless steel cross donated by Sam Akgulian.
6. Stop signs installed at both entrances. Skill and labor donated by Gary Vidian. Signs donated by Sam Cherkinian.
7. Amplifier and speakers for church hall donated by Jack Kargenian and Ed Kargenian.
8. Purchase of 14 H.P. rider tractor with the aid of Sahag Akgulian in transaction (was stored in neighbor's barn).
9. Concrete slab for tool shed and garbage area. Skill and time donated by Arshag Azarian, Paul Chobanian and Al Topalian.
10. Tool shed. Time donated by entire Committee to assemble.
11. Door stops mounted on entrance doors of church.
12. Formica counter top for Mimeograph Room. Skill and time donated by Sahag Jansouzian.
13. Crush stones raked out along entrance driveways. Three (3) loads of black dirt fill used to fill low area. Entire Committee donated time and labor.
14. Eight (8) tons poured concrete removed from front lawn of church. Tow truck and time donated by Dennis Musurlian.

15. Second coating of fertilizer applied by Harry Musurlian.
 16. Kitchen floor stripped and waxed by Roger (janitor) -- no charge.
 17. Trees and shrub planting, parish house and church grounds. Two (2) plantings. Labor entire Committee.
 18. Maintenance of lawn care, Sahag Akgulian, Arshag Azarian and Harry Musurlian.
 19. Sam Azarian, with his equipment and men, donated time and skill to level entire land area behind parking lot.
 20. Amplifier in church and speakers in the Crying Room, parish area and hallway. Donated time and labor, by Sam Akgulian, Paul Chobanian and Gordy Gillis.
 21. Amplifier enclosed case and return made by Sahag Jansouzian.
 22. Rats, mice and hay cleared on grounds behind parking area by Paul Chobanian and Arshag Azarian.
 23. Blacktop parking lot contracted out to Oakes.
 24. Lawn sign to be installed when weather permits.
- Misak Vidian, Chairman
Projects Committee

all the best
and love

ST. MESROB RESERVE FUND
1974 FINANCIAL REPORT

December 31, 1974

The Reserve Fund is currently supervised by the following members elected by the General Parish Assembly:

- Mr. Sam Akgulian, Chairman
- Mrs. Sarkis Cherkhian
- Mr. Charles Dadian

Since all convertible financial notes were transferred to the church treasurer in the previous year, the only documents of financial value entrusted the committee includes the following stocks:

44 shares of Am. Tel. & Tel. @ \$44.00	\$1,936.00
132 shares of Wisc. Elec. Power @ \$22.00	2,904.00
	\$4,840.00

Inventory of Safety Deposit Box at Farmers & Merchants Bank contains the following:

1. Agreement between St. Mesrob Church and Architect Al Seltz signed August 29, 1969.
2. Three (3) Savings Reserve Account Books closed out on 1-16-73.
3. U. S. Treasury note statement closed out on 8-15-71.
4. Certification of sale of State Street Church property to the Greater St. Lukes Baptist Church on January, 1973.
5. Warranty Deed for sale of State Street property dated January, 1973.
6. Indenture Statement of the Highway 31 property dated April 8, 1963.
7. Original Mortgage for 1326 State Street property and the warranty deed, both items dated September 16, 1925.
8. Original Agreement for 1326 State Street property dated January, 1932.
9. Mortgage Agreement for satisfaction of mortgage on 1326 State Street dated September 28, 1940.

Sam Akgulian
Chairman

**MEMORIAL MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
RACINE, WISCONSIN**

**LADIES AUXILIARY
FINANCIAL REPORT - 1974**

Annual Income	\$ <u>3,925.34</u>
Disbursements	\$ <u>1,227.61</u>
Sum Transferred to Parish Council	\$ <u>2,600.00</u>
Balance	\$ <u>97.73</u>

No. of Members - 103

Affairs : Katak & Paklava Bake Sale
 Chicken Dinner on Mother's Day
 Lahmajoon Bake Sale
 Holiday Fair jointly with Women's Guild
 Served at Madagh
 Prepared for and worked at Church Picnic
 Shish-Kebab dinner for Trustees
 Altar and Maas Committees
 Serviced 10 Funerals

Mary Cherkinian, Treasurer

**WOMEN'S GUILD
FINANCIAL REPORT - 1974**

Annual Income	\$ <u>3,949.00</u>
Disbursements	\$ <u>1,989.83</u>
Sum Transferred to Parish Council	\$ <u>1,860.00</u>
Balance	\$ <u>100.04</u>

No. of Members - 41

Affairs: Fish Fry
 Monthly Meetings (some with programs open to public)
 Style Show
 Mother's Day Program and Dinner
 Holiday Fair
 Assist at Annual Picnic & Madagh
 Serve at Funerals throughout year
 Visit Convalescent Homes
 Xmas Dance
 Couples Party in October

Ellie Mazmanian, Treasurer

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EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE
FINANCIAL REPORT - 1974

Annual Income \$ 405.00
Disbursements \$ 710.00
Balance of same \$ 484.07

No. of Teachers - 5
No. of Pupils - 28 (50 last year)
School Hours - Friday 7:00 to 8:30 P.m.
Affairs - Program at end of School Year

Joe Yahnian, Chairman

SUNDAY SCHOOL
FINANCIAL REPORT - 1974

Annual Income \$ 851.02
Disbursements \$ 704.87
Balance \$ 146.15

No. of Teachers - 13 (5 assistants)
No. of Pupils - 76
School Hours - 10 - 11:15 A.M.
Affairs - Family Sunday School Picnic 6-16-74
Christmas Program 12-24-74
Summer Nature Classes - 7 sessions
22 in attendance

Claire Kadamian
Superintendent

CHURCH CHOIR
FINANCIAL REPORT - 1974

Annual Income \$ 45.00
Disbursements \$ 51.06
Balance \$ 186.90

No. of Members - 16
Mrs. Margaret Dadian
Choirmaster