

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
St. Mesrob Armenian Church
February 15, 1998

1. The meeting opened at 12:00 p.m. with an opening prayer by Fr. Yeprem Kelegian.
2. A quorum was attained after verifying that 84 of 240 dues paying members were in attendance.
3. Election of Chairman and Secretary of the day was held. The Slate of candidates for Chairman of the day was Tom Janikian and Mikael Garoukian. The slate of candidates for Secretary of the day was Mary Akgulian and Sue Kargenian. Tom Janikian was elected Chairman of the day and Susan Kargenian was elected Secretary of the day.
4. Mike Kadamian moved that the minutes of the May 18, 1997 assembly be approved, Art Peterson seconded the motion. After changing the word "President" to "Delegate" in item 4, the minutes were approved by voice vote of the assembly.
5. George Kadamian moved and Claire Kadamian seconded the motion to adopt the agenda as stated in the annual report booklet. The agenda was approved by voice vote of the assembly.
6. Election of new Parish Council was held. The Slate of candidates was Andre Antreassian, David Azarian, Sarkis Cherkinian, Edward Kunesh, Arthur Musurlian, and Myron Topalian. There were no additional nominations from the Floor. Edward Kunesh, Arthur Musurlian, and Myron Topalian were elected to Parish Council.
7. Reports from the various church organizations were reviewed and adopted.

Charles Hardy gave the Nominating Committee report, which included an explanation of the duties of the various positions.

Fr. Yeprem presented highlights from the Pastor's Report.

Tom Gengozian gave the Parish Council report. George Kadamian asked for clarification on IRS code 501-C3. Elsie Garoukian asked if there were plans to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the church at the Erie Street location. Tom Gengozian stated that the new Parish Council would deal with this issue.

During the review of the Choir report, a question was raised by Meline Grigorian concerning starting a Junior Choir. Fr. Yeprem stated that Leif Peterson was working with the youth. Elsie represented the Womens Guild. She asked for comments or questions from the assembly. George Kadamian praised them as one of the finest organizations in the church. Lauren Chalekian represented the Sunday School. She gave an overview of their activities. Several members praised the efforts of the Sunday School staff. The current financial reporting of the Sunday School was discussed. It was decided to continue the report using a calendar year.

Sarkis Cherkinian represented the Heritage Committee. A question was raised concerning the \$4000 collected for Olga Yevgushenko. Fr. Yeprem clarified how the funds were handled and turned over to Olga. The Heritage Committee report was then amended, deleting the last sentence (Proceeds from the concert were close to \$4,000.00).

Fr. Yeprem commented on the Junior ACYOA report, stating that they had 36 activities two thirds of which were service or religious activities.

Harry Akgulian gave the report from the Projects Committee. He asked for more volunteers.

Mary Sahakian responded to questions regarding the Book & Gift Store. Murad Gengozian suggested that the value of the inventory be shown on the Book & Gift Store report.

Mary Janikian and Sam Kaprelian gave the financial report. Mary Janikian stated that notes on checks as to the purpose of the check would make the treasures job easier. She said that statements were being sent out quarterly. Mike Garoukian noted that the \$4100 owed the Permanent Trust was not noted in the Permanent Trust Report. Tom Gengozian said that the report would be corrected.

Tom Gengozian commented on the Permanent Trust Report.

There were no comments on the Auditing Committee Report.

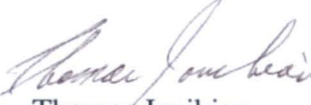
8. Election of the nominating committee was held. The slate of candidates was Sue Esayan, Meline Grigorian, Nuritza Harvey, George Kadamian, Catherine Mikaelian, and Paul Tewagian. Elected to the nominating committee were Sue Esayan, George Kadamian, and Catherine Mikaelian.
9. Election of the Auditing committee was held. The slate of candidates was Sue Nersesian and Perry Paragamian. Ardis Cherkinian nominated Sarkis Kazarian. Claire Kadamian moved and George Kadamian seconded the motion that the nominations be closed. Sarkis accepted adding his name to the ballot. Elected to the Auditing committee was Perry Paragamian
10. Election of the Permanent Trust was held. The slate of candidates was Eileen Kamakian and Charles Kaprelian. Charles Kaprelian was elected to Permanent Trust.
11. Election of Diocesan Delegates was held. The slate of candidates was Lauren Chalekian, Ardis Cherkinian, Murad Gengozian, Edward Kargenian, Kai Kazarian, and George Stevoff. Elected to Diocesan Delegate were Edward Kargenian, George Stevoff, and Kai Kazarian
12. The 1998 Budget was discussed and approved as presented.
13. Questions were raised under New Business.

Sarkis Cherkinian asked, if our priest goes to another parish, does our church get paid for his services. Fr. Yeprem said that there is a standard fee schedule when a priest is sent to another parish as the primary celebrant. He also stated that in this last year he only assisted at funerals in the parishes because the deceased had some kind of connection with the St. Mesrob family.

Kaloust Mikaelian asked how much of our dues go to the Diocese assessment. Fr. Yeprem said that there is a complicated formula that is used to assess parishes, but in effect, the \$110 dues from our parishioners goes entirely to the Diocese.

14. A motion was made by Sam Akgulian and seconded by Perry Paragamian to adjourn the meeting. Fr. Yeprem closed the meeting with a prayer. The meeting ended at 2:00 p.m.


Fr. Yeprem Kelegian
Pastor


Thomas Janikian
Chairman


Susan Kargenian
Secretary of the Day