

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
Sunday, February 20, 1994

St. Mesrob Armenian Church
Racine, Wisconsin

After the opening prayer led by Fr. Yeprem Kelegian, Parish Council Chairman George Stevoff called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m.

Chairman Stevoff asked if the members present constituted a quorum. There were 67 out of our total membership of 221 present. Mike Garoukian moved that the number of members did indeed constitute a quorum; Alice Hazarian seconded. Motion passed.

Chairman Stevoff then turned the meeting over to Jack Kazarian, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, for the election of Chairman of the Assembly and Secretary of the Assembly.

A short recess was called for lunch by Chairman Stevoff.

The meeting reconvened at 12 noon with Tom Janikian elected Chairman of the Assembly, and Marge Korakian Secretary of the Assembly.

The minutes of November 21, 1993, were reviewed and it was moved that they be accepted as written by Murad Gengozian; seconded by Claire Kadamian. The minutes were approved as written.

Paul Tewegian moved the agenda be accepted; seconded by Elsie Garoukian.

Nominating Committee Report and Elections: Nominating Committee Chairperson Jack Kazarian announced that the members of the present Parish Council who will be staying on to finish their terms include Chairman George Stevoff, Tony Ferraro, Claire Kadamian and Judy Hachikian. Leaving Parish Council members include Margaret Armaganian, Mike Kaprelian and Gary Vidian.

Nominations were called for from the floor for Parish Council. Perry Paragamian nominated Mike Garoukian from the floor, Mike Kaprelian seconded, and Mike Garoukian's name was added to the slate. It was moved by George Stevoff and seconded by Byds Musurlian that nominations from the floor be closed.

Parish Council Report: It was moved by Sarkis Cherkinian and seconded by Alice Hazarian that the Parish Council Report be accepted as written. Point of order was asked for by Murad Gengozian regarding omission of the Pastor's Annual Report on the agenda. An apology was made for the inadvertent omission of the Pastor's Annual Report which was not listed on the agenda. Perry Paragamian moved and Sam Akgulian seconded a motion to add the Pastor's Annual Report to the agenda.

Pastor's Annual Report: Fr. Yeprem Kelegian read the Pastor's Annual Report as written, elaborating on his duties performed since assuming the position as Parish Pastor. Claire Kadamian moved that the report be accepted; seconded by Byds Musurlian.

Parish Treasury and Financial Report: Note was made that the date on the report should read December 31, 1993. It was moved by Alice Hazarian and seconded by Murad Gengozian that the report be accepted with the above correction made.

Permanent Trust Committee: George Stevoff moved that the report be accepted as written; seconded by Murad Gengozian.

Auditing Committee Report: George Stevoff moved to accept the report as written; seconded by Rick Kadamian.

Parish Dues Increase: Parish Council Chairman, George Stevoff, moved that we increase the parish membership dues from \$105 to \$115 per member to be effective January 1, 1995; student dues and over age 80 dues to remain the same. Motion seconded by Gary Vidian. Discussion followed. The motion carried.

Election of Parish Council Officers: Newly elected Parish council officers include Tom Gengozian, Rick Kadamian, Gary Vidian and alternate Mary Azarian Kaprelian.

Review and adoption of the 1994 Budget: A proposal was distributed to all members present regarding the position of a Youth Director for St. Mesrob Church youth. Ardis Cherkinian questioned the addition of \$1800 to the budget for a Youth Director. Discussion followed. Harry Boranian recommended raising the annual amount allotted to \$5000 and that the money not come from the Permanent Trust. It was discussed that the money would come from the budget and not from the Permanent Trust. Ardis Cherkinian questioned whether this would be a permanent position and suggested that this position be reviewed annually. A vote by show of hands was taken for the budgeting of \$5000 per year for a Youth Director. There were 30 members in favor, 27 opposed.

George Stevoff reported an increase in the Pastor's allowance for his IRA from \$1000 to \$2000. Also, a change in the Pastor's stipend to \$2000 above the "clergy stipend schedule (of the Diocese) annualized beginning March 1st.

Diocesan Delegate Election: The Nominating Committee reported the winners of the Diocesan Delegate election: Lisa Akgulian, Sam Akgulian, Kai Kazarian and alternate Gary Vidian.

Proposals to the 92nd Annual Diocesan Assembly: There were no proposals offered.

Parking Lot Resurfacing Proposal: A presentation for resurfacing the parking lot was made by George Stevoff. A motion was made by George Stevoff to resurface the lot for an amount not to exceed \$26,750, with the funds coming from the Permanent Trust. The motion was seconded by Mike Kadamian. The motion carried.

New Business: Charles Roy suggested Bingo be considered as a source of revenue for the church. Discussion followed. No action taken.

Review and Acceptance of Organizational Reports:

Choir Report: It was moved to accept the Choir Report by Mike Garoukian; seconded by Sam Garabedian.

Women's Guild: The Women's Guild turned over \$6500 to the Parish Council in 1993 which is a record donation. They were applauded for their contribution. It was moved to accept the report by Mike Garoukian; seconded by Claire Kadamian.

Sunday School: Sam Kaprelian questioned why the fiscal year for Sunday School runs from July to July, rather than December to December. Parish Council to evaluate this. Mike Garoukian moved that the report be accepted as written; seconded by George Stevoff.

Armenian Heritage Committee: Need was expressed for more members. Mike Garoukian moved to accept the report as written; seconded by George Stevoff.

A.C.Y.O.A. Juniors: It was moved by Mike Garoukian to accept the report as written; seconded by George Stevoff.

A.C.Y.O.A. Seniors: This organization is inactive. It was suggested that monies in their account be turned over to the Parish Council and held in escrow. Mike Garoukian moved to accept the report as written; seconded by Sam Akgulian.

Armenian Fest: Perry Paragamian reported that we are now at the highest budgeted amount projected for 1994. The goal was \$23,000 in 1993, and now is \$24,000 in 1994. This, he considered to be too high. A motion was made by Perry Paragamian to drop the goal to \$22,000; seconded by Shockey Gengozian. Motion passed.

The Festival Committee was applauded by all for their hard work and dedication. A motion was made by Murad Gengozian and seconded by Claire Kadamian to accept the report as written.

Retirees: It was moved by Murad Gengozian and seconded by Sam Akgulian that the report be accepted as written.

Nominating Committee Election: The 1994-1995 Nominating Committee members include Mike Kaprelian, Pam Kazarian, Janet Mrazek and alternate Julie Kapralian.

Addendum to Project Committee: Mike Kadamian moved to consider removal of the large tree to the immediate south of the church annex. Mark Akgulian seconded the motion. Sam Akgulian asked for a discussion regarding which trees will be removed. Discussion followed regarding constant maintenance concerns -- all of which require more participation by members. It was determined that the three trees in front should also be removed; one large tree to the south and three trees on the west side of the church, at a cost not to exceed \$4000. A vote on the amendment was taken by show of hands (25 in favor, 20 opposed).

A vote was taken on the amended motion to remove five trees in all (one large tree to the south and four to the west). Funds to come from the Permanent Trust. A vote on the amended motion by show of hands was taken (21 in favor, 19 opposed).

Auditing Committee & Permanent Trust Election: Bonnie Hagopian was elected to a three year term on the Auditing Committee. Elected to the Permanent Trust was Art Petersen.

Steeple Committee: George Stevoff reported on the progress of the Steeple Committee. No preliminary work has been done.

A motion was made to adjourn by Mesag Vidian; seconded by George Stevoff.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m. with a prayer led by Fr. Yeprem Kelegian.

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Respectfully submitted,



Marge Korakian
Secretary of the Assembly



Tom Janikian
Chairman of the Assembly



Fr. Yeprem Kelegian
Pastor