

January 16, 1983

To: St. Mary's Parish Council and Assembly

From: St. Mary's Armenian School Committee

Subject: Annual Report

Edin Pusegin
Chairman

Our new Principal, Jerry Hekimian, got the School started on schedule with the ready help of our old Principal, Yeretzgin. Since so many of our teachers are veterans of previous seasons, the School has developed an internal stability that allows concentration on student instruction rather than on worries about school organization.

This year we have six classroom teachers plus the Principal and an assembly/hantess instructor for our 40 students. This student-teacher ratio allows each student to be placed in a small group at an appropriate level; it also allows older students who are new to the School to receive individual attention to bring them up to grade. Attendance has been remarkably good, better than 85% in most classes. For this reason we believe that holding the school on Sunday has been a success even though school hours are severely limited.

The school curriculum has enjoyed continued improvement as the Diocese has revised and consolidated its textbooks. In addition, our Principal and teachers have begun to institute some changes to suit our curriculum to local needs and to the wishes of our parents. We are constantly aware of the limited amount that can be accomplished in a one-and-two-thirds hour once-a-week school. There have been requests for an intensive summer course for one week, but these requests have foundered on problems of student apathy and the difficulty of staffing a daytime school.

Financially, the school just managed to cover expenses last year thanks to several generous and unexpected donations that arrived during the summer. (The attached financial report does not show a \$1200 book bill which we deferred paying until we were sure we had received the right books.) Tuition and book fees are deliberately kept low to encourage all families to send their children. Our single biggest support in making up the difference is the Ladies Guild who not only provide the Christmas Hantess Dinner but have donated \$1,000 to the School both last year and this. So far this year we have collected another \$1,000 approximately from personal contributions. We hope to be able to find another \$1,000 between now and year's end.

The ongoing support of the entire St. Mary's community, the Ladies Guild and the Parish Council have been essential for our success. For this support we are most grateful.

School Staff:

Principal	Jerry Hekimian
Assemblies	Yeretzgin
Kindergarten	Arpi Sahr
Second Grade	Anni Cerah
Third Grade	Rita Tavitian
Special class	Takouhi Haladjian
Fourth Grade	Nishan Dulgerian
Advanced Class	Nairi Pakogian

School Committee:

Margot Hekimian
George Juskalian
Siran Levonian
Sirarpi Ohanessian
Adrian Parsegian
Vergine Sahakian
Hratch Semerjian

January 22, 1983

St. Mary's Armenian School

Financial Report for Calendar 1982

Balance 12/31/81 \$4827.64

Receipts

tuition	\$1980.00
books	537.00
donations	2567.00
school functions	25.00
misc.	316.55
	<u>5425.55</u>

Expenditures

teachers stipends	\$4455.00
school supplies	241.50
food	27.44
misc.	6.52
	<u>4730.46</u>

Balance 12/31/82 \$5522.73

available funds

checking account	\$1241.49
savings account	\$4281.24
	<u>5522.73</u>


Hrach Semetjian,
Treasurer