

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
Meeting Minutes
February 12, 1995

St. Mesrob Armenian Apostolic Church
Racine, Wisconsin

After the opening prayer led by Fr. Yeprem Kelegian, Parish Council Chairman Thomas Gengozian called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon.

Chairman Gengozian asked if the members present constituted a quorum. There were 63 out of the total membership of 231 present. Kay Mikaelian moved that the number of members did indeed constitute a quorum; Alice Hazarian seconded.

Chairman Gengozian then turned the meeting over to Mike Kaprelian, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, for the election of Chairman of the Assembly and Secretary of the Assembly. The nominees were: Chairman - Sarkis Cherkinian, Paul Tewegian. Secretary - Marge Korakian, Janet Mrazek.

A short recess was called for lunch by Chairman Gengozian.

The meeting reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

Sarkis Cherkinian was elected Chairman of the Assembly, and Marge Korakian Secretary of the Assembly.

Nominating Committee Report and Elections: Nominating Committee Chairman Mike Kaprelian announced that members of the present Parish Council who will be staying on to finish their terms include Tom Gengozian, Rick Kadamian and Gary Vidian.

Nominations for Parish Council: Nominations were called for from the floor for Parish Council. Tom Gengozian nominated Nick Akgulian; seconded by Mike Kadamian. Mary Kaprelian nominated David Azarian; seconded by Mark Kaprelian. Mike Garoukian nominated himself; seconded by Perry Paragamian. Pat McConnell moved that nominations be closed; seconded by Mary Kaprelian. The other nominees were: Mary Janikian, Carol Kazarian, Jack Kazarian, Sue Nersessian, Michelle Sahagian.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Assembly: The minutes of May 24, 1994 were reviewed and it was moved that they be accepted as written by Mike Garoukian; seconded by Sam Garabedian. The motion passed.

Adoption of Agenda: Perry Paragamian moved that item 12 on the agenda be moved to follow item 9, that item 16 be placed in front of item 11. The motion was seconded by David Azarian. Item 12 was changed to item 9a, item 16 11a. Mike Garoukian moved that the agenda be approved and adopted; Mark Akgulian seconded. Motion passed.

Report on Special Diocesan Assembly: Tom Gengozian reported that the purpose of the January 14, 1995 Diocesan Assembly was to designate delegates to elect the next Catholicos. There were 24 delegates elected to go to Etchmiadzin for election of the next Catholicos. A list of delegates was read by Kai Kazarian. A motion was made by Sam Akgulian to accept the Diocesan Assembly report; seconded by Kay Mikaelian. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report: Fr. Yeprem Kelegian reported that one of the major themes for 1995 will be Christian witness. With the present 231 dues paying members of St. Mesrob Church, there is much work to be done. Fr. Kelegian went on to briefly explain the activities he has been involved in over the past year. Kay Mikaelian moved that the Pastor's Report be accepted; Sam Akgulian seconded. Motion passed.

Election of Parish Council Officers: Newly elected Parish Council Officers include Jack Kazarian, Sue Nersessian, Mary Janikian and Michelle Sahagian; alternate Carol Kazarian.

Nominations for Permanent Trust Officer: Nominations for the floor were called for by Mike Kaprelian. Shockey Gengozian nominated Murad Gengozian; seconded by Sam Akgulian. Mary Akgulian nominated Adam Chalekian; seconded by Nancy Kazarian. Mary Akgulian nominated George Sahagian; seconded by Mary Cherkinian. Mike Garoukian moved that nominations be closed; seconded by Kay Mikaelian. The other nominees were - Sid Kaprelian, Nick Esayian. A suggestion was made from the floor that the names of the officers remaining on committees be put on the back of the ballots. Fr. Yeprem stated that this would be done next year.

Parish Council Report: Thomas Gengozian reported on the activities of the Parish Council, and thanked everyone for their input and support. Mike Garoukian moved that the report be accepted; seconded by Rick Kadamian. Motion passed.

Auditing Committee Report: Harold Sahakian read his 1994 Audit Committee Report. The report was accepted by general consensus of the parish.

Parish Treasury and Financial Report: A question was raised from the floor regarding where our "Sister Sunday School" is located. Sam Akgulian informed the assembly that the Sister Sunday School is located in Yerevan, and has been our Sister Sunday School for two years. Our Sunday School has donated supplies and money on a regular basis to our Sister Sunday School. Mike Kadamian moved that the report be accepted; seconded by Pat McConnell. Motion passed.

Permanent Trust Report: Ardis Cherkinian reported on the 1994 fiscal year, and informed the Assembly of a change in the format for officers. In the future officers will be chairman for a year, then a new chairman will be named, with the previous chairman helping to guide the new chairman through the next year, thereby creating ongoing continuity in the way the permanent trust is handled. Sam Akgulian reported a check for \$209.39 that is missing -- Wisconsin Energy Dividend. A new check was reissued in its place. Claire Kadamian moved the report be approved; seconded by Mary Cherkinian. Motion passed.

Review and Acceptance of Organizational Reports: Katherine Mikaelian announced that the Women's Guild once again made a substantial monetary donation to the church. The Women's Guild was commended for their ongoing good works and support of the church. Elsie Garoukian recommended that the names of the officers of the Women's Guild be added to the report. The Hot Meal Program for the indigent was discussed by the Assembly. Jack Kazarian moved that the report be accepted; seconded by Alice Hazarian. It was the consensus of the assembly that all organizational reports be approved as written.

Election of Permanent Trust Officer: Adam Chalekian was elected to the Permanent Trust Committee.

Election of Nominating Committee: The 1995 Nominating Committee members include Judy Hachikian-Peterson, Dan Korakian and Kai Kazarian. The other nominees were: Rose Kaprelian, Susan Proctor, Sue Torosian.

Nominations for Auditing Committee: Nominations were called for from the floor by Mike Kaprelian. Ardis Cherkinian nominated Janet Mrazek; seconded by Mary Cherkinian. Martha Manoogian nominated George Sahagian; seconded by Adam Chalekian. Claire Kadamian moved that nominations be closed; seconded by Ardis Cherkinian. The other nominees were Pat McConnell, Murad Gengozian.

Review and Adoption of the 1995 Budget: The 1995 budget was adopted by a voice vote from the assembly.

Proposals: All proposals to the Parish Assembly from the Parish Council were approved, with the exception of Proposal #2, page 18, regarding transfer of funds from the Permanent Trust to the Armenian Church Endowment Fund (ANCEF). See attached for proposals.


Election of Audit Committee Officer: Pat McConnell was elected new Audit Committee officer.


New Business:

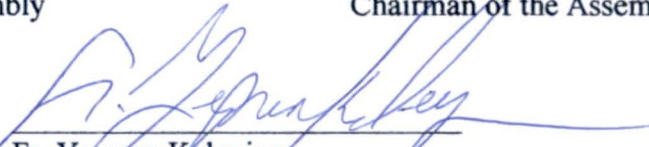
- Discussion ensued regarding the proposed steeple. A motion was made by Pat McConnell to vote on consideration of a steeple; seconded by Perry Paragamian. A vote was taken by a show of hands with 23 members in favor, 17 opposed. The motion was passed to consider a steeple for the church.
- It was recommended that it be made mandatory that dues be paid in the first ninety (90) days of the calendar year. It was pointed out by Fr. Yeprem that this would be in direct opposition to the Diocese By-Laws which state that members can pay their dues any time they wish, and that St. Mesrob's Church cannot go against the By-Laws.

Adjournment: Ardis Cherkinian moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Paul Tewegian. The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m with a prayer led by Fr. Yeprem.

Respectfully Submitted,


Marge Korakian
Secretary of the Assembly


Sarkis Cherkinian
Chairman of the Assembly


Fr. Yeprem Kelegian
Pastor