

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

January 27, 1980

The St. Mesrob Armenian Church Parish Assembly was called to order by Parish Council Chairman, Harry Cherkinian at 1:15 p.m. on Sunday, January 27, 1980. An opening prayer was led by the Very Rev. Father Varoujan Kabaradjian.

There were 70 members in attendance. A motion was made by Kay Mikaelian and seconded by Robert Akulian that the membership present constitute a quorum. Motion carried.

Minutes of the last St. Mesrob Parish Assembly were approved as read by Adam Barootian, Secretary.

George Stevoff was elected Chairman of the meeting and Diane Vidian, Secretary.

Harry Cherkinian, Parish Council Chairman, reported that 1979 had been a good year due to the cooperation and support of the parishoners. He thanked the Very Rev. Father Varoujan Kabaradjian, Visiting Pastor, for his faithful service to our parish -- one who is always there when needed. Deacons Charles Hardy and Mikael Garoukian were thanked for their devotion and faithfulness as well as Parish Council members, various organizational heads and special committee members and individuals.

Mr. Cherkinian answered all questions regarding the 1979 Parish Council report. The prime concern was the status of obtaining a permanent priest. Mr. Cherkinian assured the parishoners that every effort was being made. Currently, there is a clergyman in which the Parish Council is in contact with and who has shown interest in St. Mesrob Church. He would like to visit Racine and discuss the matter further. Presently, the Parish Council is attempting to arrange a date suitable for both parties.

In summation, Mr. Cherkinian encouraged the members to continue to give their full support and effort to keep their church healthy, active and spiritually alive. (Report Attached)

The Very Rev. Father Varoujan Kabaradjian, Visiting Pastor, expressed his appreciation and thanked deacons, all members of organizations who have helped to make St. Mesrob Church continue during this period. He also made recommendations to the parishoners to help guide them in continuing the growth and health of the church. (Report Attached)

#### ORGANIZATION REPORTS

ACYOA Juniors - Charles Roy, Chairman, reported the group was newly organized on December 2, 1979 with the help of Deacon Michael Chevian and the members of the Waukegan ACYOA Juniors. He also stated there were 20 members of ages 12-17 with meetings' held once a month. The major activity currently planned is a Valentines Day Dance on February 16 at St. Mesrob Church featuring "The Clones" rock band. (Report Attached)

Womens Guild - Julie Kaprelian, Chairperson, was not present.

(Report Attached)

Armenian School - Murad Gengozian, Chairman, reported that the Armenian School was doing very well despite the number of students enrolled. (Report Attached)

Sunday School - Sam Kaprelian, Acting Superintendant, reported that enrollment was down due to two main reasons -- not many children in this age group and the loss of members to other churches. He expressed his appreciation to all long-term devoted teachers and found it refreshing to see the young people taking an interest in being assistant teachers. (Report Attached)

Choir - Carol Bonito, Chairperson, reported that the Choir continues to be active and is very busy now that the 34th Annual Choir Assembly will be hosted by Racine. All activities will be held at the Ramada Inn-Airport with Divine Liturgy at St. Mesrob Church. She also reported that the Choir had purchased new robes for both choir members and altar servers as well as slippers and Divine Liturgy music books. (Report Attached)

Reserve Fund - Sam Akgulian discussed the Reserve Fund and answered all questions. (Report Attached)

Projects Committee - Sam Akgulian reported of the various projects completed by the members. He also stated that younger people were needed.

The committee now consists of mainly retirees which make some of the scheduled projects heavy chores. The committee sponsored a successful Breakfast in August to raise money for needed equipment.

(Report Attached)

1979 Financial Report

Robert Akulian moved and Myron Chordegian seconded to accept the 1979 Financial Statement as submitted. Motion carried. (Report Attached)

The Nominating Committee members presented the following slate of nominees:

Parish Council - 3 for two year term

David Azarian	-	50
Paul Chobanian	-	9
Myron Chordegian	-	33
Onig Katerdjian	-	34
Peter Kazarian	-	38
Arthur Musurlian	-	46

Elected were:

David Azarian  
Peter Kazarian  
Arthur Musurlian

Auditing Committee - 3 for one year term

Mary (Mark) Akgulian	-	43
Harry Boranian	-	52
Sarkis Cherkinian	-	42
Catherine Mikaelian	-	35
Sue Nersessian	-	39
Perry Paragamian	-	2

Because our By-Laws state there must be two nominees per vacancy, nominations were opened to the floor. Var Cherkinian nominated and Pat Balian seconded, Perry Paragamian to the nomination list.

Elected were:

Mary (Mark) Akgulian  
Harry Boranian  
Sarkis Cherkinian

Nominating Committee - 3 for 1 year

Andre Antreassian - 30  
Harry Akgulian - 49  
Mark Akgulian - 25  
Sam Akgulian - 45  
Robert Akulian - 18  
Sue Esayian - 44

Elected were:

Harry Akgulian  
Sam Akgulian  
Sue Esayian

Permanent Trust Fund - 1 for three year term

Donna Barootian - 40  
Mary Cherkinian - 39 *ls*

Elected was:

Donna Barootian

Dues Schedule

Harry Cherkinian, on behalf of the Parish Council, proposed that the 1981 membership dues be raised to \$50 from \$35 per person. After a short discussion, a vote was taken with 37 ayes and 13 nays. Motion passed.

(Report Attached)

The new Fee and Hall schedule was presented and passed by all members.

(Report Attached)

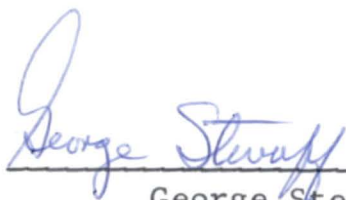
Proposals to Diocesan Assembly

A proposal of an amendment change was made by Rose Akgulian to be considered by the Diocesan Delegates for the 1980 Diocesan Assembly to be held in Washington, D.C. in May was to eliminate the two nominees for each vacancy, but that there be one for each vacancy with additional nominations from the floor. This proposal was placed into a form of a motion by Mrs. Akgulian and seconded by Frank Vidian. Following a vote, there were 32 ayes and 16 nays. Motion carried.

Robert Akulian raised the issue of names being placed on donated items which he claimed was decided at a meeting during the building of our church that had not been carried through. Mikael Garoukian said Mr. Akulian had misunderstood the gift policy, however, the Parish Council would check the minutes of that particular meeting. After further discussion, Chairman George Stevoff stated that since this had been passed at a former meeting, in order to carry discussion further, Mr. Akulian would have to propose this topic to the Parish Council to be either a part of the 1981 Parish Assembly agenda or a special meeting called.

Following a closing prayer by the Very Rev. Father Varoujan Kabaradjian, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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George Stevoff

  
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Diane Vidian