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Sunday, January 30, 1977, 2 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Election of Assembly Chairman and Secretary
2. Minutes of Special Parish Assembly (May 23, 1976)
3. Pastor's Report
4. Parish Council's Annual Report
5. Parish Council's Financial Statement
6. Report of Auditing Committee
7. Annual Reports of Parish Organizations
8. Report on Midwest Council of Armenian Churches
9. Report on the question of cleaning the church
10. Adoption of Budget for 1977
11. Election of four -4- Parish Council Members
12. Election of Auditing Committee
13. Election of Nominating Committee
14. Proposals to be submitted to the Diocesan Assembly
15. Four proposals by Mrs. Rose Akgulian

Rev. ARTEN ASHJIAN, Pastor
President, Parish Council

PAUL TEWAGIAN
Secretary, Parish Council

PAUL CHOBANIAN
Chairman, Parish Council

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Կիրակի, 30 Յունուար 1977, կէսօրէ ետք ժամը 2

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1. Ընտրութիւն Տարեկան ժողովի Ատենապետի եւ Ատենադպիրի
2. Ընթերցում Մայիս 23, 1976ին գումարուած Մասնաւոր Միական ժողովի
3. Հովիւի Ջեկուցում
4. Միական Խորհուրդի Տարեկան Տեղեկագիր
5. Միական Խորհուրդի Տարեկան Ելեւմտական Հաշուեկշիռ
6. Հաշուեքննիչ Յանձնախումբի Տեղեկագիր
7. Եկեղեցւոյ ենթակայ բոլոր մարմիններու Տարեկան Տեղեկագրեր
8. Ջեկուցում Միջին Արեւմուտքի Հայ Եկեղեցիներու Խորհուրդի մասին
9. Ջեկուցում եկեղեցւոյ մաքրութեան հարցի մասին
10. Սահմանում 1977ի Պիտեքի
11. Մասնակի Ընտրութիւն Միական Խորհուրդի
12. Ընտրութիւն Հաշուեքննիչ Յանձնախումբի
13. Ընտրութիւն Ընտրական Յանձնախումբի
14. Թեմական Պատգամաւորական ժողովին յղուելիք առաջարկներ
15. Տիկ. Ռոզ Ագկիւլեանի չորս առաջարկներ

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PASTOR REV. ARTEN ASHJIAN'S REPORT FOR 1976

As your new pastor, I gave a report covering the last 4½ months of 1975 at the Annual Parish Assembly held on January 25, 1976. That report was concluded with the following: "With God's help and your support, I pledge to make 1976 a year of growth for St. Mesrob Church."

Growth in a church may be measured in various ways. For many people growth means more monetary income, a minimum of expenditure and a healthy balance in the treasury. Growth may mean an increase in membership. It may mean creation of new activities and projects. The reports submitted to you today by the Parish Council and subsidiary organizations should give an idea as to whether 1976 has been a year of growth for St. Mesrob Church in tangible, measurable things. But whether collectively or individually we have grown in love, obedience to Christ's commandments, mutual respect, awareness of our responsibilities towards our spiritual and hierarchical leaders, only God knows the answer. For me as your pastor, the first half of 1976 was a relatively productive period, while the second half was weighted with some tensions, misunderstandings and pressures within the life of the parish. The year ended with my hospitalization from Dec. 6 to Dec. 17 and my recuperation at home during the holiday season. I thank merciful God for helping me regain my health, and I take this opportunity to thank all parishioners and friends for their expressions of concern and good will during my recent illness. I also thank all elected and appointed workers and volunteers in our church for the help they have given for the welfare of the church.

WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS. According to the By-Laws of the Armenian Church of America, the foremost duty of the Parish Priest is to "conduct religious services and administer the sacraments in accordance with the canons and traditions of the Armenian Church."

With the exception of six Sundays (May 2, June 20, July 18, Dec. 12, 19 and 26) the Divine Liturgy was celebrated every Sunday. Also on the following weekdays: Theophany Eve, Theophany Day, Feast of St. Vartan, and Easter Eve. Vesper services were held on the eve of the 50th anniversary celebration and on the eve of the last Sunday before Lent. During Lent, midweek evening services were held. A children's Liturgy, with the traditional chants sung by the Sunday School children, was offered in conjunction with the communion given on Holy Saturday morning. Our guest celebrants were: His Eminence Archbishop Tor kom Manoogian, Primate (Feb. 1, St. Mesrob Church 50th anniversary celebration), His Eminence Abp. Tiran Nersoyan (Oct. 10, St. Mesrob Name Day celebration), and the Very Rev. Khajag Barsamian, staff bearer of His Beatitude Patriarch Shnorh Kaloustian of Istanbul (Nov. 14). The Very Rev. Fr. Vasken Tatoyan preached on the Feast of the Assumption and took part in the blessing of grapes. The Very Rev. Arshag Khatchadourian of the Holy Resurrection Church of South Milwaukee and the Choir of that church worshiped with our congregation at St. Mesrob Church on Nov. 14 on the occasion of His Beatitude Patriarch Shnorh's visit.

The reliable help which I have received from Deacon Charles Hardy and Subdeacon Mikael Garoukian in all worship services, has been of great value. Next to them, as cantor/censer, George Kadamian, Gary Akgulian and Kai Kazarian have given crucial help on days when they have been free from other obligations. Another faithful altar server, Ronald Bendian of South Milwaukee, who also rendered much help to the A.C. Y.O. A. Juniors as an advisor, moved to Minnesota in the summer. The following teenagers have been serving on a rotation basis as fan-bearers and helpers on the altar: Nick Akgulian, Nishan Akgulian, Avak Grigorian, Tom Janikian, Rick Kadamian, Brian Mikaelian, Mike Minasian, Charles Roy, Alex Sahagian, and David Stevoff. With Yeretzgin Mary's guidance, a group of younger boys attending Sunday School are being trained as acolytes and serve in pairs on a rotation basis.

With Mrs. Margaret Dadian as a competent conductor and instructor and Miss Janet Cherkinian as a dedicated organist, the Choir enriched its knowledge of the variables of the Divine Liturgy and other services. A pleasant change on Easter Sunday was the singing of the Gomidas Vardapet arrangement of the Divine Liturgy. I am sorry that Mrs. Dadian discontinued her service as conductor and soloist as of last September. Mrs. Carol Bonito, assistant director and chairman of the Choir, was unwilling to assume the leadership of the Choir at that point. Thanks to the continued attendance of a small number of loyal members, the St. Mesrob Choir has managed to contribute its essential service since Labor Day under the leadership of Mr. Paul Chobanian, former choirmaster and presently chairman of the Parish Council. During this four-month period occasional help as volunteer director or soloist has been given to the Choir by Mrs. Berjouhi Mikaelian and Mrs. Gene Garabedian. Mrs. Rose Margosian has joined the Choir recently. Worthy of mention are brothers Harry and Michael Cherkinian who have contributed their talents as soloist or organist on special occasions.

During 1976, 5 infants were baptized and confirmed. There were 2 weddings and 4 funerals (one was performed at the funeral home with the Primate's permission). There was one engagement blessed. Grave blessing was performed on Memorial Day and on a weekday during summer. I have performed the traditional home blessing ritual in our church hall following services on Theophany Eve. Also blessing of the Madagh meal on Martyrs' Day. I have blessed 90 homes by appointment during the Theophany and Easter seasons, plus one business office and one home by special request.

The Altar Care Committee of the Women's Guild, consisting of the faithful senior parishioners Anna Barootian, Zabel Armaganian, Vartenie Dadian and Altoun Oglanian, has cleaned and sewn altar linen and polished the candelabra and other decorative items on the altar and adjacent shelves. Mesdames Helen Chordegian and Sue Esayian have supervised the donations of flowers for the altar, making sure that at least one pair of vases of fresh flowers will be placed on the altar on Sundays and other holy days. Thanks to these two ladies our church was brightened with a Christmas tree again this year.

In 1976, the following decorative articles were received as gifts: 3 identical metal crosses in the Armenian style in memory of Azar and Manam Torosian by their children, a processional cross in the same style by Mrs. Sonia Rabe in memory of her husband William C. Rabe and her mother Osgy Kaprelian, a pair of tall candlesticks by Mr. Nazaret Chorbajian in memory of his parents, and an oil painting of Christ's baptism by anonymous donors. The crosses and the candlesticks were ordered and engraved under my supervision.

VISITATIONS. My journal shows a total of 529 visitations for 1976. This number includes visits given to the sick, to the shut-in, calls on families who were in mourning. Many visitations were for the pursuance of administrative errands or for the purpose of education. Included in the total are all of the home blessing visitations, a few social calls. Also, visits for the purpose of conducting brief services and Bible reading for the benefit of shut-in people (3), and for recording the personal experiences of parishioners who suffered in their homeland in Turkey during the Genocide of 1915 (13 individuals interviewed). As a new project, I began visiting Northside Racine churches in the Fall, meeting with the pastor in each case, touring the building with him and requesting information on various aspects of the parish life. So far I have visited four local churches for this purpose (to one of these I paid a second visit accompanied by three members of the Women's Guild). In the course of most of the family visitations I have taken down information which I have entered into my Family Record forms, of which I have so far compiled 83.

EDUCATIONAL

1) ARMENIAN SCHOOL. I taught Armenian songs to several classes in the spring semester. Held weekly classes in Armenian reading for high school students during the same period. In the summer, after calling several meetings of the parents, the Educational Committee, and holding conferences with qualified prospects, I was able to find a principal for the Armenian School, and appointed a new Board for the School, in each case securing the approval of the Parish Council. My efforts in this area have been geared to implementing the new By-Laws given for the parish Armenian schools by the the Primate, and in seeing that the materials prepared or recommended by the Armenian Language Lab of the Diocese are used by our teachers.

2) RELIGIOUS STUDIES. Held a weekly evening class in English for the study of a Gospel in January and February. Conducted written tests for the senior class of the Sunday School. The graduation program held in church was a first in the recent history of our Sunday School. Gave a daily message to the children attending the five-day Bible School in July. Conducted Bible study in Armenian for the group of ladies who meet in the Library on Wednesdays.

3) TRAINING OF ACOLYTES AND DEACONS. Before the summer vacation almost once each month, I explained in church -with Yeretzgin's assistance- the ritual of the Divine Liturgy for the benefit of the acolytes. In the summer I started a weekly training program for volunteers from the fan-bearers' group who wish to learn censuring. The session was followed by an hour of instruction in chanting the deacons' parts, using the Deacon's Guidebook of Archbishop Torkom Manoogian. Yeretzgin Mary has been helping by playing the organ during this part of the practice.

4) LIBRARY. As a first step towards the formation of a library for the church, I set up-with the help of the Parish Council and the Projects Committee- two commercial display racks as receptacles for the periodicals mailed to St. Mesrob Church or to my home. I could use the help of a volunteer to be in charge of the periodicals, to keep them in good order and make them accessible to a wider circle of readers. Mrs. Mary Sahakian of the Sunday School staff has consulted with me in starting a library for the Sunday School. This has been a pet project of Superintendent Mrs. Claire Kadamian.

5) GRADUATES DAY. With the approval of the Parish Council I communicated with the 1976 high school and college graduates within the parish and invited them to attend the Divine Liturgy with their parents on a particular Sunday. On behalf of St. Mesrob Church each graduate was presented with a gift. Individual pictures of the graduates were published in the VARAK.

5) TALK AT LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL. Upon request I gave a talk and showed slides on the Armenian Church to the 11th grade students of the Lutheran High School of Racine.

CLERICAL. 1) Preparation of weekly bilingual bulletin for use of worshipers. 2) Correspondence with the Primate, diocesan office staff, churches, various individuals and organizations, and members of subsidiary bodies within our parish. 3) Preparation of schedules for choir members, fan-bearers and readers. 4) Contributions to the VARAK in Armenian and English. 5) Preparation of certificates. 6) Preparation of special bulletins for Holy Week and Christmas. 7) Preparation of guidelines- approved by the Parish Council- for submission to parishioners involved in planning a baptism, a wedding or a funeral. 8) Preparation of ritual guidelines for altar servers. 9) Research in old baptismal records upon request of an attorney, etc.

Several parishioners have helped me in the typing and reproduction of some of the above. I thank them for their sacrifice of time and talent.

MEETINGS & CONFERENCES. I have attended very few meetings of the Stewardship, Picnic, and Projects committees. These committees have specific tasks to carry out, and the members constituting them have been capable, experienced and dedicated people. Whenever I have been given advance information I have tried to preside at the executive and membership meetings of the subsidiary organizations of the church. With few exceptions I have presided at the Parish Council meetings, which are held almost every week. I have tried to start Parish Council meetings with a prepared agenda, seeking in this the cooperation of the chairman and the secretary. I have held conferences with Mr. Paul Chobanian, Parish Council chairman, with the deacons, the rest of the altar servers, the leaders of the Choir, the Sunday School superintendent and the senior class teacher, the Armenian School teachers, the editor of the VARAK, the advisors and chairman of the ACYQA, and the chairman of the Name Day celebration committee.

NAME DAY CELEBRATION. It has been the custom of many Armenian churches in America to hold an annual dinner on the anniversary of the name day of the church (Cross in September, James, Paul and Peter in December, John in January, Sarkis and Vartan in February, Gregory in March or April, etc.). Our own church bears the name of an Armenian Saint whose feast is celebrated twice during the year (first in early summer in conjunction with St. Sahag the Catholicos, and later in October as chief of the Holy Translators). For the first time in the recent history of our parish the name day of St. Mesrob Church was celebrated on Oct. 10, with His Eminence Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan of N.Y.C. as the guest celebrant and speaker. There was good food and an appropriate cultural program at the dinner held in our social hall, but the attendance of parishioners fell short of my expectation. Mr. Harold Sahakian, who served as Master of Ceremonies served with distinction as chairman of the arrangements committee. It is my hope that St. Mesrob Church will honor the patron Saint and find renewed inspiration in celebrating the Name Day as an annual family tradition.

DIOCESAN OBLIGATIONS. I attended the annual conference of the clergy and the Diocesan Assembly, both held in Philadelphia, April 28-May 2, serving as secretary at both meetings. All of our lay delegates took part in the Assembly. In June I attended the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Nersess Armenian Theological School at the diocesan headquarters in New York. At this meeting the Board elected me secretary. The first week of August I took part in a teachers' training program held under the auspices of the Armenian Language Lab of the Diocese in N.Y. C. As directed by the Primate, I accompanied His Eminence and Fr. Arshag Khatchadourian on a visit to Hye-Camp in August, and attended a regional meeting of parish councils and delegates at the Holy Resurrection Church of South Milwaukee. The same weekend I took part in the ordination ceremony in which His Eminence conferred the degree of Dzayrakoyn Vardapet upon Fr. Arshag Khatchadourian. In accordance with the wishes of the Primate expressed at the August regional meeting, I attended with three representatives of our parish a special meeting held at the St. George Armenian Church of Waukegan on Nov. 21. The meeting, which was called and chaired by our delegate Mr. George Stevoff, discussed the question of reviving the Midwest Regional Council of Armenian churches in Illinois and Wisconsin. Per directive of the Primate, during the third week of June I made three trips to the St. George Armenian Church of Waukegan in support of the St. Nersess seminarians' mission. The response of the small Waukegan parish to the work and appeal of the three visiting seminarians who spent a week there was very warm and encouraging. On Nov. 15 I provided transportation to His Beatitude Patriarch Shnork Kaloustian on his visit to Evanston and Chicago. On Sept. 11 I represented the Primate at the opening service of the 56th General Convention of the Episcopal Church held in St. Paul, Minn. I also represented the Primate at a special session of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America held in Chicago on Oct. 30.

PUBLIC RELATIONS. I attended the following events: 1) The 50-year Club Reunion III of Racine born Armenian-Americans; 2) Some luncheon meetings of the Racine Clergy Association; 3) The annual festival of the local Greek Church; 4) The installation of the new Senior Pastor of the Holy Communion Lutheran Church; 5) A luncheon at the Multicultural Studies Center of the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. Mrs. Rose Akgulian of our parish attended the luncheon as a representative of the AGBU.

I submitted publicity items to the Racine Journal Times on the occasion of the visits of His Beatitude Patriarch Shnork Kaloustian and His Eminence Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan. I extended invitations to Fr. Peter Pappademetriou of the Greek Church and to the Honorable Stephen Olsen, Mayor of Racine, to attend the dinner in honor of Patriarch Shnork Kaloustian. Both guests spoke words of welcome.

REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) In proportion to the size of our parish, the physical edifice of St. Mesrob Church is a large one. To maintain the building and grounds is a major responsibility. The hard working Projects Committee consisting of a small number of men and the Parish Council are doing their best in the areas of maintenance, repairs and improvements. My recommendation is that the weekly cleaning of the sanctuary (this includes all areas inside the church plus the baptismal room) be done on a regular, professional basis. Specifically, what St. Mesrob Church needs is a sacristan, whose duty will be to keep the church clean, and to be available for assistance needed immediately before, during and after all religious services on any day of the week. This is not a small task. It should not surprise us that some Armenian churches in America have secured this kind of help by paying for the services of a sacristan.
- 2) On the bema of the altar, two structural abnormalities (one of them correctible without any expense) continue to cause waste of time and confusion during the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. I hope that attention will be paid by the proper committees to find solutions to these problems.
- 3) At certain moments in the Divine Liturgy and in other services of the Armenian Church, the worshipers are expected to kneel. To make this a natural practice for the worshipers at St. Mesrob Church, the pews need to have kneelers added to them.
- 4) An inventory of the movable items on the altar, in the chancel, the two vesting rooms and the baptistry should be taken.
- 5) As part of the Armenian Diaspora, we have to maintain an awareness of our ties with our sister parishes in the Midwest, with our Diocesan Headquarters, with Holy Etchmiadzin as the spiritual center of the Armenian Church. We have to be responsive to appeals issued by the Primate of His Holiness the Catholicos of All Armenians. When, for example, Armenians in Lebanon or Turkey suffer, as Armenians and Christians we have to show compassion and concern in a positive way.
- 6) As members of the Armenian Church, we have to develop an awareness of our history which began in the times of the Apostles. We cannot cut off ties of history and stay an Armenian church. By promoting the formation of a church library, of a display of items for sale available from the Diocesan bookstore, we will be enriching our ethnic, religious and cultural awareness as Armenian Christians.
- 7) The use we get from our gym and the kitchen should not be limited to indoor sports and Armenian cuisine. The time should come when the expansion of the hall will make room for--among other facilities--a stage. Non-Armenians around us should not associate Armenianism merely with food, but also with our graphic and liturgical arts, music, folk dances and other aspects of our rich cultural heritage. To be able to move in this direction, many of us must make a mental and emotional effort to break away from fixed and rigid patterns, to develop a flexibility, to be open to new ideas and projects. My prayer will be that God will pour His grace and spirit upon all of us to make 1977 a year of spiritual and cultural enrichment for St. Mesrob Armenian Church.

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Ա. Պատարագ մատուցուած՝ 50 անգամ: Հիւր պատարագիչ՝ Գեր. Տ. Թորգոմ Արք. Մանուկեան (Առաջնորդ), Գեր. Տ. Տիրան Արք. Ներսոյեան, եւ Հոգ. Տ. Խաժակ Վրդ. Պարսամեան՝ գաւազանակիր Թիւրքիոյ Հայոց Պատրիարք Ամեն. Տ. Շնորհք Արք. Գալուստեանի, որ քարոզեց:

Օգտականներ՝ Կարապետ Սարկաւազ Հարտի, Միքայէլ Կիսասարկաւազ Կարուկեան, չորս բուրվառակիր (մէկը մինչեւ Յուլիս), տաս քշոցակիր, եւ 12 մոմակալներու խումբը որոն մարզիչն է Երէցկին Մարիամ Աշճեան:

Տիկ. Մարգրիտ Տէտեան, կարող ղեկավար Դպրաց Դասու, դժբախտաբար չշարունակեց իր ղեկավարի պաշտօնը Օգոստոսէն ետք:

Տիկնանց Միութեան Խորանի Հոգատար Յանձնախումբի անդամներ Աննա Պարութեան, Զապէլ Արմաղանեան, Վարդենի Տէտեան եւ Ալթուն Օղլանեան շարունակած են իրենց աստուածահաճոյ գործը, նոր ծածկոցներ եւս պատրաստելով: Ամէն Կիրակի եւ այլ տօնական օրեր խորանի թարմ ծաղիկ ապահոված են Տիկնայք Հէլըն Զօրտիկեան եւ Սիւ Շապեան: Իմ քաջալերութեամբ՝ եկեղեցւոյս նուէր տրուած են երեք հայկական խաչեր խորանի համար, թափօրի խաչ մը նոյն ոճով, զոյգ մը մեծ մոմակալներ, եւ Յիսուսի մկրտութեան իւղանկար մը:

Կատարուած են 5 մկրտութիւն եւ դրոշմ, 2 պսակադրութիւն, 1 նշանօրհնէք, 4 թաղում, Մեռելոց Օրը եւ ամբան մասնաւոր խնդրանքով գերեզմանօրհնէք, մատաղօրհնէք, եւ 92 տնօրհնէք:

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Ընդամենը՝ 529 այցելութիւն, տրուած հիւանդներու, ծերերու, սգաւորներու, Հայ թէ օտար եկեղեցիներու, վարչական եւ կրթական գործեր հետապնդելու, բնակարաններու մէջ ժամապաշտութիւն կատարելու: Այցելութեանց առթիւ 1915ի Մեծ Եղեռնէն վերապրած 13 անհատներու պատմութիւն գրի առնուած: 83 ընտանեկան տոմարներ լեցուած:

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Հայ Դպրոցը լաւագոյնս կազմակերպելու, Կիրակօրեայ Դպրոցի բարձրագոյն կարգի աշակերտները վկայականաց յանձնումի եւ ամսվերջի հանդէսի պատրաստելու, բուրվառակիրներ եւ երէցկոյն՝ օգնութեամբ ապագայ սարկաւազներ մարզելու, եկեղեցւոյս եւ հովիւին դրկուած թերթեր մասնաւոր դարաններու վրայ դասաւորելու, ծուխիս 1976ի ՀայՍքուլի եւ գալէճի շրջանաւարտները հրապարակաւ շնորհաւորելու եւ գնահատելու ուղղութեամբ կատարուած է աշխատանք: Բաղաքիս Լուտերական Հայ Սքուլի 11րդ կարգի աշակերտներուն տրուած է դասախօսութիւն մը Հայ եկեղեցւոյ մասին:

ԳՐԱՍԵՆՇԱԿ

Նամակագրութիւն, թարգմանական աշխատանք, ժամանակացոյցներու, Կիրակօրեայ եւ մասնաւոր յայտարարութեանց, ՎԱՐԱԳԻ մէջ լոյս տեսնելիք ցանկերու, եւ վկայականներու պատրաստութիւն: Նաեւ խորանի սպասարկողներու եւ ծիսակատարութեանց վերաբերեալ ուղեցոյցներու պատրաստութիւն: Կամաւորներ մասամբ օգնած են մեքենագրութեան եւ բազմագրումի գործերուն մէջ:

ԺՈՂՈՎ ԵՒ ԽՈՐՀՐԴԱԿՑՈՒԹԻՒՆ

Կարելի ու թեան սահմանին մէջ նախագահած եմ եկեղեցւոյս կազմակերպութեանց վարչական եւ անդամական ժողովներուն, խորհրդակցած եմ յաճախ Մխական Խորհուրդի ատենապետ Տիար Պօղոս Զօպանեանի հետ, ինչպէս նաեւ խորանի սպասարկողներու, դպրաց դասի վարիչներու, Կիրակօրեայ Դպրոցի եւ Հայ Դպրոցի պատասխանատուներու, ՎԱՐԱԳի խմբագրի, եւ որոշ յանձնախումբերու ատենապետներուն հետ:

ԱՆՈՒԱՆ ՏՕՆԱԽԱՐԱՐՈՒԹԻՒՆ

Հոկտ. 10ին՝ Սրբոց Թարգմանչաց տօնին առթիւ առաջին անգամ տօնախմբուեցաւ Ս. Մեսրոպ Եկեղեցւոյ անուան տարեդարձը, պատարագիչ եւ գլխաւոր խօսող ունենալով Գեր. Տ. Տիրան Արք. Ներսոյեանը: Ճաշկերոյթի յայտագրի սեղանապատութիւնը վարեց Տիար Հէրոլտ Սահակեան, որ սիրայօժար ծառայեց որպէս կարգադիր յանձնախումբի ատենապետ:

ԹԵՄԱԿԱՆ ՊԱՐՏԱԿԱՆՈՒԹԻՒՆՆԵՐ

Ջանազան ժողովներու, հաւաքոյթներու եւ ծիսակատարութեանց մասնակցելու համար Առաջնորդ Սրբազան Հօր հրահանգով ճամբորդած եմ Ֆիլատէլիա, Նիւ Եորք, Ուոքինգթոն, Սաութ Միլուոքի եւ Հայ Բէմփ: Եպիսկոպոսական Եկեղեցւոյ ընդհանուր 56րդ Համաժողովի բացման արարողութեան - Սէնթ Փոլ, Միննեսօթա - ներկայ եղած եմ իբր ներկայացուցիչ Թեմիս Առաջնորդ Սրբազանին: Նոյն հանգամանքով ներկայ եղած եմ Ամերիկայի Եկեղեցիներու Ազգային Խորհուրդի վարչական մասնաւոր ժողովի մը՝ Շիքակօ:

ՀԱՆՐԱՅԻՆ ՅԱՐԱԲԵՐՈՒԹԻՒՆՆԵՐ

Կապ պահած եմ քաղաքիս օտար եկեղեցականներու հետ, տեղական լրագրին հետ, եւ նահանգային Համալսարանի Փարքսայտի (Քընոշա) Մշակոյթներու Ծանօթացման Կեդ. Կեդրոնին հետ: Իմ հրաւերով ի պատիւ Ամեն. Տ. Շնորհք Պատրիարքի ճաշին ներկայ եղան եւ որջոյնի խօսք ըսին քաղաքիս Յոյն Եկեղեցւոյ քահանայ Տ. Փիթըր Փափատիմիթրիու եւ քաղաքապետ Վսեմ. Ստիֆըն Օլսըն:

ԹԵԼԱԴՐՈՒԹԻՒՆՆԵՐ

1) Ս. Մեսրոպ Եկեղեցւոյ սրբավայրը կանոնաւոր կերպով մաքրելու եւ արարողութեանց առթիւ տեւականօրէն օգնելու համար պէտք է ապահովել լուսարարժամկոչ մը: 2) Խորանի վրայ բարեփոխման կարօտ շինուածական գոյգ մը խընդիրներ կը պատճառեն ժամավաճառութիւն Ս. Պատարագի մատուցման միջոցին: Ասոնց լուծումը պէտք է հետապնդել: 3) Մերադրելը դիւրացնելու յարմարութիւն պէտք է աւելցուի Եկեղեցւոյ նստարաններուն: 4) Եկեղեցիէն ներս գտնուող շարժական գոյքերու գրաւոր ցուցակը պէտք է պատրաստուի: 5) Որպէս Սփիւռքի Հայութեան մէկ մասնիկը մեր համայնքը պէտք է գորացնէ իր կապերը քոյր համայնքներու, Առաջնորդարանին եւ Մայր Աթոռ Ս. Էջմիածնի հետ: Մեր հոգեւոր պետերու կոչերուն պէտք է դրական կերպով պատասխանել: 6) Պէտք է քաջալերել հաստատումը գրադարանի մը մեր շէնքի յարմար մէկ բաժնին մէջ, մանաւանդ անգլիախօս սերունդին հայկական գիտակցութիւնը գորացնելու համար: 7) Մեր սրահը իր ներկայի գործածութեան սահմանէն անդին՝ պէտք է տրամադրուի նաեւ հայկական մշակութային գործունէութեան: Երբ ժամանակը հասնի սրահը ընդարձակելու, զայն պէտք է օժտել - ի միջի այլ յարմարութեանց - բեմով մը:

PARISH COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1976

At the Annual Parish Assembly held on January 25, 1976, the following were elected to serve on the Parish Council for a two-year term:

John Esayian
Myron Chordegian
Murad Gengozian

Upon the Primate's official ratification of the elections, the seven member Parish Council elected its 1976 officers as follows:

Chairman	-	Paul Chobanian
Vice-Chairman	-	John Esayian
Secretary	-	Paul Tewagian
Treasurer	-	Myron Chordegian
Assistant Treasurer	-	Edward Kaprellian
Advisor	-	Murad Gengozian
Advisor	-	Manoog Jansouzian

The Parish Council has held 47 business meetings. Diocesan delegates have attended 16 of these meetings.

Parish Council representatives attended two regional meetings presided over by His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate. They were held in South Milwaukee on August 15 and in Evanston, Illinois on December 11.

Religious services were held each Sunday and on weekdays during holy seasons.

Parish council members were designated as liaison to subsidiary organizations to improve communications.

EVENTS

1. St. Mesrob Church 50th anniversary. This was planned in 1975 and held the end of January, 1976 under the supervision of a committee chaired by Miss Shockey Gengozian.

2. Appreciation Dinner in honor of volunteer servers and teachers in the church, March 28.

3. Madagh (Memorial dinner) - April 25.

4. Recognition of High School and College graduates within the parish - June 27.

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5. Annual Picnic - July 18.
6. Sponsorship of a trip by altar servers to a baseball game in Milwaukee with subdeacon Mikael Garoukian as co-host and coordinator - August 21.
7. St. Mesrob Church Name Day celebration dinner - October 10.
8. Dinner in honor of His Beatitude Patriarch Shnork Kaloustian of Armenians in Turkey - November 14.

PROJECTS

1. Harry Musurlian was selected for the position of custodian of the church annex and Tony Azarian was selected for the position of security guard of the property.
2. Construction of cabinets in priest's vesting room and choir room as specified in the original plans.
3. Coordination with the work of the Project Committee, with two members of the Parish Council serving as member or liaison on the committee.
4. Altar curtains operations have been investigated for required correction.
5. John Barootian appointed as Principal of the Armenian School
6. New board appointed for the Armenian School in accordance to the by-laws given by His Eminence the Primate.
7. Purchase of overhead projector for use of Armenian School and Sunday School.
8. Inquiries made on the possibility of converting church window panes into art or stained glass.

The Parish Council wishes to thank all parish organizations and supporters for their help in making 1976 a year of progress for St. Mesrob Church.

(Rev.) Arten Ashjian
President, Parish Council

Paul Tewagian
Secretary, Parish Council

Paul Chobanian
Chairman, Parish Council

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN CHURCH
 RACINE, WISCONSIN
 FINANCIAL REPORT
 YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1975 AND 1976

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>
MEMBERSHIP DUES		
1971	\$ 25.00	\$ 0
1972	90.00	0
1973	185.00	40.00
1974	600.00	195.00
1975	3,400.00	555.00
1976	270.00	3,765.00
1977	15.00	270.00
1978	15.00	0
1979	5.00	0
	<u>4,605.00</u>	<u>4,825.00</u>
PLATE COLLECTION	1,646.17	1,727.57
SACRAMENTS & CEREMONIES		
Funeral Fees	150.00	0
Baptismal Fees	30.00	15.00
	<u>180.00</u>	<u>15.00</u>
DONATIONS		
Easter	681.00	753.50
Christmas	401.00	564.50
Requiem	552.00	423.00
Candles	165.00	292.00
In Lieu of Flowers	2,070.00	1,163.75
Flowers	15.00	
	<u>3,884.00</u>	<u>3,196.75</u>
AFFAIRS		
Madagh	1,358.75	1,467.50
RENTALS		
Church Hall	60.00	170.00
4551 Erie Street	3,132.09	3,300.00
	<u>3,192.09</u>	<u>3,470.00</u>
DIVIDENDS		
Allghy Lud/M	33.72	
Wis Electric Co	250.80	
AMF	11.16	
	<u>295.68</u>	801.92
ASSET TRANSFERS		
Altar Society	0	853.55
Women's Guild	1,860.00	2,165.49
Ladies Auxilliary	2,600.00	1,614.51
ACYOA	886.00	0
Picnic Committee	9,728.24	12,868.53
	<u>15,074.24</u>	<u>17,502.08</u>

INCOME

(continued)

1975

1976

BUILDING FUND PLEDGE

Weekly 15,234.85
 New Church Memorials 2,445.00
17,679.85

16,385.41
 1,050.00
17,436.41

OTHER INCOME

Sale of Food 990.66
 50th Anniversary Committee 0
 Miscellaneous 3,015.83
4,006.49

4790
 1,183.16
 2,668.08
3,851.24

NET INCOME

\$ 51,922.27

\$ 54,293.47

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN CHURCH
 RACINE, WISCONSIN
 FINANCIAL REPORT
YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1975 AND 1976

<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>
STIPENDS & SALARIES		
Diocesan Dues	9,110.00	4,656.00
Sunday School	180.00	100.00
Janitorial & Security	1,530.00	1,460.00
Visiting Clergy	933.60	525.00
Resident Clergy	5,440.50	14,899.50
St. John Armenian Church	700.00	0
Armenian School		550.00
	<u>17,894.10</u>	<u>22,190.50</u>
UTILITIES		
Gas	1,795.05	2,430.37
Light	1,540.25	1,807.49
Water & Sewer	0	228.35
	<u>3,335.30</u>	<u>4,466.21</u>
ADMINISTRATION		
Telephone	384.15	400.42
Insurance	959.00	1,648.00
Office Supplies	244.26	305.42
Church Supplies	1,144.86	1,238.77
Postage	275.28	325.00
Mimeograph	343.97	81.51
	<u>3,315.52</u>	<u>3,999.12</u>
MAJOR PURCHASES		
Furniture-Choir & Vestment Room	1,325.07	3,646.38
CHURCH-HALL-PARISH HOME		
Church Affairs	497.35	0
	<u>103.57</u>	<u>154.70</u>
	600.92	154.70
AFFAIRS		
Church Affairs	0	1,284.95
Madagh	919.74	304.17
Picnic (reimbursed)	205.00	110.00
	<u>1,124.74</u>	<u>1,699.12</u>
BUILDING MAINTENANCE		
Repairs & Upkeep	668.05	1,200.05
Water & Sewer	207.19	See Utilities
	<u>875.24</u>	<u>1,200.05</u>

DISBURSEMENTS (continued)	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>
MISCELLANEOUS		
Varak	37.50	43.95
Parking Lot	90.92	0
Grounds	990.92	0
Steeple	39.62	0
Rubbish Collection	60.00	60.00
Snowplowing	80.00	126.00
Hye Camp	0	100.00
Lebanon Relief Fund	0	100.00
Rev. Ashjian Petty Cash	0	150.00
Curtain expenses	111.20	0
Other	1,476.55	1,281.79
Moving (Rev. Ashjian)	1,794.21	0
50th Anniversary Committee	200.00	0
Travel Account	255.72	0
Purchases by Rev. Ashjian (reimbursed)	286.85	0
Publications	53.45	76.30
Ball Team	120.00	122.25
Diocesan Delegates	576.83	1,111.33
	<u>6,173.77</u>	<u>5,706.32</u>
MORTGAGE PAYMENTS	7,171.58	6,068.26
	<u> </u>	<u>8,000.00</u>
NET DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 41,816.24	\$ 54,695.96

AUDITING COMMITTEE

The church and all organizations' financial statements have been prepared from the books and records of ST. MESROB ARMENIAN CHURCH and to the best of our knowledge, reflects accurately the income and disbursements for the year ended December 31, 1976.

Auditing Committee

Charles Dadian
Mary Cherkinian
Catherine Mikaelian

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN CHURCH
PROPOSED 1977 BUDGET

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>
MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$ 4,600	\$ 4,400
PLATE COLLECTIONS	1,700	2,000
SACRAMENTS/CEREMONIES	200	200
DONATIONS		
Easter/Christmas/Other	1,800	2,000
In Lieu of Flowers	2,100	1,400
AFFAIRS		
Madagh	1,000	1,600
Picnic	10,000	12,000
Dinners	900	1,000
RENTALS		
Church Hall	\$ 100	300
4551 Erie Street	3,300	3,300
STOCK DIVIDENDS	300	600
ASSET TRANSFERS	3,000	6,000
PLEDGE COMMITMENTS		
Memorials	2,000	3,000
Weekly Pledge	20,000	20,000
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	<u>1,000</u>	<u>2,200</u>
	\$ 52,000	\$ 60,000

PROPOSED 1977 BUDGET (continued)

<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>
STIPENDS & SALARIES		
Diocesan Dues	4,400	6,000
Pastor	14,892	15,552
Janitorial Service and Security	1,800	1,800
Visiting Clergy	330	500
Cleaning Church	0	1,300
UTILITIES		
Gas	2,250	3,000
Electricity	1,850	2,150
Water/Sewer	250	275
AFFAIRS		
Picnic	6,000	6,000
Madagh	850	1,200
Dinners	400	600
ADMINISTRATION		
Office Supplies	270	350
Telephone	385	450
Church Supplies	1,200	1,300
Insurance	1,050	1,800
Postage	300	375
Printing Supplies	500	500
MAINTENANCE/PROJECTS		
4551 Erie	500	500
Hall	2,000	2,000
Church	2,000	2,000
MORTGAGE PAYMENT		
	6,700	6,700
CONTINGENCY/MISC		
Conventions/Seminars	1,800	1,800
Sunday School	500	500
Armenian School	300	1,400
Choir	500	780
Publications	500	400
Contingency	473	768
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	\$ 52,000	\$ 60,000

ST. MESROB RESERVE FUND
1976 FINANCIAL REPORT
December 31, 1976

The St. Mesrob Reserve Fund is supervised by three members, elected at large. The committee consists of the following:

- Mr. Sam Akgulian
- Mrs. Sarkis Cherkinian
- Mr. Charles Dadian

The financial statement below shows the value of the Fund as of December 31, 1976. Values for stock holdings reflect the market price on 12-30-76.

	<u>Net Worth</u>	<u>Av. Yield</u>
* 12 Shares of AMF Inc. @ \$21.375	\$ 256.50	6%
* 10 Shares of Allegheny Ludlum @ \$37.00	370.00	5½%
44 Shares Am. Tel. & Tel. @ \$63.50	2,794.00	6%
132 Shares Wis. Elec. Power @ \$31.375	4,141.50	6½%
TOTAL NET WORTH	\$7,562.00	

* - Shares being held in Trust by Loewl & Co. under Account No. RA01-1171-1006.

Safety Deposit Box Inventory as of January 4, 1977, at the Farmers & Merchants Bank contain the following:

1. Agreement between St. Mesrob Church and Architect Al Seltz signed on August 29, 1969.
2. Certification of sale of the State Street property to Greater St. Lukes Baptist Church on January, 1973.
3. Warranty Deed for the sale of the State St. property dated January, 1973.
4. Indenture Statement of the Highway 31 property dated April 8, 1963.
5. Original Mortgage for 1326 State St. property and the warranty deed - both items dated September 16, 1925.
6. Original Agreement for satisfaction of Mortgage on 1326 State St. property dated Sept. 28, 1940.
7. Mortgage Agreement for 1326 State St. property dated Jan. 1932.
8. Stock Certificates for AT&T and Wis. Elec. Power shown above.

Sam Akgulian

ST. MESROB PROJECT COMMITTEE
1976 REPORT

The Project Committee is a committee whose functions are to maintain and improve in various areas the properties of the St. Mesrob Church. The committee helps in the planning and improving for future projects by giving thoughts to new projects which will improve the total valuation.

The committee is comprised of volunteer help and is open to any member of the St. Mesrob Church. Work projects are held on each Thursday of each week, plus any other days, as necessary. The committee is in constant need of more help to maintain the properties, especially during the summer months. There is no financial report from this committee because its finances are directly under the parish council.

The accomplishments or projects handled through the committee are numerous. A partial list is shown below of finished projects:

1. Cabinets in priest vestry room and choir designed and completed. Please note that the varnishing and staining were not part of the original bid -- thus, this portion was donated by Paul Buchaklian.
2. Old storage racks removed in gym storage area and new shelves installed. The shelve brackets were donated by Nielsen Iron Works through the efforts of Mike Vidian.
3. Maintenance work, general landscaping, fertilizing, grass cutting, trimming of shrubs, and miscellaneous chores done on a weekly basis by all committee members. The committee also thanks Mike Garoukian who is not a member for his assistance.
4. Outdoor hall entrance light installed by Parish Council member Myron Chordegian.
5. Insulation and reinforcement completed on the two air vents in gym to eliminate noise during windy weather.
6. Corner Stone Plaque of St. Mesrob Armenian Church designed, purchased, and installed at church entrance.
7. Boiler room maintenance proecedures posted in boiler room for servicing.
8. Thirty loads of dirt purchased for back section of property for fill. Please note that the leveling of this dirt was done by Sam Azarian on a no charge basis.
9. Repair of roof leaks on flat sections completed by breaking air bubbles, and retarring wherever necessary.

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10. Caulking of rough cedar panels, windows, and repairs on paneling at exterior walls.
11. Resurfacing of cracks in the black top in the parking lot completed.
12. Maintenance and general house cleaning of gym storage area done on a periodical basis by all committee members.
13. Stripping and waxing of all the tiled floors in the gym, kitchen, and class room areas.
14. General maintenance of Boiler Room equipment, checking of valves, oiling bearings and filters, and cleaning of all roof vents.
15. Air shield deflector vent installed on the exterior of the kitchen storage room.
16. Two loads of black dirt used for edging black top from grass, shrubs and trees.
17. Suggestion box designed, built, and installed by Paul Buchaklian.

NOTE: The committee would like to especially thank the following retired members for their efforts for the weekly maintenance of the grounds keeping job done on a regular basis. They are Arshag Azarian, Harry Musurlian and Al Topalian.

PROJECT COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Mike Vidian	- Chairman
Sam Akgulian	- Vice-Chairman
Paul Chobanian	- Chairman of Parish Council
Manoug Jansouzian	- Liaison Rep. of Parish Council
Arshag Azarian	
Harry Akgulian	
Harry Musurlian	
Al Topalian	
Kay Mikaelian	
Mark Akgulian	
Sahag Akgulian	

ST. MESROB WOMEN'S GUILD
1976 ANNUAL REPORT

In the Fall of 1975 the Ladies Auxilliary and the Women's Guild merged and became one organization. The following were elected in December of 1975 to serve as the Executive Committee of the St. Mesrob Women's Guild in 1976:

Var Cherkinian	-	Chairman
Sue Esayan	-	Vice-Chairman
Margaret Dadian	-	Recording Secretary
Julie Kapralian	-	Corresponding Secretary
Mary Cherkinian	-	Treasurer
Queenie Gillis	-	Assistant Treasurer
Helen Chordegian	-	Advisor
Ellie Mazmanian	-	Advisor
Cetina Nahabedian	-	Advisor

As of this date, December 31, 1976, we have 89 paid members in the St. Mesrob Women's Guild.

Monthly meetings were held - a total of 11 - and the Executive Committee met 16 times throughout the course of the year.

In January, the Executive Committee was represented by its Chairman at a meeting held with His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate. In August a special meeting with the entire Executive Committee was held with His Eminence.

In addition to the Executive Committee, there are standing committees which perform necessary functions for our group. There were:

Devotions	-	Shockey Gengozian
Flowers (Altar)	-	Helen Chordegian*, Sue Esayan
Church Holiday Decorations	-	Helen Chordegian*, Sue Esayan
Funeral Committee	-	Margaret Dadian*, Mary Koleske, Byds Musurlian, Corrine Topalian
Refreshments	-	Mary (H) Akgulian*, Joan Gengozian
Sunshine	-	Nancy Kazarian*, Albera Sahagian, Alice Vidian
Publicity/Historian Program	-	Mary Ann Injasoulian Mary (M) Akgulian*, Elsie Garoukian, Mary Janikian, Catherine Mikaelian, Hourig Tcheurekdjian
Senior Parishioners	-	Catherine Mikaelian*, Sophie Chardukian, Var Cherkinian, Margaret Eland, Mary Kaprelian, Martha Topalian
County-Nursing Homes	-	Mary Chardukian*, Zarouhi Balian, Varteni Dadian
Altar Committee	-	Anna Barootian*, Zabel Armaganian, Varteni Dadian, Altoun Oglanian
Way and Means	-	Sophie Chardukian*, Julie Kapralian*, Lucy Azarian, Carol Bonito, Mary Neau, Lucy Nield, Mary Rossman

Mas Committee

- Var Cherkinian*, Margaret Antreassian, Marie Chardukian, Anna Dadian, Derouhi Kazarian, Alice Keishian, Khatoon Minasian, Aitoun Oqlanian, Pat Paragamian, Martha Topalian

* - Denotes Chairman of the Committee

Special affairs held throughout the year included:

1. Fellowship and coffee hour after church services in February
2. Program in conjunction with church services to celebrate St. Vartanantz Day
3. Supplied food and service for the ACYOA dance
4. Supplied ethnic foods to Gifford Junior High School
5. Sponsored a Fish Fry Dinner
6. Prepared a Mother's Day Luncheon
7. Sponsored a Salad Luncheon
8. Participation of Guild members during the Name Day dinner
9. Preparation and service for the Istanbul Patriarch's Dinner

Annual affairs included:

1. Coffee hour after services on Armenian Christmas
2. Participation in the celebration of the Woman's Saint Day - held in March with the host chapter being South Milwaukee this year
3. Communion breakfast supplied for the Church School during Eastertide
4. Madagh dinner preparation and service
5. Coffee hour during Maundy Thursday services
6. Church picnic preparation, service and participation
7. Participation in the Holiday Fair

Special bake days were held throughout the year, namely in the months of March, July, Spetember and December.

This year the Women's Guild was represented at the Women's Guild Conference held in conjunction with the Diocesan Assembly by its Chairman.

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Checking Account Balance 1-1-76 \$ 200.00

RECEIPTS:

Dues	\$ 344.00
Flower Donations	387.00
Fish Fry	387.10
Katah Sale	661.50
Mother's Day	188.00
Bread Sale	42.86
Salad Luncheon	1,320.85
Lahmajoon	277.00
Holiday Fair	1,283.96
Funerals (3)	446.79
Mas Donations	23.00
Misc. Donations	6.00
Misc. Income	45.50
	<u>5,413.56</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS 5,613.56

DISBURSEMENTS:

Refreshments	56.90
Fellowship	17.82
Senior Citizen Luncheon	25.44
Flowers	253.78
Postage-Cards	12.23
Fish Fry	107.85
Katah	173.60
Flight & Lodging in Phila.	247.08
Communion Breakfast	24.08
Mother's Day	165.67
Holiday Fair	214.87
Lahmajoon	66.48
Salad Luncheon	123.71
Funeral Expenses	299.25
Donation - Rev.V.Tatoyan	25.00
Pots with Covers	246.71
Mas	13.50
Misc. Expenses	38.38
	<u>2,112.35</u>

PROFIT 3,501.21

Profit turned over to Parish Council 3,000.00

Balance as of 12-31-76 \$ 501.21

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Mother's Day	165.67

Mary Cherkinian, Treasurer

1976 CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

President: Reverend Arten Ashjian

Superintendent: Claire E. Kadamian
3317 First Avenue
639-5186

No. of Teachers - 11 (8 assistants)

No. of Church School Meetings - 7

No. of Pupils: 73

No. of Classrooms: 7 plus church hall

School Hours: 10:00 to 11:05 A.M.

Annual & Special Affairs:

Church School Open House - May 9

Family School Picnic & 9th Grade Graduation - June 6

Vacation Bible School - July 26 - 30

"Salt of the Earth" Group from Lutheran H.S. - November 7

Christmas Program - December 24

Income	\$1,028.56
Disbursements	\$ 956.30
Balance	\$ 72.26

Sharry Cherkinian, Secretary

1976 ARMENIAN SCHOOL REPORT

1. Chairman's name, address and telephone: Myron Mikaelian
1210 Shorecrest Drive
Racine, WI 53402
639-0753
2. Superintendent's name, address and telephone: John Barootian
8024 Seven Mile Road
Racine, WI
639-0664
3. Number of teachers: 4
4. Number of Pupils: 40
5. Number of classrooms: 4
6. School hours: 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. - Tuesday Evenings
7. Annual affairs: White Elephant Sale, Possible Dinner Program at end of school year
8. Annual income: \$600
9. Disbursements: Teachers - \$100 per month
Superintendent - \$40.00 per month
10. Income balance: Balance as of 12-18-76 is \$412.95

Joseph Yahnian, Treasurer

ST. MESROB A.C.Y.O.A.
1976 ANNUAL REPORT

Chairman - Thomas Janikian
2712 Mitchell Street
Racine, Wisconsin 53403
637-1373

Members - 21 1 - Advisor

Meetings - 15

Annual and Special Affairs

1. Taking Christmas baskets to the Armenian elderly people in County Homes, etc. (annual)
2. Dance in May (annual)
3. Spaghetti Dinner in March
4. Helping at the Madagh (annual)
5. Halloween Party for Sunday School Children (annual)

Income - \$3,141.70

Disbursements - \$1,926.08

Balance - \$1,215.62

We will write check to St. Mesrob Church for \$1,000.00 and will keep \$215.62.

Tom Janikian

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN CHURCH
1976 SPORTS PROGRAM

As director for the past two years I established and scheduled sports activities that were of interest to both adults and children of all ages and grade levels. A copy of the schedule for 1975-76 activities is attached for your information.

I was disappointed by the lack of overall participation by our members. On most scheduled evenings only one or two persons showed up for participation. In addition to lack of participation, I found it difficult to find volunteers who would act as nightly activity director.

The sports program was given every opportunity to succeed, but it did not. For the reasons listed above I elected not to continue with the program this year.

The ACYOA basketball team concluded a successful season with 5 wins and 2 losses. The boys learned teamwork and each member had the opportunity to play and contribute to the team's success. They played several close games and provided the fans attending with many exciting moments.

I enjoyed coaching the boys very much and they provided me with many thrills.

Respectfully submitted,

Perry Paragamian

MONTHLY ATHLETIC ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

<u>PARTICIPANT</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>DATES</u>
Adult Ladies	Monday	7-9 P.M.	January 5, 19 February 2, 16 March 1, 15 April 5, 19 May 3, 17
Adult Men	Tuesday	7-9 P.M.	January 13, 27 February 10, 24 March 9, 23 April 13, 27 May 11, 25
Girls 7-12 Grade	Tuesday	7-9 P.M.	January 6, 20 February 3, 17 March 2, 16 April 6, 20 May 4, 18
Boys 7-12 Grade	Wednesday	7-9 P.M.	January 7, 21 February 4, 18 March 2, 17 April 7, 21 May 5, 19
Boys & Girls 7 - 12 Grade	Wednesday	7-9 P.M.	January 14, 18 February 11, 25 March 10, 24 April 14, 28 May 12, 26
Boys and Girls 7 - 12 Grade	Saturday	1-4 P.M.	January 10, 24 February 12, 28 March 13, 27 April 10, 24 May 8, 22
6th Grade & Under Boys and Girls	Saturday	10-12 A.M.	January 2, 17 February 7, 21 March 6, 20 April 3, 17 May 1, 15
Mixed Adults	Saturday	7- 9:30 PM	January 3, 17 February 7, 21 March 6, 20 April 3, 17 May 1, 15