

St. Mary Armenian Apostolic Church  
of Washington, D. C.

Minutes of the Parish Assembly  
Sunday, February 7, 1988

The Annual Parish Assembly of St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church of Washington, D. C., was called to order at 1:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary by Dr. Onanian, the Parish Council Vice Chairman. Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian offered the opening prayer. This was immediately followed by a roll call of voting members: 48 were present, thereby not constituting a quorum. Dr. Onanian pointed out that in the by-laws this was remedied by a 2/3 vote on each item. This was accepted. Dr. Charles Kumkumian conducted the election of the Tivan. Mrs. O'Gulian declined the nomination. With a secret ballot, the following were elected: Chairman: Col. George Juskalian (46), Secretary: Maggie Boyajian (43), Oghda O'Gulian (1).

Col. Juskalian thanked the Assembly on behalf of the Tivan for the honor and privilege of serving the Assembly and proceeded with the agenda.

Minutes of the 1987 Assembly: 1987 Minutes were approved.

Nominating Committee Report: Dr. Charles Kumkumian, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented a list of nominees for the Parish Council, Nominating and Auditing Committees. The full list of the nominees for the election is attached.

Reports: Since most of the printed reports had been mailed to the members prior to the Assembly, the reading of the reports was dispensed with by all.

Pastor's Report: Der Hayr expressed his gratitude to all who assisted and facilitated his task. He noted his appreciation and enthusiasm for the "Young Adults Sunday" program and the Balian Library which will be inaugurated in May, 1988. Der Hayr also thanked Dean Shahinian, Ararat Foundation, for the donation of the bibles during the Vehapar's visit. He thanked Mr. Shahinian for his efforts and activities in spreading God's word. Der Hayr also discussed a volunteer project of making complimentary legal services available to parishioners. Dr. Ohaness Sahakian offered to extend such services to medical consultation. The report was accepted with Mr. Dean Shahinian

expressing words of appreciation for Der Hayr's leadership and dedication.

Parish Council: In the absence of Mrs. Lucy Murad, Chairman of the Parish Council, Dr. Onanian, Vice Chairman, pointed to a correction on page 24 of the 1987 annual report #7, Parish House - the figure \$7,400 should be changed to \$5,400. He expressed his appreciation to Lucy Murad for her dedication and responsibility. He also acknowledged and invited parishioners to volunteer and share their expertise for management, maintenance and administrative functions of the church. The report was accepted as presented.

Diocesan Delegate: Dean Shahinian added that other parishes are experiencing similar concerns and noted that we are the 14th largest parish in the diocese, being in the capitol adds a certain vitality, he said. The report was accepted as presented.

Building Fund Committee: Dr. Onanian stated that the Committee has been inactive for the last 3 years as far as fundraising was concerned. The report was accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report and Proposed Budget for 1988: Arthur Omartian's report was accepted as presented. It was suggested that personal contact should be made with people who do not have pledge/membership commitments. The report was accepted as presented.

Women's Guild: Yerezgin Anahid Kalayjian, Chairman, thanked the Parish Council members, Guild Members and Arthur Omartian for the contributions. She pointed out that the kitchen remodeling has been completed. When asked about the status of the telephone directory, she stated that it was pending and forthcoming in the near future. The report was accepted as presented.

Church School Report: Anna Derderian was absent and Der Hayr conveyed her report on her behalf, adding the fact that the 1987 graduates have become active participants in various church activities and programs. He added that the Sunday School has a continuous mission of donating canned goods for the needy in D. C. The report was accepted as presented.

Armenian School Report: Mr. Hekimian noted that 33 students are enrolled and average attendance is 25. He noted that page 1, 4th paragraph, in the supplement should read "had a hantess." The report was accepted as presented.

Choir Report: The report by Karen Omartian, Chairman of the choir, was accepted as presented.

ACYOA, srs.: The financial report was submitted by Arthur Omartian. A full activity report was deferred to the March meeting.

ACYOA, jrs.: The report was accepted as presented.

Avak Society: Queenie Avedikian's report was accepted as presented. Miss Astrik Aznavourian raised the question of providing transportation to those who do not own personal cars. Col. Juskalian referred the matter to the Parish Council for consideration. The report was accepted as presented.

Book Store: Gary Avedikian's report was accepted as presented with Dean Shahinian's appreciative remark "that no other parish of the diocese has as good a bookstore as we do."

Armenian Church Endowment Fund: Col. Juskalian discussed the luncheon in honor of Mrs. Dadian among the activities. Mrs. Dadian and her late husband, Arthur, are benefactors to the Endowment Fund. The report was accepted as presented.

St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church Balian Library: Buffy Kayaian thanked the committee members and noted that through the efforts of Gary Avedikian and the Bookstore we have practically all of the publications on Armenian History, Art, Culture and Religion in the Library. The report was accepted as presented.

Auditing Report (oral): Mr. Hekimian stated that all church organizations are in order (Bookstore not audited as no inventory of all books is available for an annual report). Dr. Onanian conducts a quarterly audit regularly. Der Hayr requested that the auditing committee submit a written report of their auditing activities. The report was accepted with that provision.

Old Business: None

New Business: Dr. Sahakian noted the success of the New Year's Eve party. Dr. Onanian elaborated and stated that the guidelines for the event included no speeches, emblems and equal distribution of proceeds.

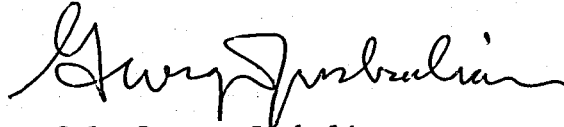
At the beginning of the Assembly, the Parish Council had suggested holding a special Parish Assembly. At the March 6 Assembly Meeting, the following will be discussed: consideration of reports by:

1. Sanctuary Renovation Committee
2. Youth Advisor Feasibility Committee
3. Project Reach Out (P.R.O.) Committee

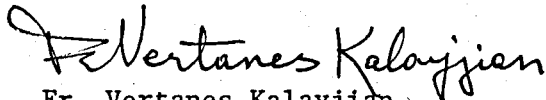
The Committee for Project Reach Out had attached a newly developed membership form to the Annual Report. Jack Andonian suggested that these forms should be available on Sundays for newcomers.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

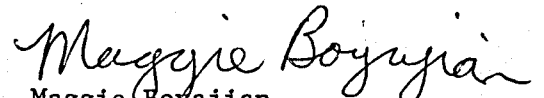
Respectfully submitted



Col. George Juskalian  
Chairman



Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian  
President



Maggie Boyajian  
Secretary