

St. Mesrob Armenian Apostolic Church  
4605 Erie Street  
Racine, Wisconsin 53402  
Minutes of Annual Parish Assembly held in Church Hall  
Sunday Afternoon, January 15, 1984

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Meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by parish council chairman, George Stevoff. Attendance was 40, reaching 58 at 2:15 p.m. Following the opening prayer by the pastor, Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian; a carried motion constituting those in attendance as a quorum; reading of the minutes of the May 23, 1983, parish assembly by parish council secretary, Deacon Charles Hardy, which were filed as read; and the election of Sarkis Cherkinian as chairman and Mary Kamakian as secretary of the day, the meeting commenced.

Der Hayr, who assumed pastoral responsibilities at St. Mesrob in August 1982, gave an oral report of the state of the church as appearing in the Annual Reports for 1983 printed booklet issued to each member (together with ballots) upon entering the meeting.

George Stevoff gave the parish council report. Mary Akgulian, parish treasurer, announced: 238 paid 1983 members (242 paid 1982 members) \$23,579.80 received in pledges (\$1,100.00 over 1982) George Stevoff reiterated that without exception all organizations must turn over all funds in excess of \$500 at the end of each year to the Parish Council. This sum will in turn be given to the Permanent Reserve Fund.

Sarkis Cherkinian reporting for the Permanent Trust Fund stated that total assets amounted to \$155,280.48.

Motions seconded and passed pertaining to 1984 Budget:  
Mikael Garoukian's motion that membership pledge listed as \$38,020.00 be lowered to \$26,020.00.

Mikael Garoukian's motion that \$15,000.00 under Affairs be increased to \$19,000.00.

Harry Boranian's motion that the \$11,000.00 figure under Membership Dues be raised to \$13,000.00.

Robert Akulian's motion that the amended 1984 Budget showing a \$6,000.00 deficit be accepted.

Reports of church organizations as listed in booklet were given:

Picnic Committee	Projects Committee
Choir	Auditing Committee
Women's Guild	Varak Staff
Jr. ACYOA	Sunday and Armenian School

Perry Paragamian of the auditing committee found books to be accurate and in good order.

Nancy Kaprelian, who attended the St. Nersess Liturgical Music Conference during the summer, submitted an oral report and expressed appreciation for the experience.

Der Hayr spoke on behalf of the Organ Committee. One organ selling for \$16,000.00 has been checked into. Deacon Charles Hardy suggested that prices and models should be compared with two other organ stores, including the Hammond Organ.

Balloting and Elections were held:

Parish Council: Appearing on ballot were Sarkis Andekian, Margaret Armaganian, Arthur Barootian, George Buchaklian; Mikael Garoukian and Robert Akulian were nominated from the floor.

Elected for a term of two years were: Sarkis Andekian, Margaret Armaganian and Arthur Barootian

Auditing Committee: Appearing on ballot were Mary D. Akgulian, Harry Boranian, Mary Cherkinian, Rose E. Kaprelian, Catherine Mikaelian, Arthur Musurlian.

Elected for a one-year term were: Catherine Mikaelian, Mary D. Akgulian and Mary Cherkinian.

Permanent Trust Fund: Appearing on ballot were Ardis Cherkinian and Arthur Musurlian.

Elected for a one 3-year term was Ardis Cherkinian.

Nominating Committee: Appearing on ballot were Harry Akgulian, Adam Chalekian, Sarkis Cherkinian, Mary Ann Injasoulion, Sam Kachichian, Perry Paragamian.

Elected for a one-year term were: Mary Ann Injasoulion, Perry Paragamian and Sarkis Cherkinian.

Sarkis Akgulian of the Pledge Committee said in 1966-69, 280 individuals associated themselves with the church; 109 pledgers. Today we have 313 individuals on our mailing list with 100 pledgers.

Mikael Garoukian of the Membership Committee stated that one meeting was held during the year. Existing members of the committee: Der Hayr, Mike Garoukian and Tom Janikian.

Considerable discussion was given to the New Church Building Donors' Plaque. The plaque will list in engraved form name of donors as appearing in the 1973 Consecration Book. Der Hayr announced that one church supply firm quoted an approximate price of \$750 for the plaque alone, with an additional \$3.00 cost per name (there are 300 names). Murad Gengozian's motion that the Parish Council be authorized to spend a sum not to exceed \$2,200.00 for plaque was seconded and carried.

Also discussed was expansion of church hall to include stage and storage space.

George Stevoff assured the membership that the Plaque issue and the Hall Expansion issue will be only looked into by a committee formed by the Parish Council and all findings presented at a later meeting.

Volunteering:


Rose Akgulian for Membership Committee  
Shockey Gengozian for Plaque Committee  
Mary Janikian for Church Cleaning Committee

The meeting stood adjourned at 5:25 p.m. followed with a closing prayer and 1984 blessings by Der Hayr.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Mary M. Kamakian, Secretary

  
Sarkis Cherkinian, Chairman

  
Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian  
Pastor and President