

ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

Minutes of February 10, 1991 Parish Assembly
Second Session

- A. The Second Session of the Parish Assembly was convened at 1:25 P.M. by Dr. Charles Kumkumian, Chairman of the Parish Assembly. An opening prayer was offered by Rev. Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian.

A roll call indicated that 44 voting members out of 190 members were present. A motion was made, seconded and passed that the meeting should take place, understanding that it would take 2/3 of those present and voting to pass motions, and that decisions are subject to the approval of the Diocese.

- B. The minutes of January 24, 1991, Parish Assembly (First Session), were read by Stephen Ohanian and accepted as presented. (See the "Supplement" attached to the Annual Report.)

- C. Nominating Committee Report for Elections:

Mr. Abraham Bodurian reported and indicated that new names were added in a sample ballot that had been presented previously. The new list included ten names. Mr. Arut Koseian declined. Mr. Bodurian asked for nominations from the floor, but no new nominees resulted. Yeretzgin said that Malvina Brown had told her to inform the Assembly to drop her name from the ballot. Mr. Semerjian, in response, said that all the nominations had been secured beforehand; therefore, we should not accept second hand information.

The final number for Parish Council nominees was: nine (9) names for five (5) vacancies. Der Hayr conveyed George Derderian's request that his name be added for the Finance Committee. A motion was made, seconded and passed to close nominations.

- D. Reports:

1. Pastor's Report: Der Hayr thanked everyone for a productive year. He noted, however, that parishioners' participation in activities had been less than had been expected. Furthermore, he said, the church community had not responded to important functions that had taken place; it was not possible to call and twist everybody's arm in order to get them to attend such activities. Der Hayr emphasized that it was time to rethink our priorities. He suggested that we should come up with solutions. In response to Der Hayr's remarks, Dr. Onanian said that the work habits and work schedules of spouses and the work schedules of the second generation should be looked at closely. He also observed that people were being caught between church events and their busy schedules; present circumstances prevent people from responding properly. Der Hayr expressed his thanks and appreciation to Dr. Onanian and suggested that these issues be addressed at the Diocesan level as well.

Among his acknowledgments, Der Hayr praised Yeretzgin Anahid Kalayjian for the excellent work she has done for this community.

He then presented her with the Pastor's Certificate of Recognition. This recognition was overwhelmingly approved and applauded by the Assembly.

2. Parish Council: Mr. Varoujan Varoujanian reported and referenced his report in the Annual Report. Mr. Varoujanian noted that the young, and relatively inexperienced, Parish Council members had done an excellent job.
3. Diocesan Delegate: Mr. Dean Shahinian reported on behalf of the Diocesan Delegates and referenced the report in the Annual Report. Miss Sirapi Ohannessian raised a question: she asked whether a By-Law amendment passed by the Diocesan Assembly would be a law. In response, Mr. Shahinian pointed out that it would be a law after the approval of His Holiness the Catholicos, providing that two consecutive Diocesan Assemblies act upon it affirmatively.

A motion was made, seconded and passed, and the three reports were accepted as submitted.

E. Elections:

Mr. Abraham Boudarian, Dr. Hratch Semerjian, and Mrs. Lucy Murad conducted the elections of Parish Council members, along with the Auditing and Nominating Committee members, respectively.

F. Treasurer's Report & Proposed Budget 1991:

Mr. Levon Andonian reported and referenced the report in the Annual Report. Minor modifications were made concerning medical expenses and postage increases on the proposed budget, but the bottom line remained the same. Der Hayr suggested that Youth Activities be allocated more funds by modifying the expenses. A motion was made and seconded, and the report was accepted.

G. Reports From Organizations of the Church:

1. Choir Report: Der Hayr said that Dr. Socrates Boyajian had asked him to pass along the information that he was on a missionary trip and therefore could not attend this meeting. Der Hayr expressed appreciation on behalf of parishioners for the superb job that Dr. Boyajian has been doing. Mrs. Queenie Avedikian brought to our attention that not being able to get new members for the choir was a serious problem.
2. Women's Guild: Yeretzgin reported; she remarked that there was a problem getting a new chairlady for the Women's Guild.
3. Sunday School: Mrs. Rita Bush said that the Church School continues to teach the Christian faith to our Sunday School children.
4. Armenian School: A representative was not present to report.
5. Library: A representative was not present to report.
6. ACYOA Seniors & ACYOA Juniors: No representative from either organization was present to report.

7. Bookstore: Mr. Gary Avedikian presented his report and parishioners expressed their appreciation to him for the good job he was doing.
8. Building Fund: Dr. Edward Onanian presented the report and brought to our attention that the building's electrical & heating systems needed to be upgraded. He explained that the electrical system is inadequate for the additional new load. He further pointed out that there were some funds set aside to meet the possible urgent need of major repairs.
9. Avak Society: A representative was not present to report.
10. Youth Committee: Dr. Charles Kumkumian said that we do need an active membership on the Committee. Mr. Paul Murad gave a short report.
11. Shnorhali: Mrs. Shahinian reported and thanked everyone for his/her support.
12. My Kinsman: A representative was not present to report.
13. Armenian Church Endowment Fund: A representative was not present to report.

H. Announcement of Election Results:

Dr. Hratch Semerjian announced the results.

1. Parish Council (5 to be elected):
Col. Moorad Mooradian (40); Mr. Hagop Safak (33); Mr. Mike Tashjian (29); Mr. Jack Dilanian (27); and Mr. Hagop Markarian (23) were elected. Alternate, Mr. Richard Hatchik (21); others, Mr. Thomas Magarian (14); Mr. Andre Peltekian (12); and Miss Malvina Brown (10).
2. Nominating Committee (3 to be elected):
Col. George Juskalian (37); Mrs. Nadia Koseian (27); and Mrs. Ani Keshishian (18) were elected. Alternate, Mrs. Takouhi Hallajian (17); others, Mrs. Roseann Alexander (16); and Mr. George Derderian (16).
3. Auditing Committee (3 to be elected):
Dr. Hratch Semerjian (31); Mrs. Lucy Murad (30); and Mr. Raffi Karahisar (28) were elected. Alternate, Mr. Vaughan Sayian (25); others, Mr. John Kavookian (10); and Mrs. Casey Kazanjian (8).

I. Old Business--New Business:

Der Hayr informed the meeting that since the elevator for the handicapped project was temporarily found not feasible by a special Parish Assembly, the Janigian family has decided to place the \$5,000.00 plus fund in the Diocesan Endowment Fund, with St. Mary's Armenian Church (Easter and Mother's Day altar flowers) and St. Vartan Camp as the beneficiaries of the income of that Fund.

I. Old Business--New Business (cont'd)

New Business: Finance Committee:

The text of the proposed Finance Committee is attached. Guidelines for the Finance Committee were proposed with the following amendments:

1. The Finance Committee shall report directly to the Parish Assembly and shall coordinate with the Parish Council. This Committee shall replace the Building Fund Committee.
2. The Finance Committee to consist of seven (7) members with 7-year rotating terms.
3. Original proposal with two (2) amendments.

The above-proposed three (3) amendments were discussed and voted. Only amendment No. 1 passed unanimously. The other two (2) amendments did not pass.

Election of the Finance Committee--Those elected were:

Dr. Edward Onanian (25); Mr. Carl Bazarian (22); Mr. Stephen (Mermer) Ohanian (15); Mr. Arut Koseian (12); Mr. Mike Tashjian (12).

The alternates with equal votes were: Mr. Jack Dilanian (11); Mr. Jerry Hekimian (11).

The other votes were cast as follows: Mr. George Derdarian (8); Mr. Joseph Vartabedian (7); Mr. John Kavookian (5).

Other New Business:

Dr. Kumkumian suggested that instead of discussing the workshop reports at this meeting, we should have a special Parish Assembly to discuss workshops in detail. A motion was made that "We have a special Parish Assembly meeting to discuss workshop recommendations in approximately four weeks." The motion was seconded and passed.

Col. M. Mooradian suggested that we should bring the youth to such meetings; that we should not isolate ourselves from our youth.


Der Hayr congratulated newly-elected Parish Council members and thanked the outgoing Parish Council members.

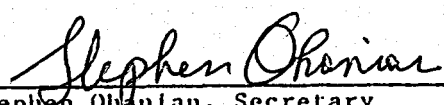
Dean Shahinian thanked Der Hayr for organizing and coordinating various activities.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 P.M. with a prayer by Der Hayr.

Respectfully Submitted


Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian, President


Dr. Charles Kumkumian, Chairman


Stephen Ohanian, Secretary