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Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian, Pastor

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Parish Council Chairman George Stevoff called the meeting to order. Father Garabed opened the Annual Parish Assembly with a prayer at 12:15 p.m.

A motion made by Pat Balian and seconded by Myron Chordegian to declare those members present a quorum was passed.

At the beginning of the first session, Sam Kaprelian Parish Treasurer reported 70 members were present.

George Stevoff called for a motion to accept the minutes of the previous parish meeting. Mike Garoukian so moved with a second by Pat Balian. Motion passed.

At this time, Elsie Garoukian, Chairman of the Nominating Committee was called forward to conduct elections for both Chairman and Secretary of the Assembly. With no additional nominations made from the floor, elections by secret ballot were conducted.

During the tallying of the vote, Parish Council Chairman George Stevoff gave an update on the present situation and electoral process of the Jerusalem Patriarchate. Our Primate, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian was elected as Locum-Tenens until the official elections take place by the brotherhood of St. James, sometime during Mid-March. Also, this series of events postpones the 50th Anniversary Jubilee Celebration of His Eminence indefinitely.

At 12:35 p.m., Elsie Garoukian announced the election results as follows:

Sarkis Cherkinian	-	Chairman
Mary K. Akgulian	-	Secretary

The Chair declared a recess for lunch. All approved.

After breaking for lunch, Session II of the Assembly continued. Since Elsie Garoukian had begun the election process, it was agreed upon unanimously to continue the elections for the various offices as the meeting proceeded.

Nominations from the floor for Parish Council were invited. Four names were added to the ballot, which up to that moment was incomplete. These four names added to



the 2, brought the number of candidates up to 6 (in line with Roberts Rules of Order). Nominated were David Azarian, Peter Kazarian, Myron Chordegian and Byds Musurlian. Pat Balian moved to close nominations with a second by Martha Kargenian. Motion passed.

The results of the Parish Council elections were given as follows: Sam Garabedian, Myron Chordegian and Jack Kazarian.

Next nominations from the floor were invited for Nominating Committee. Being none, Mel Hagopian moved to accept the ballot as presented with a second by Alice Hazarian. Motion passed. Voting took place.

While tallying the ballots, Sarkis Cherkinian asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Mel Hagopian motioned to accept the agenda. Mike Garoukian seconded it. All were in favor. The motion passed.

The Pastor's Annual Report had been read in the Church Proper, therefore, we went on to the Parish Council Report. Murad Gengozian moved to accept it and Mel Hagopian seconded it. There being no further discussion, the motion passed.

Sam Kaprelian stepped forward to answer any questions regarding the Parish Treasurer's Report, some of which were regarding prior years, future years, stewardship, book sales (mostly cookbooks), snow plowing (which was raised). A suggestion was made to have a breakdown of members; however, there was no motion on this. Murad then moved to accept the report and Mesag Vidian seconded it. The motion passed.

Elsie then gave us the Nominating Committee results, as follows: Dan Korakian, Lauren Chalekian and Catherine Mikaelian.

The Auditing Committee elections then took place, after Mike Garoukian moved to accept the nominations and Martha Kargenian seconded it.

The Auditing Committee Report was then given by Lisa Akgulian, who gave thanks to all organizations for having had their reports in on time. Mel Hagopian made a motion to accept the report with Sam Akgulian seconding it. Motion carried.

Permanent Trust Committee Report was given by Sam Kazarian, Treasurer. Harry Boranian made a motion to accept the report with Byds Musurlian seconding it. Motion carried.

George Stevoff made a motion that the Parish Council be given permission to buy three items, as a capital expenditure, which were not reflected in the prepared budget for 1990. They were:

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| a. A computer w/printer, software and accessories | \$3,500.00 | approx. |
| b. Burnishing machine | 1,200.00 | " |
| c. New lawn mower | 6,000.00 | " |
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| | Total Costs | \$10,700.00 |

It was suggested that funding could be raised for these purchases by parish activities, but if not, Mr. Stevoff moved that the funds for these capital expenditures and improvements be taken from the Permanent Trust Fund. Mel Hagopian moved to accept George's motion for the

purchase of these items in 1990, when they are needed. Yeretzkin Roberta seconded the motion. After additional discussion concerning the price of a computer, Murad Gengozian, made a motion to add an amendment to Mel Hagopian's motion to purchase a computer for \$1,500.00, rather than \$3,500.00, as originally allocated. Mary D. Akgulian seconded it. The amendment was voted on and did not pass. Mel's original motion then was voted on and carried. Yeretzkin Roberta motioned to adopt the budget for 1990 with Pat Balian seconding the motion. Motion carried.

The new Auditing Committee was then announced as follows: Lisa Akgulian, Nancy Cherkinian and Tom Gengozian. Following this, elections for Diocesan Delegates for a 4-year term took place. Byds Musurlian made a motion to close the nominations with Mel Hagopian seconding the motion. Carried.

Organizational reports were next on the agenda. Choir was first on the list. Mike Garoukian moved to accept the report, with Claire Kadamian seconding the motion. Mesag Vidian moved to accept the financial report with Martha Kargenian seconding it. Both motions carried.

Women's Guild Reports - Bonnie Hagopian moved to accept the reports with Martha Kargenian seconding the motion. The motion carried.

Sunday School Reports - Mesag Vidian moved to accept the reports, seconded by Myron Chordegian. Motion passed.

Heritage Committee Reports - Mesag Vidian and Claire Kadamian motioned to accept and second the reports respectively. Motion carried.

ACYOA, Jrs. - Mesag Vidian and Mike Garoukian made the motion to accept and second respectively. Motion carried.

ACYOA, Srs. - Tom Gengozian gave the report. Mesag Vidian made a motion to accept with Mel Hagopian seconding it. There was a discussion as to why there are so few members. Der Hayr reported on all the efforts made for getting members and was open to any suggestions to help these young people. After the discussion, the motion was voted on and carried.

At this point, Seta Andekian noted a correction to be made in the ACYOA, Jrs. Report. It should read Miss Mary Andekian as donating the turkey decorations and Christmas stockings, rather than Mrs. John Esayian, as indicated in the report. The correction was made.

Armenian Fest - Mel Hagopian made a motion to accept the report. Murad Gengozian seconded it. The motion carried. Catherine Mikaelian finalized it by thanking the Armenian Fest Committee for doing such an excellent job.

Elsie Garoukian stepped forth to announce the new Diocesan delegates. They are: Kai Kazarian, George Stevoff and Murad Gengozian.

The Permanent Trust ballot was presented next. Sarkis Kazarian made a motion to accept the nominations and Pat Balian seconded it. Motion carried.

The Stained Glass Window Report followed. After some questions re: the cash balance, the motion to accept the reports was made by Mesag Vidian and seconded by Claire Kadamian. Motion carried.

Retirees Reports - Mesag Vidian moved to accept the reports with Byds Musurlian seconding it. Motion passed. Claire Kadamian reported that today's fellowship was sponsored by the Parish Council with the Retirees doing the work of food preparation.

Projects Committee - As there were no questions, Murad Gengozian moved to accept the reports and Myron Chordegian seconded it. The Motion passed.

Ways and Means Committee Report - Mel Hagopian moved to accept the report; Mary Stevoff seconded it. It was noted the Ways and Means have no separate treasury, as they are an arm of the Parish Council.

Organ Fund Report - No questions. Mel Hagopian moved to accept the report and Mary Katerdjian seconded it. Approved.

Murad Gengozian, as a Diocesan Delegate, was called upon to give a report of a proposal he would be presenting at the 88th Annual Assembly. He read the following: "St. Mesrob Armenian Church proposed to amend By-Law #79 or its successor at the time of adoption, by deleting the work 'high-ranking' and inserting the word 'Kahanas' to read: "All clergymen (Kahanas, Vartabeds and Bishops) who recognize and accept the supreme authority of His Holiness the Catholicos -- Patriarch of All Armenians and of the Supreme Spiritual Council may be candidates for the office of the Primate of the Diocese." Murad read a list of advantages to the proposal. Mike Garoukian moved that we give the delegates permission to bring the proposal up at the Assembly. Harry Boranian seconded it. Much discussion followed; however, due to the fact that there had been no discussion prior to the motion, Mike motioned to cancel the original motion. Claire Kadamian seconded it. All were in favor. Then, in the proper manner, discussion took place and Mike Garoukian made a new motion to pass Murad's proposal. Harry Boranian seconded it, however, the motion was defeated.

Elsie Garoukian reported at this point in the meeting, that Mary D. Akgulian is the new member of the Permanent Trust Committee.

Review of Sacramental and Ritual Fees - George Stevoff moved that we accept the new church fee schedule. Mel Hagopian seconded it. Mike Garoukian made a motion to drop the \$25.00 custodial fee for members. Mary Hagopian seconded it. After some discussion, the motion was passed to eliminate this fee for members. Yerezkin Roberta made a motion to amend the motion by changing the fee schedule for the Deacon for a baptism to \$25.00. Sam Akgulian seconded it. A discussion followed and the motion passed to raise the fee. A motion was then made by Mike Garoukian to accept the schedule, as revised. Sam Akgulian seconded it. The motion carried.

Review of Dues - George Stevoff made a motion to raise our church dues from \$75.00 per person to \$100.00 per person, beginning in 1991; \$50.00 for those over 70 would stay the same, as would full-time students

at \$25.00. Mel Hagopian seconded it. Motion passed.

New Business - Shockey Gengozian made a motion that delegates, whether Diocesan or Parish Council, if they are not present the day the report is given, cannot present their bills for transportation or hotel expenses; in other words, if they cannot be present, they have no right to turn in a bill. Catherine Mikaelian seconded the motion. In the discussion that followed, a statement was made that delegates should not be penalized for being unable to attend the Parish Meeting when the report of the Assembly is given. The motion was voted upon and was not passed.

A clarification was made re: some Armenian books Shockey inquired about which she had helped pack in our old church. Lauren Chalekian stated she had gone through the books for the Sunday School Library and George Stevoff stated the Parish Council had requested everything be cleaned out of the rooms due to a number of reasons and all valuable Armenian books are under lock and key.

There being no further business, Mel Hagopian motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mesag Vidian seconded it.

Der Hayr closed the meeting with final words of thanks and commendation to the Parish Council and the Benediction at 4:20 p.m. He announced that tentatively, May 20, 1990, will be the date set for the Special Assembly Meeting re: Diocesan Assembly.

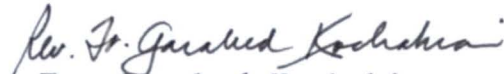
Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary of the Day
1990 Annual Parish Assembly



Sarkis Cherkinian,
Chairman of the Day
1990 Annual Parish Assembly



Fr. Garabed Kochakian,
Pastor and President
1990 Annual Parish Assembly