

ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
WASHINGTON, D. C.
ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

The Annual Parish Assembly was called to order by the Chairman Pro Tempore, Col. George Juskalian, at 1:20 p.m., January 25, 1970. It was established that there was a quorum. Bishop Papken offered the opening prayer.

Dr. Edward Onanian and Mrs. Esther Krikorian were elected Chairman and Secretary, respectively, of the 1969 Parish Assembly.

Minutes of the Parish Assembly held on January 26, 1969 were read by Mrs. Esther Krikorian, Assembly Secretary, and approved as read.

Bishop Papken read his report to the members. In summary his report included the following: activities relevant to the spiritual-eclesiastical life of the parish; weekly celebration of Holy Liturgy; preaching; performing other sacraments; visiting clergymen; activities and meetings of the Parish Council, Women's Guild and other church organizations; visitations; pastoral visits to home and hospital; ecumenical activities and inter-community activities (with Holy Cross Church). Copy of report attached.

David Andonian gave a report on the activities and financial standing of the AGYOA. Copy of report attached.

The Women's Guild report covering the affairs held and activities accomplished was given by Co-Chairlady, Miss Mary Bogosian. The financial statement of the Women's Guild was given by the treasurer, Mrs. Denise Manouelian. Copies of reports attached. Question was raised from the floor as to whether consideration had been given to disposition of the large bank balance of the Women's Guild. In response the Co-Chairlady advised that this matter had been discussed

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during the year with the Parish Council Chairman and it was agreed that at an opportune time or when needed, appropriate amount of funds would be transferred or allocated to the Building Fund.

Mr. Sahag Dedeyan read the Choir Report and cited the various activities during the year. He reported also that regular choir rehearsals would be held at different homes in 1970 in order to encourage regular attendance. The financial report was also given. Copy of reports attached.

Miss Anne Kavookian, on behalf of Mrs. Arlene Sherburne, Sunday School Superintendent, read the Sunday School report and outlined its objectives, including the current financial status. Copy of report attached.

Armen Avakian was called upon to read the report on the Camping Trip last year, which was obviously enjoyed by those who participated. They are anticipating another trip in 1970. Copy of report attached.

Mr. Caspar Kasparian distributed copies of the Diocesan Assembly report to the members present and highlighted the items which were discussed. He also mentioned that he would ask for comments regarding the proposal to hold the Diocesan Assembly in Washington, D. C. in 1971 or 1972. Copy of report attached.

An oral report on the Shnorhali Bulletin was given by Mrs. Esther Krikorian. A new cover was obtained depicting St. Mary's Church and a folding machine was purchased by the Parish Council which cost \$250, of which \$125 was donated. Since the Shnorhali is a means of communication between our parishioners, it was urged that more donations be made to help defray the monthly expenses.

The Auditing Committee report was given by Mr. Raymond Babigan. He advised that the books of the Parish Council, Women's Guild and

Building Fund Committee were audited and found to be in order. The report was accepted as presented.

Dr. Edward Onanian presented the Building Fund Committee report. Of the \$13,000 pledged at a 1968 fund-raising dinner, all but \$1460 had been received by the end of 1969. The parish's only outstanding financial obligation is a long-term mortgage of \$21,422 held by the Perpetual Building Association. The committee hopes to conduct another pledge campaign in 1970. A point was made from the floor that each incoming Parish Council should either reappoint the existing Building Fund Committee or appoint a new one. The report was accepted as presented. Copy of report attached.

Mr. John Ohanian presented the Treasurer's Report, copies of which had been distributed to members. Income totaled \$18,487; expenditures for 1969 were \$21,789. The reason for the overexpenditure was the \$4,835 paid for improvements in the church auditorium. A report on the 1969 Bazaar was also submitted. Copies of reports attached.

Mr. Casey Kazanjian, Parish Council Chairman, reported on their activities during the past year. He pointed out that the pledges and contributions are not keeping pace with the increasing needs of our church. The Parish Council, he stated, had voted to present a proposal to the Parish Assembly regarding the financial requirements for voting membership. He stressed also that the Sunday School, which has been adequately and effectively staffed and organized, must receive more attention and assistance from the members of the parish. Copy of report attached.

The next item on the agenda was the proposed budget for 1970, which was presented by the Parish Council Treasurer, Mr. John Ohanian.

After a few points were cleared up, the budget was approved as submitted. Copy attached.

Election of 5 Parish Council, 3 Auditing Committee and 3 Nominating Committee members was next on the agenda. The following nominees were listed:

PARISH COUNCIL

AUDITING COMMITTEE

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Jack Andonian
Gary Avedikian
Ashod Krikorian
Philip O'Gulian
Ohannes Sahakyan
Aram Sakayan

Sahag Dedeyan
Levon Garabedian
Vahan Kurkjian
Albert Manian
Oghda O'Gulian
Edward Onanian

Clara Andonian
Rita Jerrehian
George Juskalian
Ann Kavookian
Esther Krikorian
Charles Kumkumian

Miss Rita Jerrehian and Mr. Vahan Kurkjian were nominated for the Parish Council from the floor.

While the votes were being counted, the Assembly turned to old business. Two proposals tabled from the previous Assembly were discussed. The first of these, which dealt with a new altar for St. Mary's, was again tabled. The second involved the possible purchase of land by the church. The Assembly approved a proposal that the Parish Council appoint a committee of three to look into the possibility of obtaining a 3 or 4 acre lot for a future building site within the metropolitan area. This committee would report its findings to the Parish Assembly in 1971 or at an earlier date if necessary. It was emphasized that the committee would not have the authority to make any purchase, but would present a report of its findings and recommendations to the Parish Council.

The last item on the agenda was new business. Two proposals were made. First, that St. Mary's invite the Diocesan Delegates to meet in Washington in 1971 or 1972. Motion was made and seconded that this be done. It was approved by voice vote. Second, the Parish

Council Chairman made a motion that each family pay a minimum of \$104 per annum which would permit all members of that family (18 years or over) to vote. The proposal was discussed and rephrased as follows: Each individual pay \$52.00 per annum in order to be a voting member at St. Mary's. The proposal was finally changed to read: That the present minimum requirement for voting membership be raised from \$20.00 to \$52.00 per annum for each individual. This proposal passed by a vote of 21 to 3. It was also suggested that a letter be sent to parishioners explaining the reason for the increase.

Results of the election were announced as follows:

PARISH COUNCIL

Jack Andonian	36)	
Ashod Krikorian	36)	
Philip O'Gulian	35)	Elected
Ohannes Sahakyan	32)	
Aram Sakayan	32)	
Rita Jerrehian	16)	
Gary Avedikian	15)	
Vahan Kurkjian	12)	

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Edward Onanian	36)	
Oghda O'Gulian	24)	Elected
Albert Manian	23)	
Sahag Dedeyan	21)	
Levon Garabedian	13)	
Vahan Kurkjian	11)	

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

George Juskalian	39)	
Ann Kavookian	26)	
Esther Krikorian	21)	Elected
Charles Kumkumian	21)	
Clara Andonian	16)	
Rita Jerrehian	6)	

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m. with a closing prayer by Bishop Papken

Respectfully submitted,

Esther B. Krikorian
 Esther B. Krikorian
 Secretary

Approved:

Edward Onanian
 Edward Onanian
 Chairman

Attachments:

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| 1. Bishop Papken's Report | 7. Diocesan Assembly Report |
| 2. ACYOA Report | 8. Building Fund Report |
| 3. Women's Guild Report | 9. Treasurer's Report |
| 4. Choir Report | 10. Parish Council Chairman's Report |
| 5. Sunday School Report | 11. Proposed Budget for 1970 |
| 6. Camping Trip Report | |