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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
FEBRUARY 2, 1986

Preceding the meeting a requiem prayer was offered by Father Garabed Kochakian.

The meeting was opened by parish council chairman Sarkis Cherkinian at 12:45 p.m.

As a result of 52 eligible voters being present at the meeting a motion was made by Adam Chalekian and seconded by Paul Tewagian that this number be an acceptable quorum. This motion was passed.

Minutes for the last meeting were unavailable, thus it was moved and seconded that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be waived. This motion was also passed.

Election of assembly officers was conducted from the floor. Elected were:

Chairman	Thomas Janikian
Recording Secretary	Jack Kazarian

Father Garabed delivered orally his annual report which was well received by the parishioners. A copy of his report on the work of the church this past year can be found in the 1985 Annual Report.

Sarkis Cherkinian gave a report of the Parish Council. As per Annual Report 1985, it was accepted by acclamation.

Reports of Standing Committees and Parish Organizations

Standing Committees

The Treasurer's report by Margaret Armaganian stated that receipts balanced with expenditures in 1985 Annual Report.

Art Musurlian from the Auditing Committee approved of the books and the treasurer's report of 1985.



With respect to the report by the Permanent Trust Committee there was much serious discussion. Parishioners expressed concern that the assets and interest (which are retained in the trust) be invested so as to yield maximum revenues. The possibility of investing those certificates which were near maturity so as to bring higher interest was discussed. A motion was made by Charles Dadian, seconded by Adam Chalekian and carried to "direct the permanent trust committee to look into the possibilities of reorganizing the distribution of its assets such as to generate larger interest income".

The 1986 budget was adopted on a motion by Charles Dadian, seconded by Paul Tewagian and carried by oral vote.

At this point in the meeting Father Garabed suggested that elections by the nominating committee be held to expedite the meeting. This was approved by the members present. Harold Sahakian presented the state of officers, however since ballot for Parish Council were incomplete, nominations were taken from the floor. These were Mike Janikian and Harry Akgulian to be included on the ballot for parish council. The voting ensued, meanwhile as ballots were being counted, the chairman directed the meeting back to the agenda.

Parish Council Organizations

Stained Glass Committee: Sam Akgulian reported that as of this date, 20 windows were sold, 2 remain and 6 of the sold windows have been paid in full.

Women's Guild: Nancy Kazarian welcomed any church member who would like to become a member of the Guild.

Picnic Committee: Perry Paragamian's report was received well, with only one requestion regarding liability insurance to which he responded it need not be a concern that it was taken care of.

Sunday School, A.C.Y.O.A. and Organ Committee: All these reports were reviewed with very little comment.

New Business

Proposal to the Diocesan Assembly: A motion was made by Donna LaPlante, seconded by Charles Hardy and successfully passed that "the Diocese establish a Department of Social Concerns to stand and prepare materials on the position of the Armenian Church on relevant social issues and life problems. This proposal was originally made by Rose Akgulian in the 1970s.

"PROPOSAL"

Whereas the various churches in America take positions and speak out on questions relating to personal morality and social ethics to guide their members in Christian living and

Whereas the faithful of the Armenian Church frequently desire to know the position of the Armenian Church on social and ethical questions:

Be it resolved, that the Diocesan Primate and Council create a Department of Social Concerns to study and adopt positions in accordance with teachings of the Armenian Church relative to the moral issues and problems resulting from "new" life styles in our society today.

Resurfacing Parking Lot: Robert Akulian reported that it would require \$20,000.00 to resurface the parking lot entirely and correctly. This was deferred to the parish council.

Diocese Assembly: Father Garabed reported that beginning at the Kick-Off Dinner on February 16th, planning will give way to action and it was his desire that all parishioners mark the months of April and May on their calendars because it will require the total effort of the community to make the event a success.

General discussion on future needs of the Church: Many parishioners commented on the need for a list of physical needs of the church, parking lot, ceiling tiles, etc. The possibility of each organization of the church submitting a budget to the parish council was suggested.

Elderly Housing: Rose Akgulian raised the question of the possibility of housing being built on the church property. Regarding this topic a motion was made by Elsie Garoukian, seconded by Mike Janikian and passed that "Rose Akgulian look into the possibility of a housing complex for the elderly on the church property".

The last business item at this meeting was the election results tabulated by Harold Sahakian. The newly elected officials are:

Diocese Delegates	Rose Akgulian John Esayian Murad Gengozian
Parish Council	Adam Chalekian Ardis Cherkinian Margaret Armaganian
Permanent Trust	Sarkis Cherkinian
Nominating Committee	Jack Kazarian Myron Chordegian Al Paragamian

Auditing Committee

Nancy Cherkinian
Mary D. Akgulian
Harry Boranian

At 4:00 p.m. a motion was made by Charles Hardy, seconded by Murad Gengozian and passed that the meeting be adjourned.

Father Garabed thanked the out-going officers of the parish and commended all for their zeal and dedication. The meeting closed with the Hayr Mer and final blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Kazarian

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