

St. Mesrob Armenian Apostolic Church

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly
Held in Church Sanctuary
Sunday Afternoon, February 1, 1987

The meeting was called to order with a requiem prayer for the deceased at 12:30 p.m. Thomas Janikian was acting chairman and Mary M. Kamakian acting secretary until elections were held. The Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian, St. Mesrob pastor, presided.

A motion made by Mikael Garoukian, with a second by Myron Chordegian, that the 72 members in attendance constitute a quorum was carried. At the time of election this figure had reached 77.

A motion by Sarkis Cherkinian, with a second by Myron Chordegian, that the last parish assembly meeting minutes not be read was carried. Considerable discussion followed dispensing of the oral reading of these minutes. Nancy Cherkinian, in an effort to satisfy questions pertinent to this, amended the original motion with an additional phrase, "the minutes would be available to any who wished to read them." This was carried and approved.

Thomas Janikian was elected chairman and Mary M. Kamakian secretary of the day. Der Hayr announced that he gave a portion of his annual report during the morning sermon and that full statistics can be found on pages 5 through 9 in the Annual Report Booklet. All in attendance unanimously received this as sufficient.



Reports Presented and Accepted:

- Parish Council.....by Sarkis Cherkinian, chairman.
- Financial Reportby Margaret Armaganian, parish council treasurer. Checking account at Heritage Bank shows a balance of \$9,251.93, as of 12-31-86.
- Permanent Trust Committeeby Sarkis Cherkinian, explaining that "in lieu of flowers" receipts goes into the general treasury. Der Hayr further noted that "in lieu of flowers" does not and cannot create a Memorial Fund.
- Reserve Fund.....by Ardis Cherkinian. Sarkis Cherkinian, also of this committee, assisted in answering queries.

Also, as appearing in booklet:

- St. Mesrob Church Choirby Yeretsgin Roberta Kochakian, chairman.
- St. Mesrob Women's Guildby Nancy Kazarian, chairman.
by Virginia Musurlian, treasurer.
- St. Mesrob Organ Fund.....by Janet Cherkinian, treasurer.
- St. Mesrob Sunday School.....by Sue Esayian, treasurer.
- St. Mesrob Armenian School.....by Deacon Charles Hardy, treasurer.
- A.C.Y.O.A. Juniors.....by Lucene Tcheurekdjian, treasurer.
- St. Mesrob Annual Picnic Com....by Mikael Garoukian, treasurer.
- St. Mesrob Dinner Committee....by Perry Paragamian, chairman.
- St. Mesrob Project Committee....by Sam Akgulian, chairman.

Elections were held with results announced by Jack Kazarian, nominating committee chairman:

Parish Council..... Appearing on the ballot: Harry Akgulian Goldie Roy, Charles Garbedian, Sam Kaprelian, Michael Chardukian, George Jansouzian, Robert Akulian, and write-in candidate Sarkis Cherkinian, who was nominated by Virginia Musurlian and seconded by Mark Akgulian.

Elected for a two-year term were:
Harry Akgulian
Sam Kaprelian
Michael Chardukian
Sarkis Cherkinian

Auditing Committee Appearing on the ballot: Frank Vidian, Nubar Tcheurekdjian, Eileen Kamakian, Dr. Myron Topalian, Sue Torosian, and Nancy Cherkinian.

Elected for a 1-year term were:
Nubar Tcheurekdjian
Eileen Kamakian
Nancy Cherkinian

Nominating Committee..... Appearing on the ballot: Nishan Hacherian, Mesag Vidian, Alice Hazarian, Sam Garabedian, Perry Paragamian, and write-in candidate Shockey Gengozian, who was nominated by Murad Gengozian and seconded by Catherine Sahakian.

Elected for a 1-year term were:
Mesag Vidian
Alice Hazarian
Perry Paragamian

Permanent Trust Fund..... Appearing on the ballot: Arthur Musurlian, Murad Gengozian, Paul Minasian, and Ardis Cherkinian.

Elected for a 3-year term: Arthur Musurlian

Motions Carried:

Robert Akulian's motion, seconded by Mikael Garoukian, that the sum of \$9,500.00 appearing on page 12 of booklet, "Financial Report, 1987 Budget, Building Maintenance, Interior" be reduced to \$500.00.

Mel Hagopian's motion, seconded by Sam Kaprelian, that the 1987 budget as amended, showing a figure of \$92,610.00 as the total of "1987 Disbursements Budget" column be accepted.

Shockey Gengozian's motion, seconded by Goldie Roy, that a committee be formed to explore and present findings to membership on the Elderly Housing Project. Rose Akgulian presented her report on this subject. She reminded the membership that when the church was being built in 1972 consideration was given to the building of housing facilities for the elderly on our grounds.

Sam Akgulian's motion, seconded by Pat Balian, that \$9,000.00 be put back into the budget as previously proposed by the Parish Council for "Building Maintenance, Interior" (acoustical work in the church hall). Mikael Garoukian requested a report of such disbursements be submitted to the Parish Council for presentation to assembly for approval.

Motions Defeated:

Robert Akulian's motion, seconded by Martha Kargenian, for a full-time paid custodian.

Murad Gengozian's motion, seconded by Perry Paragamian, that the next Parish Assembly be held in the church hall.

Robert Akulian's motion, seconded by Deacon Charles Hardy, that no money be given to the ball team unless all members on the team are dues-paying St. Mesrob members.

Other Reports:

Perry Paragamian reported that the original cost estimate of black-topping the parking lot for approximately \$21,000.00 was reduced to \$4,650.00. He stated professionals recommended the process of resurfacing only. A contract was signed last year.

Margaret Armaganian, treasurer, stated that St. Mesrob has a paid membership of 226 for 1986.

Ardis Cherkinian, in an oral report, stated that all stained glass windows purchased have been installed and paid for. The balance of \$19,966.63 in this account will be available for forthcoming expenditures; such as, donor plates, outside lighting, and booklets. This is why no conclusive report was written and reported as the entire project has yet to be completed.

Perry Paragamian announced the present annual membership dues of \$50.00 is being considered for increase to \$75.00. The increase to \$50.00 was made in 1981 from \$35.00. A special parish assembly will be called.

Der Hayr, a graduate of St. Nersess Seminary, spoke regarding an annual donation of no less than \$500.00 and even more by St. Mesrob to St. Nersess. Special collection plates and fund raisers were suggested. Rose Akgulian, one of our parishioners, is on the board of directors of St. Nersess Seminary.

Suggestions from Membership:

Nancy Cherkinian--parish assembly minutes be mailed to membership prior to the Annual Parish Assembly.

Virginia Musurlian--a roster be placed in the church foyer listing all paid-up members.

Elsie Garoukian--invoices be mailed to membership at the beginning of the year showing current balance.

Following the closing prayer and blessing by Der Hayr, the meeting stood adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary M. Kamakian
Mary M. Kamakian, Secretary

Thomas Janikian
Thomas Janikian, Chairman

Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian
Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian
Pastor and President
