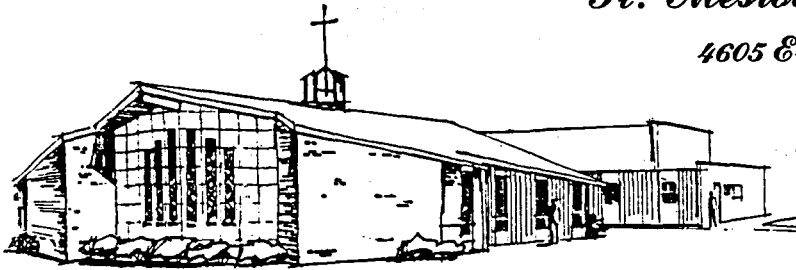


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Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian, Pastor

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
Held in Church Sanctuary
Sunday Afternoon, FEBRUARY 7, 1988

The meeting was called to order by Sarkis Cherkinian at 11:50 a.m. Father Garabed opened the meeting with a prayer. Perry Paragamian announced the nominees for the Chairman of the Day, Mel Hagopian and Tom Janikian. Margaret Armaganian nominated Sarkis Cherkinian from the floor; it was seconded by Murad Gengozian. Nominees for Secretary of the Day were Judy Petersen and Mary H. Akgulian. There were no nominees from the floor. At this time there were 60 people present. Murad Gengozian moved that the body of 60 people constitute a quorum; it was seconded by Myron Chordegian. At this time, 12:00 noon, the meeting was adjourned for lunch.

The meeting was again called to order at 12:50 p.m. The ballots were totaled, and the results of the elections were Mel Hagopian, Chairman of the Day, and Judy Petersen, Secretary of the Day. At this time it was reported that there were 68 people present.

The meeting was reconvened at 12:50 p.m. with sixty-eight (68) eligible voters were in attendance.



Minutes. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of March 22, 1987, were approved as previously submitted. (Sarkis Cherkinian moved; Paul Tewegian seconded)

Agenda. Two items were added to the agenda: parish air conditioning and use of church gym on Sunday evening.

Report of the Pastor. Moved by Mike Vidian to accept report of the pastor; seconded by Myron Chordegian. Motion passed.

Report of the Parish Council. Briefly discussed by Sarkis Cherkinian. Ardis Cherkinian moved to accept Report of the Parish Council; seconded by Charles Hardy. Motion passed.

Report of Treasurer. Briefly presented by Margaret Armaganian. Sarkis Cherkinian moved to accept the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Martha Kargenian. Motion passed.

Report of Audit Committee. Briefly presented by Nancy Cherkinian. Shockey Gengozian moved to accept the Report of the Auditing Committee; seconded by Byds Musurlian. Motion passed. (Written Treasurer guidelines will be issued to parish by Nancy Cherkinian.)

Report of Permanent Trust Fund. Briefly discussed by Sarkis Cherkinian. Kay Mikaelian moved to accept the report of the Permanent Trust Fund; Tod Mikaelian seconded. Motion passed.

Review and Adoption of 1988 Budget. Tom Janikian moved to accept the 1988 budget as submitted; Pat Balian seconded. Motion passed.

Review and Acceptance of Organization Reports. Misak Vidian moved to accept organization reports as submitted; Pat Balian second. Motion passed.

Der Garabed recommended that future annual reports from various church organizations include prosaic reports in addition to their financial statements. Murad Genozian moved that future organizational reports to the Annual Parish Reports include, in addition to a financial report, a written report of activities past and present, and future goals; Paul Tewegian seconded. Motion passed.

Report of Nominating Committee and Parish Elections. Ballots were distributed upon entering the meeting after the Treasurer verified each person receiving a ballot had in fact paid dues for 1987.

Parish Council Ballot - At his request, Mark Kaprelian's name was removed from the printed ballot. Goldie Roy nominated Tom Janikian to Parish Council, seconded by Mark Kaprelian. Motion passed. Myron Chordegian nominated Paul Tewegian; seconded by Helen Chordegian.

Alice Hazarian moved to close nominations for Parish Council; seconded by Ardis Cherkinian. Motion passed.

Paul Tewegian moved to close the nominations for Nominating Committee; Alice Hazarian seconded. Motion passed.

Pat Balian moved to close nominations for Audit Committee; Paul Tewegian seconded. Motion passed.

Margaret Armaganian moved to nominate Sarkis Cherkinian to the ballot of Permanent Trust Committee; seconded by Ardis Cherkinian.

Alice Hazarian moved to close the nominations to the Permanent Trust Committee; Ardis Cherkinian seconded. Motion passed.

Results of Elections:

Parish Council:	Mel Hagopian	60 votes
	Adam Chalekian	47
	<u>Tom Janikian</u>	<u>35</u>
	Jack Kazarian	24
	Paul Tewegian	16
	Jack Krikorian	14
	Myron Topalian	4
Nominating Committee:	Charles Hardy	53 votes
	Judy Petersen	42
	<u>Mary Ann Injasoulian</u>	<u>38</u>
	Tod Mikaelian	36
	Misak Vidian	23
	Tarquin Andekian	12

Auditing Committee:	Nancy Cherkinian	61 votes
	Eileen Kamakian	50
	<u>George Kadamian</u>	<u>32</u>
	Catherine Mikaelian	30
	George Sahagian	15
	Frank Vidian	15

Permanent Trust Committee:	<u>Sam Akgulian</u>	<u>29 votes</u>
	John Esayian	23
	Sarkis Cherkinian	15

Proposals to the 1988 Diocesan Assembly. It was moved by Ardis Cherkinian, seconded by Kay Mikaelian, that the following proposal be submitted to the 1988 Diocesan Assembly to be held in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in the name of St. Mesrob Armenian Church Parish: See Appendix #1. Motion passed.

It was moved by Murad Gengozian and seconded by Sarkis Cherkinian, that the following proposal also be submitted to the 1988 Diocesan Assembly. See Appendix #2. Motion passed.

Report on Elderly Housing Project. Rose Akgulian reported that a speaker has been invited to discuss the subject with interested members of the parish sometime in early March. It was emphasized that at this point we are simply "exploring" the subject.

NEW BUSINESS

Altar Curtain - Sam Akgulian reported on the near future need of correcting the mechanism which draws the altar curtain panels together. It was moved by Paul Tewegian, and seconded by Charlie Roy, that when Sam Akgulian finds the appropriate unit to replace the (current) one that he meets with the Parish Council for their vote to determine what should be done (the next step). Motion passed.

Establishment of Ways & Means Committee as permanent elective body of St. Mesrob parish. It was moved by Paul Tewegian, seconded by Shockey Gengozian, to form a Ways and Means Committee which would be appointed by the Parish Council. Motion passed.

Stewardship Committee. Mel Hagopian, who had been asked by Der Garabed to organize a group of people to work under this committee, reported on its status. The group's objective is to have teams of two people visit parishioners' homes to explain the operation (e.g., church budget) of the church. (At this point, committee members have been selected, and a meeting date was to be selected.)

Primate's Visit. Der Garabed advised that the Primate will make a visit to Racine April 16 and 17. During his time in Racine, he will preside at the ordination of acolytes. On Sunday, April 17, there will be a dedication of the stained glass windows to be followed by a banquet at a location in Racine. A committee, already formed under the leadership of John Esayian, will handle details of the visit/activities.

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

Presentation of Proposed Guideline for the Operation of the Permanent Trust

Fund. The parish assembly was requested to read and digest the proposal in Appendix A of the annual report. Murad Gengozian moved that this proposal be tabled for a maximum of six months and that a committee of five (including one member of the Parish Council) and four people appointed from "this body" write Permanent Fund guidelines. The motion was seconded by Mary Ann Injasoulian. The motion was defeated by a 21 to 27 vote.

Further to this subject, Mary Tewegian moved, Nancy Cherkinian seconded, to adopt the above named proposal (as stated in Appendix A - pages 24 and 25 of the 1987 Annual Report). Motion passed.

Proposal of establishing in the Endowment Fund a permanent place in the name of St. Mesrob parish for donations to St. Nersess Armenian Seminary. Ardis Cherkinian moved, seconded by Tod Mikaelian, that the St. Mesrob Church treasury match the funds contributed by the parishioners on collection days for St. Nersess. Motion passed.

Armenian Festival. Perry Paragamian presented a brief update on the festival. A contract has been signed with Racine-on-the-Lake Festival Hall. In addition to himself, the festival executive committee consists of Mike Garoukian and Harry Boranian. A list of 15 chairpeople have been selected for designated assignments. The executive committee is still determining the sequence of activities planned for the festival in July.

Central Air-Conditioning for St. Mesrob Church. Due to the excessive heat during summer, 1987, and the resulting unbearable conditions for the church choir, priest, and altar servers, Mary Ann Injasoulian moved that the Parish Council obtain three estimates for installation of air-conditioning and its associated (e.g, utility) costs. Motion seconded by Pat Balian. Motion carried.

Use of Church Hall by Church Youth. Rose Akgulian moved that the church gym be opened on Sunday evening for young people, over the age of 18, for use, without charge. Motion seconded by Kay Mikaelian.

Ardis Cherkinian moved to add an amendment to the above motion: Because it is not a church affiliated group, a custodian should be on the premises to open and close the church; therefore, the rules of the Parish Council, on use of the hall, must be adhered to. Motion on the amendment was defeated.

A vote then on the original motion was taken with 25-for and 13-against. Motion passed.

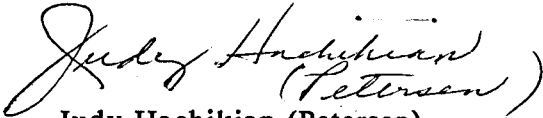
A second motion on the subject was made by Hourik Tcheurekdjian that the Church Hall be open on various Sunday afternoons for use by children, supervised by parents, without charge. Kay Mikaelian seconded. Motion passed.

Der Garabed thanked outgoing members of the Parish Council for their dedication and hard work.


It was moved by Ardis Cherkinian and seconded by Charlie Roy to adjourn the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

Benediction was given by Der Hayr.

Respectfully submitted,


Judy Hachikian (Petersen)
Secretary


Mel Hagopian
Chairman


Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian
Pastor and President
