

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
February 14, 1993

St. Mesrob Armenian Church
Racine, Wisconsin

The meeting was opened at 11:15 a.m. Arch-Deacon Charles Hardy offered the opening prayer.

Murad Gengozian, current Parish Council Chairman, began by calling for the number of eligible voters present. The treasurer reported 78 eligible voters present. Myron Chordegian moved that the 78 eligible voters present represent a quorum. Martha Kargenian seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Murad Gengozian asked; if there were no objections, if we could dispense with the reading of the Special Parish Assembly minutes. There were no objections. Mike Garoukian moved to accept these minutes, Mike Garoukian Jr. seconded. Approved.

Mike Garoukian moved to adopt the agenda as written, Alice Hazarian seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.

Murad Gengozian read the Parish Council Chairman's Report. Mike Garoukian moved to accept the report, Alice Hazarian seconded the motion. The report was approved.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT AND ELECTIONS

Claire Kadamian thanked the nominating committee for their contribution. She then asked for nominations from the floor for the election of the Nominating Committee for 1993-1994. There were no nominations from the floor (repeated three times).

A question was raised as to whether four candidates have to be chosen. Chairman of the Assembly, Mike Garoukian, advised it is not necessary to choose four candidates, that any number of the persons on the ballot can be voted for up to four.

It was moved to close nominations from the floor by Paul Tewegian, seconded by Myron Chordegian. Nominations from the floor were closed.

SEARCH TEAM REPORT

A question was asked as to how the Search Team is picked. The Search Team is appointed by the Parish Council. It was questioned why there is not group approval from the congregation and assembly was advised that it is a Parish Council function to choose the Search Team. A discussion followed.

It was announced that Fr. Yeprem Kelegian has been approached, but that nothing is final as of yet.

It was moved by Jack Kazarian to accept the Search Team's report, seconded by Pam Kazarian. The Search Team's report was accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sam Kaprelian, Bookkeeper, represented Parish Council Treasurer Hourig Tcheurekdjian.

A question was raised why the Florida Hurricane fund money was listed as being disbursed, but not listed as being received before disbursement. Discussion followed.

Question raised regarding parish copying machine regarding whether it was leased or owned. Advised that there was a five year lease contract and that that contract will be ending soon.

Question raised regarding why membership dues weren't itemized on the treasurer's report. Also, a question of how many dues paying members belonged to the church. There were 223 paid members in 1992 and 239 in 1991.

Question raised regarding parish car. The parish car has not been sold as they are awaiting word on whether the new pastor will want the car.

It was moved by Sam Akgulian to accept the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Martha Kargenian. The treasurer's report was accepted as submitted.

1993 BUDGET

There was a discussion as to the tax status of the parish house. Murad Gengozian, Chairman, advised that the "tax-free" status is based on use by the church for the first two months of the calendar year. Discussion followed.

Question raised regarding whether the new pastor would be supplied rent compensation or a stipend. Discussion followed.

Question raised regarding why the baseball team is allocated \$250 and the Sunday School is allocated only \$150. Discussion followed, advising that the Sunday School is self-supporting and can obtain funds from Parish Council for their needs.

It was moved by Misag Vidian that the 1993 budget be accepted, Mary Katerdjian second the motion. The 1993 budget was accepted as written.

ELECTION OF NEW PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS

Before collecting ballots a call was made for nominations from the floor (repeated three times). None were received.

It was moved by Paul Tewagian that nominations be closed, seconded by Myron Chordegian. Nominations closed.

The 1993-1994 Parish Council Members are:

George Stevoff
Tony Ferraro
Claire Kadamian
Judy Peterson
Alternate: Adam Chalekian

PERMANENT TRUST REPORT

A question was raised as to why there is so much money in the permanent trust and why it is so conservatively handled. Mary Akgulian advised that a financial advisor was consulted regarding the parish's permanent trust and it was decided to stay with the present situation.

It was moved by Myron Chordegian to accept the Permanent Trust Report as written, seconded by George Sahagian. The Permanent Trust Report was accepted as written.

PROPOSALS FOR DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

There were no items to present.

REPORT OF ORGANIZATIONS:

CHOIR REPORT

It was moved by Byds Musurlian that the Choir report be accepted as written, seconded by Mark Akgulian. The Choir Report was accepted as written.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

There was a call for nominations from the floor. None were made. It was moved to close nominations from the floor by Martha Kargenian, seconded by Mary Cherkinian.

The 1993-94 Nominating Committee:

Sue Esayan
Rick Kadamian
Jack Kazarian

WOMEN'S GUILD REPORT

The Women's Guild reported that their Katah Sale will be held on March 29, 1993.

It was moved by John Esayan that the Women's Guild report be accepted as written, seconded by Paul Tewagian. The report was accepted as written.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Lauren Chalekian, Superintendent of Sunday School, advised that parental involvement is an essential component for success and that that involvement is lacking. Discussion followed.

It was suggested that the Sunday School teachers' names be added to the Sunday School Report.

Question was raised as to the Cash Balance at the beginning and end of the year for the Sunday School. It presently reads that the year is January 31, 1991 through December 31, 1992. Because the Sunday School's balance is determined in July it was moved that the Sunday School's cash balance run from July to July, not December to December.

It was moved by Sam Akgulian that the Sunday School report be accepted as amended, seconded by Ed Kargenian. The report was accepted as amended.

HERITAGE COMMITTEE REPORT

A motion was made by Paul Tewagian to accept the Heritage Committee's report as written, seconded by Myron Chordegian. The Heritage Committee report was accepted as written.

ACYOA JUNIORS

Kai Kazarian spoke for the ACYOA Jrs., advising of very poor attendance and involvement by children and parents and the immediate need for advisors. It was suggested that letters be sent to parents advising of the need. There was also a suggestion to obtain demographics outlining the potential number of young people involved.

It was moved by Martha Kargenian to accept the ACYOA report as written, seconded by Sam Akgulian. The ACYOA report was accepted as written.

AUDITOR & PERMANENT TRUST ELECTION

The 1993-94 auditor will be Martha Manoogian, Permanent Trust will be Ardis Cherkinian.

ACYOA SENIOR REPORT

Tom Gengozian reported that there has not been much involvement in ACYOA Srs. It was suggested that the ACYOA Sr. account be closed and given to the ACYOA Jrs.

It was moved by Paul Tewagian to accept the ACYOA Sr. report as written, seconded by Mary Katerdjian. The ACYOA Sr. report was accepted as written.

ARMENIAN FEST

Mary Akgulian announced that the 1993 Armenian Festival will be held on August 1st.

It was moved by Martha Kargenian to accept the Festival report as written, seconded by Sam Garbedian. The Armenian Fest report was accepted as written.

RETIREEES REPORT

It was moved by George Sahagian to accept the Retirees' report as written, seconded by Avak Topalian. The Retirees' report was accepted as written.

BOOK STORE REPORT

An inquiry was made as to the status of the Stained Glass books. Claire Kadamian advised she thought 150 of 500 were sold, 75 donated. Unsure of exact total remaining.

It was moved by Mary Tewagian to accept the Book Store report as written, seconded by Paul Tewegian. The Book Store report was accepted as written.

PROJECTS COMMITTEE

It was moved by Katherine Mikaelian that the Projects Committee's report be accepted as written, seconded by Claire Kadamian. The Projects Committee's report was accepted as written.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held regarding the loss of our priest and that perhaps future chancellors could be chosen from lay persons.

It was brought up that this is the 20th year in this church in its present location. Suggestion made that a dinner commemorating this occasion be held, possibly in conjunction with the arrival of a new priest. This will be discussed by the Parish Council.

Shockey Gengozian added that the parish was formed in 1924 or 1925, not in 1973 as the new cornerstone indicates. There was discussion regarding ability to obtain the original cornerstone from the church on State St. This also will go to Parish Council.

Chuck Hardy wished to openly acknowledge the efforts of Jack Kirkorian (custodial care) and Margaret Kirkorian and Kari Rasmussen (altar linens and flower arrangements) and thanked them for their contributions.

Nancy Kazarian brought up the fact that it was reported the Evanston church had donated \$20,000 to the Bulgur Fund. George Sahagian corrected this by saying it was the Armenian Fund, not Bulgur Fund and that it was under the auspices of the AGBU.

Nancy Kazarian moved that \$5,000 be obtained from the Permanent Trust to go to the "Bulgur Fund," and was seconded by Mary Katerdjian. Discussion ensued that already 800 tons of bulgur at the price of 6¢ per pound has been sent by the Winter Rescue program. Sam Akgulian questioned whether we should support both the Winter Rescue program and the Bulgur Fund.

Misag Vidian suggested that we wait on this as the Winter Rescue project is still going on. It was also brought up that \$2600 has been sent already and we have not heard whether it has reached its destination. Mary Katerdjian withdrew her second, and Nancy Kazarian withdrew her motion.

A thank you was given to all outgoing officers.

Murad Gengozian announced the next Parish Council Meeting to be held Monday night at 7:10 on February 15, 1993. New officers were invited to attend.

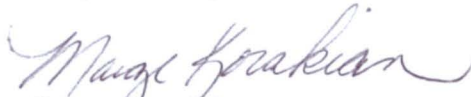
Avak Topalian was thanked for providing vestment and robe cleaning.

Sam Kaprelian was asked of the whereabouts of archived baptism and other records. He will continue to look into this.

A motion was made to adjourn by Martha Kargenian, seconded by Sam Kaprelian.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Marge Korakian
Secretary of the Assembly



Mike Garoukian
Chairman of the Assembly