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**ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING**

**February 12, 1995**

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**St. Mesrob Armenian Church  
Racine, WI**



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January 30, 1995

Dear Dues Paying Member,

The Annual Parish Assembly will be held on Sunday, February 12, 1995 at the conclusion of Divine Liturgy at approximately 11:15 a.m. We need all dues paying members at this important Annual Assembly.


The meeting will be recessed following the election of Chairman and Secretary of the Day, at which time a light luncheon will be served. The newly elected officers will reconvene the Assembly. An Agenda is attached and will be formally adopted after approval by the Assembly. Also, enclosed are the Minutes of the most recent Parish Assembly and proposals to be considered at the Assembly.

In the event of inclement weather, the meeting will be held Sunday, February 19, 1995 at 12:30 p.m.

**Please make time to come. The elections, the budget and other items of business have MUCH to do with the ministry of the Church. Those at the meeting will have a voice in the direction of this church in 1995.**

Also, remember, in order to participate as a voting member, your dues must be paid up through 1994.

Prayerfully,

  
Fr. Yeprem Kelegian  
Pastor

  
Thomas Gengozian  
Parish Council Chairman



**ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY  
St. Mesrob Armenian Church  
Racine, Wisconsin  
February 12, 1995**

**AGENDA**

1. Opening prayer at 11:15 a.m.
2. Verification of eligible voters and call for quorum
3. Election of Chairman and Secretary of the Day  
(Recess for lunch)
4. Approval of Minutes of previous Assembly
5. Adoption of Agenda
6. Nominating Committee Report and Elections
7. Report on January 14, 1995 Special Diocesan Assembly
8. Pastor's Report
9. Parish Council Report
10. Parish Treasury and Financial Report
11. Permanent Trust Committee Report
12. Auditing Committee Report
13. Review and Adoption of the 1995 Budget
14. Proposals
15. New Business
16. Review and Acceptance of Organizational Reports
17. Motion to adjourn and closing prayer

*The following minutes are a re-creation of the actual minutes which were lost, before they were transcribed -- J. Hachikian, Secretary.*

**ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
Special Parish Assembly  
Tuesday, May 24, 1994**

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**Minutes**

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Father Yeprem Kelegian and then officially by Tom Gengozian, parish council chairman.

There was a quorum present.

Minutes of the previous meeting -- the parish assembly on February 20, 1994, were issued to all attendees -- thereby eliminating the need for them to be read aloud. And they were accepted as written.

A report of the Diocesan Assembly of April 28-30, 1994, in Houston, Texas, was given:

Mourad Gengozian spoke of the Primate's and Vehapar's messages; the election results and the social services seminar. Sam Akgulian discussed the Diocesan Council Report and the annual report as well as the stewardship seminar.

Kai Kazarian reported on the seminar held by the Department of Youth Ministry; he gave an overview of the talks concerning "unity;" and he briefly discussed the proposals which were passed. Tom Gengozian reported on the budget, which was passed, and activities of the ACYOA.

Father Yeprem then gave the final report of the FAR and HAVAD committees; he discussed the mission statement (see below) which was agreed on by the delegates; a religious education seminar report, and the future proposals.

**Mission Statement:**

The mission of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church is to preach the Gospel of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, and to proclaim its message of salvation. This mission is realized through worship, education, witness, service and a common life in Christ - as expressed in the distinctive faith- experience of the Armenian people. All members of the Armenian Church - both clergy and lay - are called to participate fully in this mission.


**NEW BUSINESS**


The following proposals were presented, discussed and voted upon.

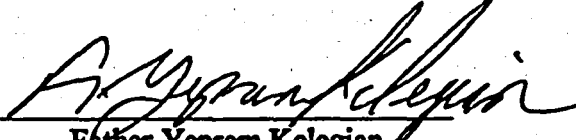
- Removal of the tree in the south parking lot prior to the total resurfacing. Taking it down now would eliminate the need to do so in the future (since it is not a healthy tree), and the lot would be resurfaced without having to "patch" it as we may have to do in the future. Motion was defeated.
- Revision of wedding and funeral fees for deacon, organist and soloist -- from \$35 per person to \$50 per person. Motion was passed.
- For maintenance of the small shed/garage, siding would be added -- at a cost estimate of \$1400. Motion was defeated.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.; it was followed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Judy Hachikian  
Secretary

  
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Thomas Gengozian  
Chairman

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Father Yeprem Kelegian  
Pastor

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## **PASTOR'S REPORT 1994**

**One of the major spiritual themes of 1994 was "Reaching Out" to others to share the love of Christ through our actions and prayers. One of the major themes of 1995 will be Christian witness. Witness is simply sharing with others how the Lord helps you, loves you and cares for you. We will continue on our path of growth in Jesus Christ in reaching out, in love and in witness.**

I have been here for one and a half years and I consider it a privilege and "godsend" that I am here at St. Mesrob. Thanks to the Lord, previous pastors and our work together, much has been done. However, much is still undone or is still in process. The Church is not yet considered a place to regularly gather in worship by the majority of those who consider themselves parishioners. Much is yet to be done with the various youth age groups. But, together with the newly hired youth coordinator, Meline Grigorian, I know that great strides can be made in youth ministry.

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### **Fr. Yeprem's Pastoral Ministry**

All the statistics are based on 48 weeks which takes into consideration being out of town for Diocesan meetings, Hye Camp and vacation

#### **Pastoral Home Visits** 4 visits per week (190)

My visits usually have a purpose. I do not simply visit people to make social calls. The purposes, to name a few: Shut ins, bereaved, pre-baptism, illness, home blessings, elderly and many other special pastoral reasons.

**Visits to hospitals and nursing homes** are of primary importance in the Christian ministry and I hope that you are also considering it important in your Christian discipline. I averaged 2.5 visits a week (119), visiting 3 patients (140) per week.

#### **Teaching Ministry**

This has been a real joy for me. I enjoy discussing the Faith, sharing ideas, teaching and learning.

Bible Study met 26 times. My aim in Bible Study is to teach people how simple and straight forward the message in the Bible is. We then enjoy sharing ideas and reactions.

Religious Study met 24 times. This group discusses issues in the Church and in contemporary society.

Bible Fellowship meets monthly from September through June. We discuss the challenge of keeping the faith in an ever changing world.

Acolyte training conducted 29 times. We have a growing and enthusiastic group of young people desiring to serve the altar.

Vacation Bible School was held July 6 and 8, with a presentation on Sunday, July 10. The theme was Noah's Ark and how God loves his creatures, especially us. Alice Hazarian, Pam Kazarian, Amy Burmeister, Claudia Kalinoski and many adult and teen volunteers made these days a real blessing to the children and church.

The Midwest Third Annual Retreat was hosted by St. Mesrob, September 30 and October 1. The 34 participants discussed the Mission of the Armenian Church.

Hye Camp (7 days) Fr. Yeprem was the Religious Director.

Lenten Educational Series - Focus on the Family

Three programs were presented on Sundays of Lent: Media Literacy; Christian Parenting; Power in Parenting the Young Child.

Wednesdays of Lent- After the services, meditations were given.

Fall Educational Series

Five programs were presented on Sundays in the Fall Contemporary Moral Issues, Abortion; Bob Kann - Storyteller; Remnants of Armenia Past (Nick Akgulian); Wrestling with Angels (on prayer); Preaching Mission to Armenia (Haig Tcheurekdjian).

**Ordinations**

During a pastoral visit from our Primate, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, March 7, several of our youth were ordained to the rank of "Tbir" (Acolyte). Aaron McGraw, David Barootian, Michael Barootian, Eric Buchaklian, David Johnson, Heidi Kadamian, Matthew Nersesian and Michael Rasmussen.

**Meetings**

St. Mesrob organizational meetings - 136 (2.8 per week)  
Regional meetings - 10  
Diocesan meetings - 2

**Functions**

St. Mesrob related functions - 54  
Regional functions - 8

**Baptisms - Seven**

Danielle Linnea Vidian, Marina Elizabeth Kaprelian, Talene Gabrielle Dadian, Simon Rose Akgulian, Grace Elizabeth Bedoian, Alexandra Martha Topalian and Marissa Lauren Mahnke.



**Marriages - Five**

Randall Madey and Nancy Mikaelian; David Marggraf and Kari Akgulian; Dane Richeson and Elizabeth Chobanian; Jeffrey Smith and Jodi Korakian; David Burmeister and Amy Barootian.

**Funerals - Five**

Evabelle Chiaussky; Ben Kamakian; Inga Peterson; Tod Mikaelian; Adriene Mikaelian.

**Other aspects of Ministry**

The "Varak" is published and mailed out every other month and the weekly "Messenger" is handed out to those attending services.

I visited the Waukegan Parish five times to perform Divine Liturgy and conduct educational programs.

A Christmas Eve Dinner for the fire victims of Douglas Terrace was organized by Charley Roy.

I am involved in various community activities such as the Racine Clergy. I also give talks to various community groups (Rotary, Jerstad School, et. al.)

**Special Thanks**

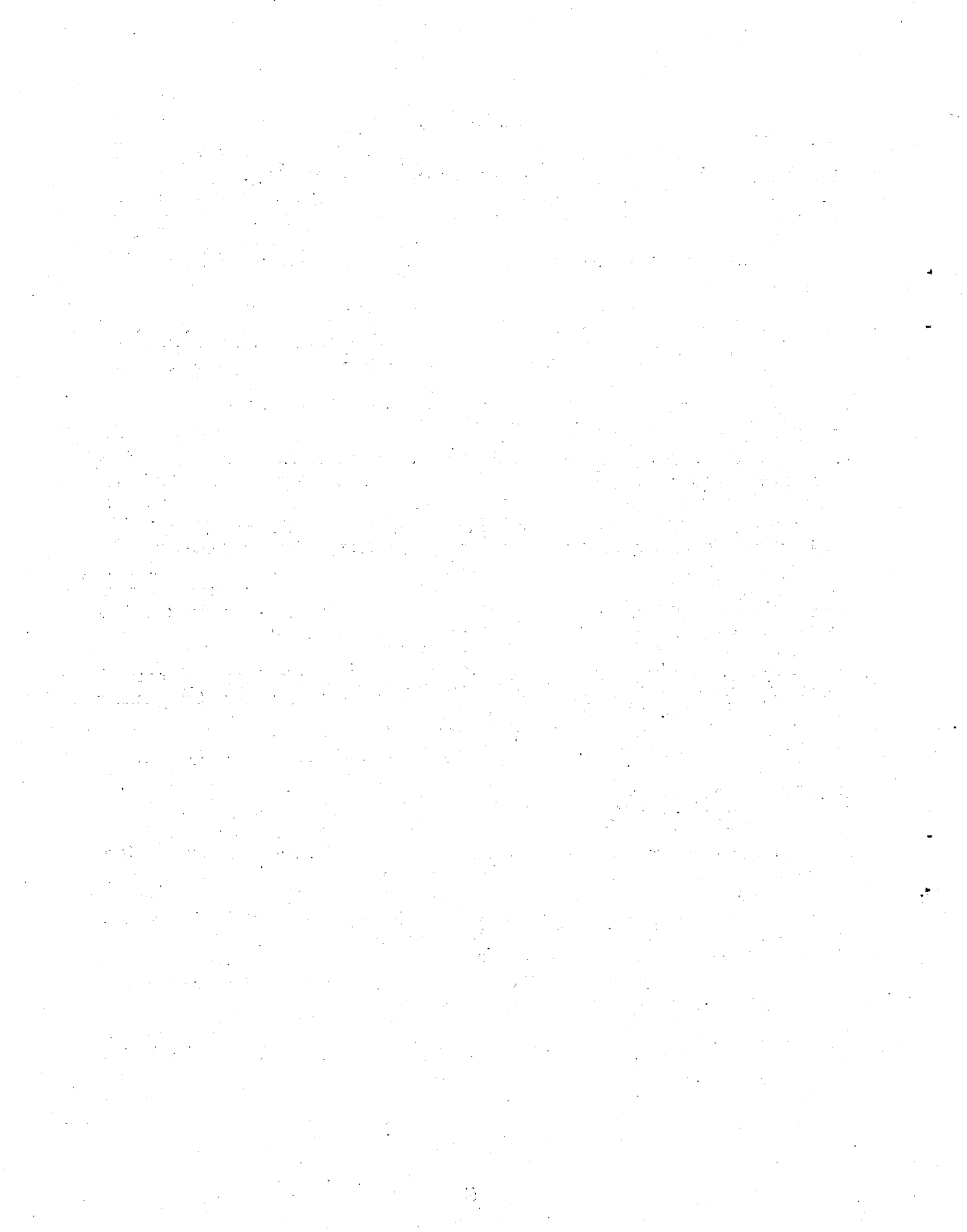
I would like to recognize all those who keep the Ministry going so well: Deacon Charles Hardy and all of the servers for their diligence and dedication; Margaret Dadian, our Choir Director, and all the faithful choir members; Lauren Chalekian, Sunday School Superintendent, and the staff, for their committment to the Word of God; Mary Cherkinian and Claire Kadamian who keep the administrative aspects of St. Mesrob functioning so well; the Parish Council, under the Chairmanship of Thomas Gengozian, for their hard work, concern and care in leading this parish.

**A Sad and Joyous Event**

In August, we learned of the passing of our Chief Patriarch and Servant of Jesus Christ, Catholicos Vasken I. Having led the Armenian Church through the Communist "imprisonment" of the Armenian people, he died. But before his death, he left his mark on the Armenian Church by means of his building and renovation work and his general spiritual guidance. His passing is both a sad and joyous event. Sad, because we have lost our leader; and joyous because he goes to the "Chief Shepherd", Jesus Christ. We pray that the Holy Spirit select a good and worthy successor.



Fr. Yeprem Kelegian  
Pastor



## Parish Council's Report - 1994

Nineteen-ninety-four saw many changes for me. In April I assumed the helm of St. Mesrob Armenian Church. I welcomed the challenge and privilege of being able to serve God and also the parishioners of St. Mesrob. As Parish Council Chairman I was guided by a wise and dedicated council plus a number of elders in the church. I was blessed by all of these experiences. I want to thank everyone for their help.

Father Yeprem, St. Mesrob's Spiritual Leader, has done an excellent job this past year. He has responded well to all of the challenges that he has faced. He has the unique ability to work well with all people in many different circumstances. We all should learn from this talent that Father Yeprem has and seek to use it to help us serve God. We are fortunate to have a fine and very capable Priest in our service.

The St. Mesrob community has continued to successfully carry out her spiritual mission. Our Sunday school remains a pillar of our church community. Other church organizations such as our Retirees Group and Women's Guild continue to grow in the Lord's works. Our Junior A.C.Y.O.A. persist in doing God's work. We also have very strong religious educational programs for our adults. These programs include our Bible Study and Fellowship Group. The Fellowship Group is a very solid program for our young adults. St. Mesrob has taken a major step in providing for our youth by hiring a youth director, Meline Grigorian. Our youth director has attacked the youth situation in our parish and is making a noticeable impact in that area. The parish council undertook a very successful Spring Dance to gather our community. This Spring Dance is now planned to be an annual event for St. Mesrob.

Within all the successful organizations there are areas where **EVERYONE** needs to focus and concentrate their efforts further. Here are some of the areas we should be concentrating on for the future.

- **Choir** - we should be encouraging our youth to join the choir **NOW** so that our strong choir will remain strong. Our youth can learn from the masters in our choir and gain a sense of pride and community in their participation.
- **Armenian School** - we should be looking to revive our Armenian schools to preserve our precious Armenian language and culture.
- **Relations with Sister Parishes** - we should look to cultivate the relations with sister parishes with activities for all ages.
- **Out Reach** - we should continue to reach out to all people associated with the Armenian Church.
- **Community Service** - we should work to develop more community service programs.

- **Hye Camp** - we should be insistent that our children attend camp every year. Many of you have developed lasting friendships through Hye Camp which is a tradition worth passing on to our children.
- **St. Nersess Programs** - these programs are critical in the formative years of the children at St. Mesrob Church.
- **Diocesan Programs** - we all should make use of the multitude of diocesan programs, young and old alike. These include Choir Conventions, Women's programs, DRE programs and Retreats.
- **Senior Programs** - with the largest population of St. Mesrob Armenian Church being seniors, we must look to provide for the special needs of this group such as: transportation, special access to the church and spiritual counseling.

We need to encourage our youth especially to take part in these Christian programs. We must work hard to strengthen our position in these programs **NOW**, not later. There are still many qualified elders in our community to help our youth. We need to create a strong partnership between these two groups. Seniors must be willing to give guidance to the youth. The youth must give these seniors the respect that they have earned and deserve.

The St. Mesrob Parish Council greatly appreciates the efforts of all church organizations. We are namely grateful for the multitude of works undertaken by our Women's Guild. These ladies make an enormous contribution to our church both spiritually and financially. This year marked the seventh year of the Festival as we know it today. The Festival Committee as always ran another very successful event. This year was the end of an era, one which saw Perry Paragamian retire as chairman, and the beginning of a new era with Gary Vidian taking over as chairman. We, the Parish Council, wish to thank all the volunteers for their service at the Festival. So let's continue to work for the Festival's success as we have done for many many years and will continue for many more.

The St. Mesrob Parish executed a number of large projects in 1994. These projects include the repaving of the church parking lot and the aluminum siding on the parish house. We also completed some minor landscape projects and some necessary repairs and updates to the parish house. These projects and numerous others were completed successfully with the help of our Projects Committee.

Financially, this year was very successful. The financial reports attest to that success. This financial success wasn't so clear beginning in May and running through September when the parish experienced a cash flow crisis. However, we pulled through this financial crisis with your generous monetary support. We will continue to depend on you to support our church community. This year, the Parish Council is presenting to the parish the largest budget in the history of St. Mesrob. This budget will allow us to continue the Lord's work in the tradition each of you expect. We must continue to stick together remembering our spiritual mission.

On behalf of the Parish Council it has been with great pleasure, honor and dedication that we served you by serving the Lord.

Respectfully Submitted,



Thomas D. Gengozian  
St. Mesrob Parish Council Chairman

**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 1994**

President	Father Yeprem Kelegian
Chairman	Thomas D. Gengozian
Vice Chairman	Gary Vidian
Secretary	Judy Hachikian
Treasurer	Claire Kadamian
Asst. Treasurer	Rick Kadamian
Advisor	Mary Kaprelian (replaced Tony Ferraro)
Advisor	George Stevoff

**Diocesan Delegates 1994**

Delegate	Lisa Akgulian
Delegate	Sam Akgulian
Delegate	Kai Kazarian
Alternate	Murad Gengozian

ST MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
INCOME STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1994

RECEIPTS	ACTUAL 1993	ACTUAL 1994	BUDGET 1994	OVER (UNDER)	%	BUDGET 1995
<b>MEMBERSHIP DUES</b>						
FUTURE YEARS	\$1,260.00	\$2,585.50	\$800.00	\$1,785.50		\$1,500.00
CURRENT YEAR	\$19,873.00	\$21,019.50	\$22,000.00	(\$980.50)		\$22,000.00
PRIOR YEARS	<u>\$4,932.50</u>	<u>\$2,336.50</u>	<u>\$1,200.00</u>	<u>\$1,136.50</u>		<u>\$1,500.00</u>
	\$26,065.50	\$25,941.50	\$24,000.00	\$1,941.50	8%	\$25,000.00
<b>STEWARDSHIP</b>						
PLATE COLLECTIONS	\$25,591.32	\$38,995.05	\$34,500.00	\$4,495.05	13%	\$41,185.00
	\$3,329.71	\$4,288.70	\$3,600.00	\$688.70	19%	\$4,100.00
<b>DONATIONS</b>						
CHRISTMAS	\$460.00	\$698.00	\$700.00			\$1,600.00
EASTER	1217.5	\$1518.00	\$1,300.00			\$1,650.00
REQUIEM	\$485.00	\$1055.00	\$800.00			\$1,200.00
IN LIEU OF FLOWERS	\$3,755.25	\$5624.00	\$4,000.00			\$4,500.00
CANDLES	\$137.50	\$310.00	\$150.00			\$350.00
DESIGNATED GIFTS	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$0.00			
GRAPE/WATER BLESSING	\$144.00	\$161.00	\$150.00			\$200.00
OTHER	<u>\$577.00</u>	<u>\$5460.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>			<u>\$1,000.00</u>
	\$6,876.25	\$15,026.00	\$7,600.00	\$7,426.00	98%	\$10,500.00
<b>SPECIAL COLLECTIONS</b>						
SISTER SUNDAY SCH	\$0.00	<u>\$100.00</u>	\$0.00	\$100.00		\$0.00
		\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00		\$0.00
SACRAMENTS/CEREMONIES	\$230.00	\$225.00	\$250.00	(\$25.00)	-10%	\$250.00
<b>AFFAIRS( NET)</b>						
FESTIVAL	\$23,213.38	\$21,465.65	\$22,000.00			\$22,000.00
MADAGH	\$633.07	\$1,367.77	\$700.00			\$1,400.00
DINNERS	(\$229.23)	\$230.94	\$500.00			\$250.00
OTHERS		<u>\$478.16</u>				
	\$23,617.22	\$23,542.52	\$23,200.00	\$342.52	1%	\$23,650.00
<b>RENTALS</b>						
CHURCH HALL	\$800.00	\$1,175.00	\$600.00			\$1,000.00
PARISH HOME	<u>\$4,725.00</u>	<u>\$8,100.00</u>	<u>\$8,100.00</u>			<u>\$8,100.00</u>
	\$5,525.00	\$9,275.00	\$8,700.00	\$575.00	7%	\$9,100.00
<b>OTHER RECEIPTS</b>						
BOOK SALES	\$232.00	\$366.50	\$200.00			\$500.00
CH ORGANIZATIONS	\$12,799.54	\$8,012.90	\$7,000.00			\$8,000.00
CLERGY SERVICES	\$0.00					
SALE OF AUTO	\$3,550.00					
S.AKGULIAN MEM FD	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$200.00			\$200.00
MISCELANEOUS	<u>\$150.00</u>	<u>\$60.00</u>				
TOTAL OTHER	\$16,931.54	\$8,539.40	\$7,400.00	\$1,139.40	15%	\$8,700.00
TOTAL EARNED INCOME	\$108,166.54	\$125,933.17	\$109,250.00	\$16,683.17	15%	\$122,485.00
FROM PERMANENT TRUST	<u>\$28,630.00</u>	<u>\$36,980.00</u>		<u>\$36,980.00</u>		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>\$136,796.54</u>	<u>\$162,913.17</u>	<u>\$109,250.00</u>	<u>\$53,663.17</u>	<u>49%</u>	<u>\$122,485.00</u>

① Loan  
Parrish House Siding \$ 5,000.00  
Parking Lot 5,230.00  
26,750.00  
\$ 36,980.00

ST MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
INCOME STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1994

DISBURSEMENTS	ACTUAL 1993	ACTUAL 1994	BUDGET 1994	OVER (UNDER)	%	BUDGET 1995
<b>STIPENDS &amp; SALARY OF RESIDENT CLERGY</b>						
STIPEND	\$12,083.25	\$31,566.65	\$31,900.00	(\$333.35)	-1%	<del>\$34,075.00</del> \$33,313.00
HOUSING/UTILITIES	\$4,130.00	\$10,164.00	\$10,164.00	\$0.00	0%	\$10,500.00
INSURANCE MED/LIFE	\$3,891.07	\$3,948.97	\$3,400.00	\$548.97	16%	\$4,800.00
IRA	\$416.65	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0%	\$2,000.00
AUTO ALLOWANCE	\$1,125.00	\$2,800.00	\$2,700.00	\$100.00		\$2,800.00
	<u>\$21,645.97</u>	<u>\$50,479.62</u>	<u>\$50,164.00</u>	<u>\$315.62</u>	<u>1%</u>	<del>\$54,175.00</del> \$53,413.00
CLERGY MOVING EXP.	\$3,990.00					
VISITING CLERGY	\$3,018.00	\$345.40	\$600.00	(\$254.60)	-42%	\$500.00
CUSTODIAN/SECURITY	\$2,580.00	\$2,760.00	\$2,760.00	\$0.00	0%	\$2,760.00
CLERICAL	\$2,597.39	\$2,895.75	\$3,000.00	(\$104.25)	-3%	\$3,000.00
BOOKKEEPER	\$500.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00		\$750.00
YOUTH DIRECTOR		<u>\$995.84</u>	<u>\$2,500.00</u>			<u>\$4,300.00</u>
	<u>\$12,685.39</u>	<u>\$7,746.99</u>	<u>\$9,610.00</u>	<u>(\$1,863.01)</u>	<u>-19%</u>	<u>\$11,310.00</u>
DIOCESAN DUES	\$17,889.00	\$19,320.00	\$17,900.00	\$1,420.00	8%	\$19,750.00
DIocese YOUTH MINISTRY	\$1,000.00	\$1,093.00	\$1,000.00		0%	\$1,100.00
ETCHMIADZIN LOOMA		\$1,105.00				\$1,150.00 \$22,000.00
<b>ORGANIZATIONS</b>						
SUNDAY SCHOOL	398.05	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$50.00	33%	\$200.00
HERITAGE COM.			\$150.00	(\$150.00)	-100%	
CHOIR			\$150.00	(\$150.00)	-100%	\$150.00
ACYOA JUNIORS		\$171.65	\$150.00	\$21.65	14%	\$200.00
ACYOA SENIORS			\$150.00	(\$150.00)	-100%	
SOFTBALL TEAM	\$264.25	\$329.25	\$250.00	\$79.25	32%	\$250.00
WOMEN'S GUILD	<u>\$0.00</u>		<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>		<u>\$0.00</u>
	<u>\$662.30</u>	<u>\$700.90</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>(\$299.10)</u>	<u>-30%</u>	<u>\$800.00</u>
<b>UTILITIES</b>						
GAS	\$4,549.33	\$4,202.40	\$4,800.00	(\$597.60)	-12%	\$4,900.00
ELECTRIC	\$3,429.55	\$3,290.37	\$3,400.00	(\$109.63)	-3%	\$3,700.00
WATER & SEWER	<u>\$314.30</u>	<u>\$331.47</u>	<u>\$350.00</u>	<u>(\$18.53)</u>	<u>-5%</u>	<u>\$400.00</u>
	<u>\$8,293.18</u>	<u>\$7,824.24</u>	<u>\$8,550.00</u>	<u>(\$725.76)</u>	<u>-8%</u>	<u>\$9,000.00</u>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</b>						
TELEPHONE	\$838.77	\$1,547.83	\$1,200.00	\$347.83	29%	\$1,700.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$1,002.82	\$1,636.60	\$1,226.00	\$410.60	33%	\$1,800.00
COPIER	\$2,396.50	\$3,397.13	\$2,000.00	\$1,397.13	70%	\$3,500.00
CHURCH SUPPLIES	\$1,258.85	\$995.29	\$800.00	\$195.29	24%	\$1,000.00
KITCHEN SUPPLIES	\$1,556.00	\$591.39	\$800.00	(\$208.61)	-26%	\$600.00
POSTAGE	\$651.63	\$948.55	\$800.00	\$148.55	19%	\$1,000.00
CHURCH INSURANCE	\$3,914.48	\$4,059.50	\$4,000.00	\$59.50	1%	\$4,200.00
COMPUTER	\$20.45	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)	-100%	\$100.00
OTHER	<u>\$98.84</u>	<u>\$49.45</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>	<u>(\$150.55)</u>	<u>-75%</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
	<u>\$11,738.34</u>	<u>\$13,225.74</u>	<u>\$11,126.00</u>	<u>\$2,099.74</u>	<u>19%</u>	<u>\$14,000.00</u>
<b>BUILDING, EQUIPMENT AND MAINTENANCE</b>						
BUILDING EXTERIOR	\$30,005.30	\$744.30	\$1,000.00	(\$255.70)	-26%	\$800.00
NEW EQUIPMENT	\$1,784.65	\$1,705.36	\$1,000.00	\$705.36	71%	<del>\$400.00</del> 700.00
BUILDING INTERIOR	\$1,084.97	\$779.18	\$1,000.00	(\$220.82)	-22%	\$800.00
BUILDING SUPPLIES	\$58.88	\$461.47	\$200.00	\$261.47	131%	\$500.00
PARKING LOT	\$11.97	\$26,810.51		\$26,810.51		\$100.00
RUBBISH PICKUP	\$774.80	\$689.20	\$800.00	(\$110.80)	-14%	\$700.00
SNOW PLOWING	\$905.00	\$1,290.00	\$1,000.00	\$559.39	56%	<del>\$900.00</del> 1,300.00
GROUNDS KEEPING	<u>\$1,142.33</u>	<u>\$1,559.39</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>\$1,059.39</u>	<u>212%</u>	<u>\$300.00</u> 362.00
	<u>\$35,767.90</u>	<u>\$34,039.41</u>	<u>\$5,500.00</u>	<u>\$28,539.41</u>	<u>519%</u>	<u>\$4,500.00</u> \$5,262.00

ST MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
INCOME STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1994

DISBURSEMENTS ( continued)	ACTUAL 1993	ACTUAL 1994	BUDGET 1994	OVER (UNDER)	%	BUDGET 1995
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>						
PARISH HOUSE	\$4,150.13	\$5,648.74	\$2,500.00	\$3,148.74	126%	\$2,500.00
DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY	\$457.92	\$2,749.19	\$1,000.00	\$1,749.19	175%	\$2,800.00
ST. NERSES CONFERENCE	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$300.00	(\$200.00)	-67%	\$100.00
CHOIR ASSEMBLY			\$500.00	(\$500.00)	-100%	\$300.00
DESIGNATED GIFTS						
CEREMONIAL SERV.	\$175.00	\$55.00				\$100.00
ADOPTED CHILD CASP		\$400.00				\$400.00
OTHER	<u>\$587.59</u>	<u>\$375.49</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$275.49</u>	275%	<u>\$500.00</u>
	\$5,570.64	\$9,328.42	\$4,400.00	\$4,928.42	112%	\$6,700.00
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXP</b>	<u>\$115,252.72</u>	<u>\$144,863.32</u>	<u>\$109,250.00</u>	<u>\$35,613.32</u>	<u>33%</u>	<u>\$122,485.00</u>
<b>OPERATING GAIN(LOSS)</b>	<u>(\$7,086.18)</u>	<u>(\$3,075.47)</u>				
<b>NET TOTAL</b>	\$108,166.54	\$141,787.85	\$109,250.00			\$122,485.00
<b>TO PERM TRUST 1993</b>	\$19,322.65	\$0.00				
<b>TO PERM TRUST 1994</b>	<u>\$16,125.32</u>	<u>\$21,125.32</u>				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$143,614.51</u>	<u>\$162,913.17</u>	<u>\$109,250.00</u>	<u>\$53,663.17</u>	49%	<u>\$122,485.00</u>

① Loan	\$5,000.00
1993 Womens Guild excess	\$6,505.35
1993 Earnings excess of \$7,500	<u>\$9,619.97</u>
	<u>\$21,125.32</u>

Cash Balance Reconciliation

Checkbook balance 1-1-94	\$17,359.64
1994 Receipts	\$162,913.17
1994 Disbursements	<u>\$165,988.64</u>
Actual Cash Balance 12-31-94	\$14,284.17
To Permanent Trust 1-95	<u>\$6,784.17</u>
Operating Cash Balance 1-1-95	<u>\$7,500.00</u>

Paid to Permanent Trust 1-31-95

1994 Excess over \$7,500	\$6,784.17
1994 Church Organizations	<u>\$6,658.24</u>
	<u>\$13,442.41</u>



**ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH**  
**Analysis of Various Income Accounts**  
**December 31, 1994**

Title	Amounts		Net
	Received	Disbursed	
<b>Madagh</b>	<b>1850.25</b>	<b>482.48</b>	<b>1367.77</b>
<b>Dinner (Perry Paragamian)</b>	<b>1175.00</b>	<b>944.06</b>	<b>230.94</b>
<b>Affairs (Other):</b>			
Hye Hop	1056.00	868.50	187.50
Retreat, Siena Center	982.96	725.71	257.25
Story Teller	700.00	666.59	33.41
	<u>2738.96</u>	<u>2260.80</u>	<u>478.16</u>
<b>Special Collections:</b>			
Winter Relief	310.00	310.00	-----
California Earthquake	187.00	187.00	-----
Sister Sunday School	100.00	-----	100.00
Fund for Armenian Relief	410.00	410.00	-----
HAVAD	207.00	207.00	-----
Douglas Terrace Apt. Fire	243.00	243.00	-----
Church Library	460.70	460.70	-----
	<u>1917.70</u>	<u>1817.70</u>	<u>100.00</u>
<b>Donations (Other):</b>			
Ben Kamakian (estate)			5000.00
Verken Kelegian (estate)			160.00
Sam's Club			300.00
			<u>5460.00</u>
<b>Receipts from Church Organizations in 1994:</b>			
Women's Guild (1993)			6505.35
ACYOA, Srs. (closed-up)			542.57
Sunday School			664.98
Retirees			300.00
			<u>8012.90</u>
<b>Receipts from Church Organizations in 1995:</b>			
Women's Guild (1994)			6483.15
Retirees (1994)			111.51
Library (1994)			63.58
			<u>6658.24</u>

**St. Mesrob Armenian Apostolic Church  
Permanent Trust Statement of Condition  
For the Year Ended December 31, 1994**

Balance December 31, 1993	\$361,203.53
Income : Interest	11,084.83
Dividends	1,766.20
Unrealized Loss in Market Value of Stocks	(2,332.72)
Additions (other than income)	500.00
Deductions	<u>(33,595.49)</u>
<b>Balance December 31, 1994</b>	<b><u>\$338,626.35</u></b>

Additions: Donation to Sunday School - Mike Janikian Memorial **\$ 500.00**

Deductions: Safe Deposit Box Rental	\$ 20.00
St. Nersess Student (Sahag Akgulian Memorial Fund)	100.00
Parish Cultural (Ardis Cherkinian Family Cultural Fund)	1,200.00
Interest Paid Directly to Sunday School	295.49
Parking Lot Blacktop	26,750.00
Parish House Aluminum Siding	<u>5,230.00</u>
	<b><u>\$ 33,595.49</u></b>

**Asset Composition**

**Stocks:**

	<u>Shares</u>	
AT&T -includes 226.86 dividends reinvested	173.412	\$ 8,713.95
Wisconsin Energy	594	15,369.75
Ameritech	60	2,422.50
Bell South	45	2,435.63
Bell Atlantic	40	1,990.00
Southwest Bell	60	2,422.50
US West	40	1,425.00
NYNEX	40	1,470.00
Pacific Telesis	40	1,140.00
Air Touch Communications	40	<u>1,165.00</u>
		<b><u>\$ 38,554.33</u></b>

**Unrestricted Funds:**

Passbook Savings: Heritage Bank & Trust	\$ 6,800.81
Cash Not Deposited : Wisconsin Energy Dividend	209.39
Certificates of Deposit:	
Heritage Bank & Trust	90,125.30
Security Bank	79,287.23
North Shore Bank	33,636.87
TCF Bank	<u>26,060.33</u>
	<b><u>\$236,119.93</u></b>

**Restricted Funds:**

Sahag Akgulian Memorial Fund	\$ 3,232.71
Ardis Cherkinian Family Cultural Fund	<u>47,425.62</u>
	<b><u>\$ 50,658.33</u></b>

**In Trust On Behalf of Other Organizations:**

Sunday School	\$ 7,240.64
Choir	3,247.00
Choir Music	<u>2,806.12</u>
	<b><u>\$ 13,293.76</u></b>

**TOTAL ASSETS** **\$338,626.35**

Treasurer: 

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

We have reviewed the books and financial statements of the St. Mesrob Armenian Apostolic Church and its supporting organizations and consider them to fairly represent their financial activities and position on December 31, 1994. This is with the exception of the Sunday School, which was review on its fiscal year end of July 31, 1994 and again at the end of the year.

Audit Committee:

*Martha Manogian*  
Martha Manogian

*Harold Sahakian*  
Harold Sahakian

*Bonnie A. Hagopian*  
Bonnie Hagopian

PROPOSAL TO THE PARISH ASSEMBLY FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL  
TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY  
MAY 4, 5 and 6, 1995

Proposal #1 - Submitted by St. Mesrob Armenian Church,  
Racine, Wisconsin

Propose that the Diocesan Council be directed to revise the Parish Assessment Formula to include the net profits gained from Games of Chance in the category of PCP (Plate, Candles, Pledge).

The category would then read: PCPG (Plate, Candles, Pledge, Games of Chance).

Rationale

Many of the Churches are realizing substantial income from games of chance, such as Bingo, 50/50 monthly drawings, Monte Carlo Nights, raffles and others. The additional income to the Diocese from this type of income could enhance the progress of the Mission of the Diocese. Also, the present assessment method "punishes" churches which avoid gambling and stress and encourage Stewardship, but then are penalized with a 10% assessment.

Proposal #2 - Submitted by St. Mesrob Armenian Church,  
Racine, Wisconsin

That the Primate be directed to formulate a policy statement regarding the church's position on prayer in Public Schools.

Rationale

This is an issue which will be debated throughout 1995 and the Armenian Church must have an unified voice on this issue. We suggest that a "moment of silence" would be more appropriate than vocal prayer in schools. Unfortunately, prayer in schools may be a potentially dangerous activity because we cannot control the theology or spirituality of individual teachers implementing prayer.

**PROPOSAL FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL TO THE PARISH ASSEMBLY  
ST. MESROB ARMENIAN CHURCH  
RACINE, WISCONSIN**

**Proposal #1**

**Effective January 1996 - That the Parish Council start the calendar year with a balance of \$10,000 instead of \$7,500.**

**Rationale**

During the first half of the year we usually face a cash flow shortage. Therefore, we must borrow money from the Permanent Trust Fund. If we keep \$10,000 in our treasury we would eliminate the need for the loan.

**Proposal #2**

**That the Parish Assembly transfer \$50,000 from the Permanent Trust to the Armenian Church Endowment Fund (ACEF)**

**Rationale**

The ACEF has had a history of giving a very good return on the investments entrusted to it: 1983 - 8.25%; 1984 - 8.39%; 1985 - 9.68%; 1986 - 9.195%;  
1987 - 8.5%; 1988 - 8.138%; 1989 - 8.25%; 1990 - 8.00%;  
1991 - 7.00%; 1992 - 7.00%; 1993 - 6.50%.

If we needed the money back, we could withdraw a minimum of \$25,000 within three months, upon written request by the Parish Priest and Parish Council Chairman as authorized by a majority vote of the Parish Assembly.

*Note: The interest, of course, is sent to St. Mesrob annually.*

**Proposal #3**

**That the St. Mesrob Sunday School operate on the St. Mesrob Armenian Church fiscal year (January - December).**

**Rationale:**

To effect more efficient bookkeeping and to have the Sunday School consistent with all other Church organizations.

ST. MESROB CHURCH CHOIR

1995 REPORT

At the present time there are fourteen (14) active choir members with an average of eight (8) each Sunday in attendance at Services.

As the interim choir director, Margaret Dadian has been the organist and Carol Azarian Miller has assisted her by directing on Sundays.

We realize this service to the Church is a total commitment by each individual, but to maintain some continuity to our services each Sunday, it is imperative that a choir director, an organist and additional choir members be available.

Any input by the Parish Council and parishioners would be appreciated.

St. Mesrob Church Choir Board

**ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1994**

**ORGANIZATION**                      St. Mesrob Church Choir

CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 199 <u>3</u>		\$ 482.78
INCOME RECEIVED IN 199 <u>4</u>	+	150.00
DISBURSEMENTS PAID 199 <u>4</u>	-	328.67
FUNDS GIVEN TO PARISH COUNCIL 199 <u>4</u>	-	None
CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 199 <u>4</u>	=	304.11

**FUND RAISING EVENTS:**

LIST EVENTS

<u>EVENTS</u>	<u>PROFIT/(LOSS)</u>
None	

**DONATIONS RECEIVED:**

\$20.00 - donation from Margaret Armaganian  
\$130.00 - a.a.c.c.a. Choir Plate Collection  
 (We also received \$55.00 \* in checks made out to A.A.C.C.A. specifically,  
 which we sent to them.)

**DONATIONS GIVEN:**

\$316.75 - A.A.C.C.A. donation (This was made up of the \$130.00 we  
collected in 1994 plus the \$186.75 we collected in 1993 which was never  
sent last year)  
 \* 55.00 in checks made out to A.A.C.C.A. which we sent along with the  
**ASSETS:**                      \$316.75 check.

\$304.11

**LIABILITIES (UNPAID BILLS AT 12-31-94:**

None

PREPARED BY:  
TITLE:

Karen Kuresh                      DATE: January 5, 1995  
St. Mesrob Church Choir Treasurer

**St. Mesrob Women's Guild  
Racine, Wisconsin**

**SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES - 1994**

Our meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month. In 1995, we plan to hold a few meetings on the last Sunday of each month for the benefit of members who do not care to come out in the evenings.

The most important thing we do is servicing all the funerals at St. Mesrob Church.

The largest task our Guild performs is heading up all the food preparations and food service for the St. Mesrob Armenian Fest (sponsored by the church) each year. This is held at the Lakefront in Racine and is one of the largest Armenian festivals in the Midwest. The profits go directly to the church treasury.

We have a Guild representative who attends the Church Women United activities in Racine and encourages our membership to also attend.

We sponsor a child at the Tarkmanchatz Secondary School in Jerusalem each year. We also sponsor one child in the CASP Program. We donate food and money to the Midwest Hye Camp each year. In 1992, we raised approximately \$1800 for the School Bag Project for the Children of Stepanavan. During 1992/93, we collected \$4,580 toward sponsors and contributions to the CASP Program.

Some of our Guild activities for 1994:

- |                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| 2-20-94                  | Prepared and served lunch to all parishioners prior to Annual Parish Assembly (as requested by Parish Council).   |
| 2-24-94                  | Guild members arrived at church at 5:30 p.m. in cleaning clothes and cleaned and scrubbed all the appliances in the kitchen. This was followed by pizza for everyone and our monthly meeting.   |
| 3-12-94                  | A large group of our membership attended Women Saints' Day in South Milwaukee.  |
| 3-14-94<br>&<br>10-10-94 | HOT MEAL PROGRAM - Our Guild members prepared, served and cleaned after feeding approximately 150 people at a central city church (part of a city-wide program). We have participated in this program for five years -- twice a year. |
| 3-20-94                  | Sponsored Lenten Dinner following church services.  |
| 3-23-94                  | Sponsored Katah Bake Sale.  |
| 5-15-94                  | Sponsored Salad Luncheon for all women of the church followed by guest speaker, Marjorie Coughblin, who spoke on the History of Beads.  |
| 8-25-94                  | Family/Guest Pot-Luck followed by Meeting and Guest Speaker, Mick Kadamian, Crime Prevention Officer with the Racine County Sheriff's Dept. who spoke on the subject of protecting oneself.   |
| 9-10-84                  | Attended Midwest Women's Guild Meeting in Waukegan, IL.   |



**1994 Schedule of Activities - Page 2  
St. Mesrob Women's Guild  
Racine, WI**

- 9-30 -  
10-1-94**      **RETREAT - sponsored by Guild at Sienna Center  
in Racine. Attended by 35 people (from Racine, Greenfield, and Palos Heights).  
Everyone left the retreat uplifted and happy and thankful to Father Yeprem Kelegian  
for his wonderful leadership and guidance.**
- 10-27-94**      **Meeting - Election of Officers for 1995.**
- 11-17-94**      **Guild Meeting and Preparation for Armenian Christmas  
Fair.**
- 11-19-95**      **ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS FAIR - 9:00 - 4:00 p.m. - extremely successful one-day  
fair. We rent out tables for people to sell their crafts. We provide an Armenian  
lunch and sell all kinds of Armenian and American baked goodies. We have an  
Armenian "Shooga" where boolghoor, basterma, etc. are sold. Was extremely profitable  
affair once again.**
- 12-10-94**      **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD**
- 12-18-94**      **CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR MEMBERS/GUESTS  
Dock's Restaurant on the shores of Lake Michigan.**

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**NOTES:**

**We would like to note that Marilyn Larkin has been a great Liaison from the WGCC for the past two years.  
We appreciate her continued interest.**

**July, 1995 will mark the 50th Anniversary of St. Mesrob Women's Guild.**

**Elsie Garoukian  
1/15/95**

**ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1994**

**ORGANIZATION**                      WOMEN'S GUILD

CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 199 <u>3</u>		\$ 500.00
INCOME RECEIVED IN 199 <u>4</u> :	+	13932.00
DISBURSEMENTS PAID 199 <u>4</u> :	-	7448.85
FUNDS GIVEN TO PARISH COUNCIL 199 <u>4</u> :	-	6483.15
CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 199 <u>4</u> :	=	500.00

**FUND RAISING EVENTS:**

LIST EVENTS

<u>EVENTS</u>	<u>PROFIT/(LOSS)</u>	
ITEMIZED ATTACHED	+ 7175.18	- 192.03

**DONATIONS RECEIVED:**

HOT MEAL DONATIONS	450.00

**DONATIONS GIVEN:**

CK#1245 HYE CAMP	200.00
CK#1260 ST TARKAMANCHATZ SECONADARY SCHOOL	100.00
XK#1262 W.G.C.COUNCEL (SPONSOR A CHILD PROGRAM)	200.00

**ASSETS:**

NONE

**LIABILITIES (UNPAID BILLS AT 12-31-94):**

NONE

PREPARED BY:  
TITLE:

Mary Katerdjian  
Treasurer

DATE: 1/15/95

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

### Teaching Staff

Lauren Chalekian - Supt.  
Alice Hazarian  
Sue Kargenian  
Sue Nersesian  
Yr. Judy Kelegian  
George Kadamian  
Lisa Akgulian  
Dan Hagopian

### Other Staff

Sue Esayian - Treasurer  
Carol Gengozian - Aide/Library  
Claire Kadamian - Music  
Amy Barootian-Burmeister - Music

1994-95 Total Enrollment - 42

### Major Functions

- 1) Annual Christmas Pageant & Church Fellowship
- 2) Poon Paregentan - Annual Mardi Gras Celebration; Family Pot-Luck, games and entertainment
- 3) Graduation - Family Picnic, games and activities

**ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 199 4**

Fiscal Year

**ORGANIZATION**                      St. Mesrob Sunday School

CASH BALANCE <sup>July</sup> <del>DECEMBER</del> 31, 199 <sub>3</sub>		\$ 500.00
INCOME RECEIVED IN 1994:	+	2,526.08
DISBURSEMENTS PAID 1994:	-	1,861.10
FUNDS GIVEN TO PARISH COUNCIL 1994:	-	664.98
CASH BALANCE <sup>July</sup> <del>DECEMBER</del> 31, 199 <sub>4</sub>	=	500.00

**FUND RAISING EVENTS:**

LIST EVENTS

<u>EVENTS</u>	<u>PROFIT/(LOSS)</u>
-0-	

**DONATIONS RECEIVED:**

George Stevoff	425.00
Mr & Mrs P. Gafka	70.00
Benjamin Kamakian	20.00

**DONATIONS GIVEN:**

-0-
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**ASSETS:**

Certificate of Deposit held by Permanent Trust

**LIABILITIES (UNPAID BILLS AT 12-31-9 ): :**

PREPARED BY:  
TITLE:

Susan Esayan  
TREASURER

DATE: 12/31/94

ARMENIAN HERITAGE COMMITTEE

1994 Report

The Armenian Heritage Committee consists of Mrs Mary Janikian, Mrs Hourig Tcheurekdjian, Sarkis Cherkinian and Fr. Yeprem. The committee has met about four times, usually over breakfast at a restaurant.

We were fortunate this past year in sponsoring two events. The Minneapolis Dance Group performed at our Armenian Fest and Mr. Bob Kann, a well known storyteller from Madison, Wisconsin; entertained the children and adults with Armenian Folk Tales on October 16th at St. Mesrob. This presentation was preceded with a light luncheon.

Both of these programs were financed through the Cultural Fund, set-up solely by Ardis and Ann Cherkinian. We thank them for their generosity.

**ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1994**

**ORGANIZATION**      ARMENIAN HERITAGE COMMITTEE

CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 199 <u>3</u>		<b>\$</b> 357.81
INCOME RECEIVED IN 199 <u>4</u> :	+	-0-
DISBURSEMENTS PAID 199 <u>4</u> :	-	-0-
FUNDS GIVEN TO PARISH COUNCIL 199 <u>4</u> :	-	-0-
CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 199 <u>4</u> :	=	357.81

**FUND RAISING EVENTS:**

LIST EVENTS

EVENTS

PROFIT/(LOSS)

~~Minneapolis Dance Group performed at Armenian Fest  
Mr Bob Kann, Storyteller from Madison, WI performed on Oct. 16th~~

~~Above entertainers were financed through the Ardis & Ann Cherkinian Cultural Fund.~~

**DONATIONS RECEIVED:**

NONE

**DONATIONS GIVEN:**

NONE

**ASSETS:**

357.81

**LIABILITIES (UNPAID BILLS AT 12-31-94):**

NONE

**PREPARED BY:**  
**TITLE:**

*Sarkis Cherkinian*  
Treasurer

**DATE:** 1/25/95

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Meline Grigorian, the St. Mesrob Youth Director, and Fr. Yeprem are working together at gathering the youth. The aim and purpose of our Ministry is to have the youth come to know each other better, come to serve the Church more and come to know Jesus Christ better.

**The ACYOA Juniors**, ages 13-15, with Paula Johnson as Chairman and Amy Buchaklian as Treasurer, are active socially and in service. The following are some of their activities:

Two Ski Trips	Help in Hot Meal Program
Car Wash for Armenia	Halloween Party for the Children
Amusement Park Outing	Ice Skating (twice)
Bake Sale for Armenia	Carolling to Shut-ins
Serving during Holy Week	Serving at the altar

and more....

**The thirteen acolytes**, ages 9-13, not only serve at the altar, but have a social activity once a month. The purpose of this is to (have fun, of course) have them start building relationships with each other and, at an early age, have a closer identity with the Church.

During the Summer, **the parents of the very young children** (infant to 4) came together for a picnic. Many also participated in a Progressive Picnic.

**Bible Fellowship** is an attempt to answer the needs of our "youth" from the mid-20's and up. Monthly we gather to discuss the Bible, the Faith and contemporary issues. We are also branching off into social activities.

### **THERE IS YET MUCH TO DO.**

Our college outreach is not yet developed.

Youth, ages 16-18, is still a challenge. We are still in planning stages.

More must be done with parents of the very young children.

A Sunday Nursery is being planned for the Spring.

Finally, it is gratifying that St. Mesrob has a progressive attitude in hiring a youth director to work with Fr. Yeprem. Not only is she fruitful in her work, but every hour she puts in is time which Fr. Yeprem can use in different parts of his ministry to St. Mesrob

**ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1994**

**ORGANIZATION** St. Mesrob ACYOA Jr.

CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1993		\$ 451.98
INCOME RECEIVED IN 1994:	+	185.35
DISBURSEMENTS PAID 1994	-	165.00
FUNDS GIVEN TO PARISH COUNCIL 1994:	-	
CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1994:	=	472.33

**FUND RAISING EVENTS:**

LIST EVENTS

<u>EVENTS</u>	<u>PROFIT/(LOSS)</u>
Car Wash	50.35
Bake Sale	85.00

**DONATIONS RECEIVED:**

Anonymous	10.00
Paul Minasian	10.00

**DONATIONS GIVEN:**

Friends of the Armenian Embassy	25.00
FAR	25.00
Fund for Armenian Relief	85.00

**ASSETS:**

\$472.33 in Checking Account
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**LIABILITIES (UNPAID BILLS AT 12-31-94)**

None
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PREPARED BY:  
TITLE:

*Melvin Sugonoz*  
Vocall Director

DATE: 1/6/95



ST. MESROB ARMENIAN FEST

1994 REPORT

In January 1975 the annual Armenian Picnic was organized, and was re-named Armenian Fest in 1988. Armenian Fest has been extremely successful and our profits from it reflects about 25% of our annual income.

Armenian Fest 94 was held on August 7, 1994 at the Festival Park. The fest is an annual event sponsored by St. Mesrob Armenian Church for the purpose of promoting the Armenian Heritage and Culture.

On festival day, approximately 4,000 people were in attendance. Many Armenians from surrounding communities and from out of state attended. The air was filled with Armenian music and the delicious aroma of shish-kebob on the grill. Mouth watering pastries were enjoyed by all.

The children were entertained with games, a Moonwalk, and a visit from Twinkles the Clown. Young and old participated and enjoyed the challenge of a golf putting and basketball shooting contest.

Our own Mid-East Beat provided the musical entertainment for the day. The Minneapolis Dance Ensemble performed inside the festival hall, entertaining the large crowd with various Armenian Folk Dances.

The Green Room featured a Armenian Cooking deomonstration of various Armenian Salads. A videotape, "Cilicia...Rebirth" was shown. These programs were well attended.

Armenian Fest 94 was very successful.

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My sincerest thanks to the Parish Council for honoring me with a dinner for my many years of service on the evening of November 5, 1994. It was an evening that I will never forget.

I would like to thank Harry Boranian and Mike Garoukian for their many years of service on the picnic/festival committee. They truly were the backbone of the committee. Their committment and dedication was unending. It was my pleasure working with them.

In addition, I would also like to thank Mary (D) Akgulian for the many years of service as treasurer and financial advisor. My special thanks to all of the committee members who served over the years, to all of the various chairman, and to all of our parishoners who worked so very hard to make our festival a success.

It has been my pleasure to have served the parish of St. Mesrob Church for the past 20 years. My service was a labor of love. We can all be proud of our Festival because through our hard work and dedication, Armenian Fest is well recognized in the city of Racine, and is also the largest Armenian Festival in the Mid-West.

Respectfully,

  
Perry Paragamian  
General Chairman

ARMENIAN FEST 1994

General Chairman:	Perry Paragamian	639-6076
Treasurer:	Mary Akgulian	639-5323
Area Chairman:	Pam Kazarian	681-2002
Area Chairman:	Tom Janikian	639-7234
Area Chairman:	Mary Stevoff Queenie Gillis	639-7881 639-4453
Advertising/Publicity:	Kai Kazarian	637-0347
Beverage:	Adam Chalekian Tom Gengozian	639-7515 633-2017
Cultural:	Sarkis Cherkinian	633-4234
Entertainment/Games		
Financial:	Mary Akgulian	639-5323
Food Baking:	Mary Stevoff	639-7881
Food on Site:	Mary Stevoff Queenie Gillis	639-7881 639-4453
Outdoor Grilling:	Sam Akgulian	639-8928
Personnel Scheduling:		
Raffle Sales:	Mark Kaprelian	886-1971
Sales:	Judy & Art Peterson	634-8940
Security:	Sarkis Cherkinian	633-4234
Set Up/Maintenance:	Harry Boranian	886-1822
Transportation:	Mike Garoukian	639-2092
Typing/Mailing:	Mary Cherkinian	633-4234
Sign Placement:	Jack Kazarian	681-2002

**ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 199 4**

**ORGANIZATION**

St. Mesrob Armenian Apostolic Church  
Armenian Fest

CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 199 <u>3</u>		\$	500.00
INCOME RECEIVED IN 199 <u>4</u>	+		41,470.00
DISBURSEMENTS PAID 199 <u>4</u>	-		20,004.35
FUNDS GIVEN TO PARISH COUNCIL 199 <u>4</u>	-		21,465.65
CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 199 <u>4</u>	=		500.00

**FUND RAISING EVENTS:**

LIST EVENTS

<u>EVENTS</u>	<u>PROFIT/(LOSS)</u>
Augst 7, 1994 Armenian Fest	21,465.65

**DONATIONS RECEIVED:**

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**DONATIONS GIVEN:**

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**ASSETS:**

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**LIABILITIES (UNPAID BILLS AT 12-31-94):**

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PREPARED BY:  
TITLE:

*Mary D Akogalio*  
Treasurer

DATE: January 5, 1995



ST. MESROB RETIREES  
1994 ANNUAL REPORT

The St. Mesrob Retirees is a branch organization of St. Mesrob Church offering spiritual, educational, and social activities for its members.

Officers for 1994 were:

President	Ft. Yeprem Kelegian
Chairman	John Barootian
Vice Chairman	Paul Tewagian
Secretary	Mary (Harry) Akgulian
Treasurer	Mary Rossman

The membership consists of church members who are retired or about to retire. They meet each week on Thursday afternoon and play cards, scrabble, backgammon, or simply to socialize. There is coffee and some kind of "treat" available. Dues are \$5.00 yearly.

Each month a different group of four to six members work together as a committee which selects, organizes, and executes a program or field trip. Members may choose not to participate. These activities include field trips within the area, pot luck dinners, luncheons, trips to Oneida in Green Bay, and a Christmas dinner.

The Retirees has also volunteered to service occasional dinners and luncheons whenever Ft. Yeprem made the request.

Although the Retirees is not a profit-making organization, it has made various contributions in the form of donations, gifts, and equipment to the church. The organization makes it a point to make sure the sick aren't forgotten, making visitations and sending cards.

Financially, the year ended with \$611.51 in the treasury. From this amount \$111.51 was turned over to the Parish treasurer. Previously, another \$300.00 was contributed, making the total for the year \$411.51.

Respectfully submitted,



John Barootian, Chairman

**ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
 ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 199 4**

**ORGANIZATION**                      St. Mesrob Retirees

CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 199 <u>3</u>		\$ 152.97
INCOME RECEIVED IN 199 <u>4</u>	+	4,919.52
DISBURSEMENTS PAID 199 <u>4</u>	-	4,150.98
FUNDS GIVEN TO PARISH COUNCIL 199 <u>4</u>	-	300.00
CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 199 <u>4</u>	=	621.51

**FUND RAISING EVENTS:**

LIST EVENTS

EVENTS

PROFIT/(LOSS)

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**DONATIONS RECEIVED:**

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**DONATIONS GIVEN:**

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**ASSETS:**

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**LIABILITIES (UNPAID BILLS AT 12-31-94):**

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PREPARED BY:  
TITLE:

*Mary Roseman*      DATE: 1-21-95  
St. Mesrob Retirees

ST. MESROB PROJECT COMMITTEE  
1994 REPORT

The St. Mesrob Project Committee is a group of volunteers who come together and give their time and services in maintaining the properties of St. Mesrob Church.

The committee who's jurisdiction is under the Parish Council is comprised of the following members.

President	Ft. Yeprem Kelegian
Chairman	Sam Akgulian
Vice-Chairman	Harry Akgulian
Mark Akgulian	Sam Garabedian
Sarkis Kazarian	
Jack Kazarian	(Summer grass cutters)
Don Miller	" " "
Sarkis Cherkinian	" " "


In discussing 1994 performance, two seemingly contradictory words come to mind - rewarding and then again disappointment. On one hand, we achieved considerable success by going ahead and getting another major project such as the PARKING LOT re-surfaced. This along with last years major project of adding a new roof on the church ment capital improvements in excess of \$ 67,000 over the past two years. But these exciting accomplishments, are still masked by other projects which still remain dormant. Namely one, being the additions of a new STEEPLE which may range in price from \$ 15,000 to \$ 20,000. That being based on the design selected.

Other unseen capital investments may be pending in 1995, due to continuous up-grading or deteriorating conditions after 22 years. This also applies to the church house, which is presently occupied by renters. This rental income may become somewhat a liability now, because it reverts back to Caldonia's tax roles.

We however harbor a sense of optimism amidst perils and are confident that we will meet our obligations in one manner or another. In prior years we emphasis the need of volunteer help especially during the summer months. This statement hasn't changed from past years. We have revised our guidelines from a rigid schedule to flexible hours, because the majority of the members are retired. If you are young, mid-age, or a retiree, we could use all the help we can get. Remember, if we are unable to get the volunteers, we most seriously will consider hired help. Important work projects must be a combined effort of many, instead of a few if we are to survive into the future.

We acknowledge and appreciate the many contributions of our members whenever called upon. We extend our gratitude for your continuing interest and support. I'm proud of our volunteers in their contributions in taking care of God's Property. They have met the needs and rewards in self satisfaction in providing this stewardship.

Respectfully,

  
Sam Akgulian (Chairman)

The Book Store sells fictional, non-fictional books, cook books, dictionaries, Bibles, records, cassettes, jewelry, etc., all relating to Armenian Heritage.

Big sales are at the Armenian Fest and Christmas Fair.

Book Store is usually open the last Sunday of each month. If an individual wishes to purchase something other than on that Sunday, the Book Store will open for them.



**ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 199 4**

**ORGANIZATION**      St. Mesrob Book Store

CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 199 <u>3</u>		\$ 313.54
INCOME RECEIVED IN 1994:	+	1,077.35
DISBURSEMENTS PAID 1994:	-	430.75
FUNDS GIVEN TO PARISH COUNCIL 199 <u>4</u>	-	
CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 199 <u>4</u>	=	960.14

**FUND RAISING EVENTS:**

LIST EVENTS

<u>EVENTS</u>	<u>PROFIT/(LOSS)</u>
Armenian Fest	657.60
Christmas Fair	27.75

**DONATIONS RECEIVED:**

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**DONATIONS GIVEN:**

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**ASSETS:**


**LIABILITIES (UNPAID BILLS AT 12-31-94):**

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PREPARED BY:  
TITLE:

Ann Chopin  
Treasurer

DATE: 1-09-95

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