

St. Mesrob Armenian Church  
4605 Erie Street  
Racine, Wisconsin 53402

February 1, 1981

The St. Mesrob Armenian Church Parish Assembly was called to order by Parish Council Chairman, Sahag Akgulian at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 1, 1981. An opening prayer was led by Sub-Deacon Mikael Garoukian.

There were 61 members in attendance. A motion was made by Kay Mikaelian and seconded by Mary Domanico that the membership present constitute a quorum. Motion carried. 240

Minutes of the last Parish Assembly held January 27, 1980 were read by Secretary, Harry Cherkinian and approved.

Sarkis Cherkinian was elected Chairman of the meeting with Diane Vidian, Secretary.

The Parish Council written report was presented by Chairman, Sahag Akgulian. In addition, Mr. Akgulian reported that every effort had been made to obtain a permanent priest for our Parish. He stated that we are being selective and presently there is not anyone available.

A correction was made to the list of guest clergy presented with the Parish Council Report -- Rev. Fr. Artoon Sempadian performed Divine Liturgy on October 26, 1980.

A motion was made by Mary Kamakian and seconded by Myron Chordegian to accept the Parish Council Report. Motion passed and carried. (Report attached)

#### Visiting Pastor's Report

The Very Rev. Fr. Varoujan Kabaradjian, Visiting Pastor, was unable to attend the meeting due to a prior committment in Evanston, therefore, his written report was read by Sahag Akgulian. Fr. Varoujan made suggestions to the St. Mesrob Parish to help the life of the parish grow. He also thanked the parishoners for their cooperation throughout the year. (Report attached)

ORGANIZATION REPORTS

Armenian School

Murad Gengozian reported that the Armenian School was doing well. They have 17-20 students with 4 teachers. (Report Attached) Because the Armenian School treasury exceeds \$500, they were asked to transfer to the reserve fund the excess income over expenditures.

Choir

A written report was presented. Because the Choir treasury exceeds \$500, they were asked to transfer to the Reserve Fund the excess income over expenditures. (Report attached)

Sunday School

A written report was presented and accepted. Because the Sunday School treasury exceeds \$500, they were asked to transfer the excess income over expenditures to the Reserve Fund. (Report Attached)

Junior ACYOA

A written report was presented and accepted. (Report attached)

Picnic Committee

Perry Paragamian, Chairman of the Picnic Committee commented that the raffle was the largest profit, therefore, that is the reason the number of tickets are given out to sell and are given out so early. A written report was presented and accepted. (Report attached)

Project Committee

A written report was presented and accepted. (Report Attached)

Womens Guild

A written report was presented and accepted. (Report Attached)

Proposals to Diocesan Assembly

A letter from our Primate was read by Sarkis Cherkinian explaining that any proposals to be made to the Diocesan Assembly in May must be submitted to the Proposal Committee by March 31. Mr. Cherkinian stated that if no one had any proposals at this meeting, they could later on be submitted to the Parish Council so that they in turn can submit it to the Proposal Committee.

Rose Akgulian stated that the proposal she submitted at last year's Parish Assembly meeting had never been sent to the Proposal Committee. Mrs. Akgulian asked that this be submitted for this year and not forgotten.

Article 14B of the By Laws state that "The Nominating Committee shall prepare lists of candidates, double the number of vacancies, for the election of the Parish Council, Auditing Committee, subsequent Nominating Committee and Diocesan Delegates."

Proposal:

"The Nominating Committee shall be responsible of providing names of candidates for only the number of vacancies existing with additional nominations ~~to be made~~ from the floor".

ALLOWED

Permanent Trust Fund

A written report was presented and accepted. (Report Attached).

FINANCIAL REPORT

The 1981 Financial Report was presented. Perry Paragamian, Chairman of the Picnic Committee, stated that the amount of \$15,000 budgeted for the Picnic Committee was high and felt \$10,000 would be acceptable. A motion was made by Mr. Paragamian and seconded by Harry Boranian to adjust the amount budgeted for the Picnic to \$10,000. Motion passed and carried.

A motion was made by Harry Cherkinian and seconded by Sam Akgulian to accept the Financial Report with this adjustment. Motion passed and carried.

(Report Attached.)

The Nominating Committee members presented the following slate of nominees:

Parish Council

*Sarkis Cherkinian	43
Myron Chordegian	38
Paul Buchaklian	15
Steve Barootian	43
Sam Garabedian	12
Onig Katerdjian	25
George Sahagian	40
Sarkis Andekian	22
*Ben Kamakian	9

\* Nominated from floor

Elected were:

Sarkis Cherkinian  
 Steve Barootian  
 George Sahagian  
 Myron Chordegian

Arthur Musurlian resigned with one year in office remaining. *mf gm* Onig Katerdjian with the next highest number of votes will complete the unexpired term.

Nominating Committee

George Stevoff  
 Mary D. Akgulian  
 Harry Boranian

A motion was made by Rose Akgulian and seconded by Mikael Garoukian to accept the above candidates as presented. Motion passed and carried.

Auditing Committee

Mary Cherkinian	56
*Catherine Mikaelian	46
Sherry Cherkinian	21
Claire Kadamian	54

\*Nominated from floor

Elected were:

Mary Cherkinian

Catherine Mikaelian  
Claire Kadamian

Permanent Trust Committee

Harry Cherkinian 41  
\*Sam Akgulian 15

Elected was:

Harry Cherkinian

Selling of Stocks

A motion was made by Mikael Garoukian and seconded by Sam Akgulian that the Parish Assembly give the Permanent Trust Committee the authority to sell stocks from hereon as they see beneficial. Motion passed and carried.

A motion by Harry Boranian and seconded by Robert Akulian to dispose of the stocks at AMF and Allegheny was made after a short discussion. Motion carried.

Fee & Hall Schedule

The new Fee and Hall Schedule was presented and passed. A discussion took place regarding the rental of our church hall to outsiders for extra income. The Parish Council is considering and researching the suggestion.

It was requested by a member of the parish that the number of dues paid members for 1980 be a part of the Minutes of the Parish Assembly. David Azarian, Treasurer, reported that we have 240 dues paid members through 1980.

Mortgage Payment

The Parish Council reported that the church mortgage was paid in full on August 22, 1980. The Parish Council felt it was to the best interest of the church to pay it off due to the F&M Bank raising the interest rate.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Sarkis Cherkinian, Chairman

  
Diane Vidian, Secretary