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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1994

ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

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THE OFFICE OF PARISH COUNCIL

During the months of January or February, the parishes of our diocese hold their Annual Parish Assemblies, during which time members of the community are elected to the Parish Council, Auditing and Nominating Committees, as well as Diocesan Delegates. Often times, many individuals are reluctant to offer their names as candidates for Parish Council because they feel that they are not qualified, that they läck the necessary "experience", they are too young or too old, or they simply do not know what the qualifications are to be a parish council member.

A few years ago, our Diocese published a booklet entitled "<u>Manual for Parish Councils</u>", and offered information to assist parish council members in the execution of their duties. The following, from that booklet, is offered to our readers in order to have them understand the role that the Parish Council is to undertake in the administration of their duties and to provide information to those who may wish to run for the office.

The Parish Council is an elected body. Its function is to guide the parish in its spiritual, educational, and financial endeavors, in cooperation with the parish priest and under his leadership. Each parish council member is expected to serve in a spirit compatible with such responsibility. Since this responsibility extends beyond financial matters, each parish council member should strive to be adequately informed on all matters related to the parish, to the church in general.

A good parish council member never loses sight of the fact that he is a servant in the church of Christ. He therefore seeks to increase his own capacity to understand the nature of the church, as of a community of believers, a spiritual institution which also enshrines the national culture.

Moreover, he strives to be a good church member and an example to the rest of the congregation.

Thus he takes a personal interest in all the activities of the parish by way of furthering education, communication and youth work, of helping the needy, the unfortunate, the sick. A good parish council member is ever mindful of the words of St. Paul, in Phil. 4:13 - 1 can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

In the Armenian Church, clergy and layman work together in the sense that they share the common responsibility of making of the church an even better avenue towards the salvation of the total man. This work proceeds under the guidance of the Bishop who receives his authority at the moment of his consecration and is elected by the people and approved by the Catholicos to exercise full authority to a given diocese.

The function of the priest is two-fold: He is the shepherd of the flock and the president of the parish. While he is responsible for the whole parish, he works together with the parish council, as its president, for the effective administration of the parish. The servant of the people, the priest is nevertheless not a hired employee whose job would be to put into execution the decisions of the parish council.

The priest and the parish council share the responsibilities for the welfare of the church and this is the basis of the relation between them. Both priest and parish council are bound by the canons of the church and are under the administrative jurisdiction of the diccesan authorities.

The booklet continues with the listing of Articles 23-35 of the Diocesan By-Laws relating to Parish Councils. It continues by listing the officers of the Parish Council (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary) and their duties, as well as duties on Sunday mornings during Church services. It then concludes with several "general considerations".

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. A parish council member should consider it his obligation to participate in the Divine Liturgy regularly every Sunday, and to receive Holy Communion on, amoung other Sundays, the Sunday of his installation. Moreover, he should attend as many church functions as possible. If it is feasible, he should try to be present at funerals and weddings to supervise the proceedings and be of general assistance.

2. The parish council together with its president, the priest, shall always be considered as one unit or one team, the priest being also the coordinating head of all the church organizations.

3. The parish council must clearly realize that the church community and its real properties as well as its spiritual well-being are dependent upon the conscientious performance of all its functions. Temporal possessions and activities should not be made into ends for themselves. Rather, they should be means to the glory of God and the spiritual enlightenment of the member of the church.

4. It should also be borne in mind that the church is not a business institution. More than financial success, the parish council members should be concerned with the mental, moral and spiritual enrichment of the people. The facilities of the church should be used to capacity for such ends.

5. Steps must be taken toward lay participation in fields which heretofore have been considered "the work of the priest" such as religious education, membership drives, and general promotion.

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Income from Sales Interest Income	\$14,531.99 91.12
	\$14,623.11
Expenses	
Sale Items Postage Bank Charges Misc.	\$ 8,859.96 264.53 46.59 201.75
	\$ 9,372.83
Net Income	+\$5,250.23
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Balance as of 12/31/92

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Boghossian Concert Easter Collection Appreciation Dinner Interest	Donations	\$1,121.00 712.64 525.00 122.68 \$2,431.32
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Expenses

Boghossian Concert	\$500.00
St. James W.G.	138.50
Piano Rental & Tuning	515.00
AACCA - Sacred Music Books	1,000.00.
AACCA Plate Collection	100.00
Mekhanejian Workshop	150.00
Organ Repair	390.00
Convention Transportation	140.00
Appreciation Dinner	372.97
Bank Service Charges	25,00
	\$3,331.47

Net Income

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\$2,193.60

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\$2,193.60

MINUTES

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SPECIAL PARISH ASSEMBLY OF

ST. MARY ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 20, 1993

The purpose of this Special Parish Assembly was to continue business which was not completed at the Parish Assembly meeting on February 6, 1993. Colonel Juskalian continued as Chairman and David Sahr agreed to serve as Secretary in the absence of Jackie Aghamalian. Father Kalayjian described the requirements of the bylaws in light of the absence of a quorum.

1. Audit Committee Report

Hratch Semerjian gave the Audit Committee report for 1992. Dr. Semerjian first described the results of the bazaar. He described the transfers from other accounts to pay for expenses of the bazaar including an advance of \$7,000 from the Women's Guild. The net income from the bazaar was \$18,187.70, most of which was transferred to the Parish Council for reimbursements to other groups. The current balance in the check book for the bazaar is \$44.87. Dr. Semerjian announced that the audit committee was satisfied with the bazaar report.

The audit committee then made one clarification to the Women's Guild report. Dr. Semerjian indicated that in addition to the \$7,000 advanced to the bazaar, the Women's Guild had transferred \$10,000 to the Parish Council during 1992.

In response to a question from the floor concerning bank charges, Dr. Semerjian suggested the Church should review the check charges and seek a better arrangement from the Church's bank. According to his understanding, the Parish Council had paid \$800 in check charges over the last year. There was some discussion among the members of the floor as to the true amount of the check charges. Colonel Juskalian suggested that the Parish Council should review whether the Church is paying too much in bank fees.

The Audit Committee then turned to the financial report of the Parish Council. Dr. Semerjian noted a couple of discrepancies in the report. First, the Church as of December 31, 1992 had \$855 more in the bank than the books indicated should be in the bank. Dr. Semerjian also indicated that the total amount on deposit in the bank at year end -- \$49,000 -- was not realistic because certain expenditures had not yet been paid for 1992, including expenses for the bazaar and some of the dues for the diocese. The assembly discussed whether the difficulties of preparing the financial report at the end of the year were caused by late events of the provious year such as the bazaar and whether some change should be made in the Church's fiscal year to facilitate preparation of the report. No decision was reached to change the current fiscal year. Al Kaehn made a motion to approve the financial report and budget. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The report and budget was then approved by the assembly.

2. Diocesan Dues

Father Kalayjian explained that the Parish Council had a proposal that St. Mary's request that the diocese give it two rather than three diocesan delegates. He explained that under the rules of the diocese the Church is entitled to three delegates. However, while two delegates are free, once the Church has three delegates, it must pay an annual charge of \$650 per delegate. Accordingly, going from two to three delegates would increase the dues of the Church to \$1,950. Because the Parish Council had not seen any clear advantage in having three delegates rather than two, he explained that it had voted to propose to the Parish Assembly that St. Mary's continue to have two delegates. A motion to adopt the proposal for two delegates was made and was seconded and opened for discussion. During the discussion, some members of the assembly suggested there were good reasons to go to three delegates, including the prestige of having more delegates and the responsibility to send three delegates because of the size of the Church. Father Kalayjian explained that ultimately the decision rests with the diocese. Even if the Church only asks for two delegates, the diocese could still award three delegates. After discussion, the motion passed 30 votes for the motion and six votes against.

3. Church Renovation

Richard Hatchik described the proposal for renovating the front of the Church as part of a three phase project that would ultimately renovate the front of the Church, the altar and the inside of the Church. The architect who had prepared the drawings was present to answer questions. Colonel Juskalian raised several questions concerning the proposal. The assembly then discussed the proposal. Some members of the assembly suggested that the Church should focus only on the front end of the Church and obtain a range of alternatives for that part without taking on the larger project at this time. Others pointed out that it was not advisable to do drawings or other projects just for the front of the Church which would then be unrelated to later proposals for other parts of the Church. Some members of the assembly questioned whether the Church would continue to be sufficiently large to serve the members of the community and raised concerns about how long it would take to raise the money to do the full renovation. There was a general consensus of the assembly that something needs to be done about the front of the Church.

Colonel Juskalian then raised further questions and stated that he opposed the proposal. He expressed concerns with where the money would come from for the project and about the aesthetics of the proposal, noting that it would be more difficult to sell the building to another buyer if it took on too much of an Armenian character. He said that the proposal was too extravagant and that the Church should focus on utilitarian objects. Father Kalayjian pointed out that he thought the funds would be available and that some parishioners had over the years promised to make substantial contributions to assist in the renovation of the Church. David Sahr responded to some of Colonel Juskalian's other concerns.

The architect then presented a paper indicating that the costs for the initial drawings would be substantially in excess of the amount that the Parish Council had previously understood would be the case. Colonel Juskalian made a motion to return the proposal to the Parish Council to study in the context of the Parish Assembly discussion. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Father Kalayjian closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Father Vertanes Kalayjian Pastor-President Colonel George Juskalian Chairman

David R. Sahr Secretary

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

We are pleased to present the following as an introduction and biographical notes about our candidates for Parish Council.

Mr. Vrouyr Aghamalian

Mr. Vrouyr Aghamalian, a native of Iran, has been in the United States for 16 years. He has a BS degree in Electrical Engineering from Western Miehigan University and at the present time is pursuing an MBA degree at the University of Maryland. In Iran, as a youth, he was very active in the Armenian church, the Boy Scouts and the AGBU.

Vrouyr, the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Arsen Mardirossian, attends St. Mary's Church and 3M functions. He is Corporate Manager of the 6-12 Corporation and a member of the Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers.

David Andonian

David Andonian was born and raised in the Washington area. As he grew up, St. Mary's became his second home. His parents, Mrs. Clara Andonian and the late Mr. Jack Andonian were involved in all facets of the church.

David is a graduate of St. Mary's Sunday and Armenian Schools and the St. Nersess Summer Studies Program. He is past Chairman of the ACYOA, served as acolyte and was ordained a subdeacon. He helped his father build the first altar at St. Mary's and lay its floors. He played the guitar in the Ensemble East, the first Armenian Band in the Washington area.

He attended Montgomery College, the University of Maryland and received a BS degree in Organizational Behavior from Columbia Union College. He coordinated and taught dental technology at Montgomery College for eight years as an assistant professor and was the founder of Germantown Dental Lab.

David and his wife Gilda (Harutunian) live in Columbia, Maryland, and are expecting their first child in April. He is Vice President and General Manager of Carpet Warehouse in Gaithersburg.

Garabed Grehian

Mr. Garabed Grehian is an electrical engineer with an MS degree from the Institute of Construction of Romania.

He was born in Romania and has been in St. Mary's community for seven years. He is the father of two daughters, Mary and Sonya, and lives in Virginia with his wife Madeline.

Mr. Grehian, a gracious man, said that he is honored that he was asked to run for St. Mary's Parish Council.

Vartkes Keshishian

Mr. Vartkes Keshishian was born in Istanbul, where he attended the Mechitarist Armenian Catholic schools. After his graduation from high school in 1956, he was active in various sports.

In 1958, he came to the United States and attended the Capital Radio Engineering Institute in Washington, D.C., graduating in 1961. Mr. Keshishian returned to Istanbul in 1963 and served in the army as an instructor. Following his discharge, he opened his own business as a representative of Arco Heavy Fuel Oil Burners, Inc. He married Ani Baghdasarian and they had two daughters, Talar and Lilian. In 1977, he returned to the United States with his family.

Mr. Keshishian has been a dedicated member of St. Mary's Church for many years. He is Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council, has chaired St. Mary's annual bazaars, and served regularly as Deacon. He is a manager of an auto body repair company.

Knarig Movsessian

Mrs. Knarig Movsessian, an Electrical Engineer, was born in Teheran, Iran and graduated from Mariamyan School. She and her husband, Rubic, have been members of St. Mary's Church for 14 years and have two children, Leana and Areen.

Mrs. Movsessian has worked for an engineering firm for seven years. At the present time, she works in the family owned baker, Classic Bakery of Gaithersburg. The Movsessian family was the generous donor of the cake for St. Mary's reception for Ambassador Reuben Shugarian.

1993-1994 MEMBERSHIP LIST (PRELIMINARY)

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