

Minutes of the
Alex Manoogian Anniversary Dinner Committee
Meeting, January 11, 1979

The final meeting of the Alex Manoogian 25th Anniversary Dinner Committee was held on Thursday, January 11, 1979. The meeting was preceded by a marvelous dinner for all members of the committee at 7:00 p.m. in G Hall, at the Diocesan Complex. Present were: George and Lucy Dabagian (hosts for the dinner), Alice Kavookjian, Flora Sarkisian, Edward Turnamian, Dovie Tilbian, Eleanora Ordjanian, Armenine Sapah-Gulian, Jack and Alice Antreassian, Haig Messerlian, and Alice Dadourian.

A letter had been received from Mr. Manoogian expressing his thanks which was read by the secretary. The Chairman, George Dabagian, had prepared a detailed financial report of the dinner and a brief discussion was held. The Chairman referred to a charge of \$1274.00 by the Diocese; an explanatory letter from Arnold Schmidt explaining this charge was read by the secretary. Reference was also made for charges (amounts not as yet determined) for spillage on Tahlig chair and damages to Primate's car. Damage to the car was caused by the caterer. It was agreed that the caterer, Balkan Restaurant, should be responsible for this.

The liquor for the cocktail party was supplied by the NYA and a donation to the A.G.B.U. dinner for Mr. Manoogian. Lucy Dabagian had sent letters of thanks to all the waiters and waitresses. George Dabagian thanked the entire committee for their wonderful spirit of cooperation, and the committee, in turn, commended the Chairman and Co-Chairman for a splendid job on this very important occasion. Various members of the committee commented that all reports of the dinner were favorable; program was considered a bit long, however all agreed that it just was not possible to cut it any shorter. Comments of some individuals were that the affair should have been held in a large hotel; however it was explained that the cost would have been prohibitive to many people and the attendance would have been much lower.

With reference to the dinner itself, the facilities were not quite adequate for preparing for over 600 people. Mr. Berberian was forced to do some of the cooking at the Balkan Restaurant. A letter of thanks would be sent to Mr. Berberian.

It was agreed that the head table was in an excellent location (on the right of the auditorium as you enter). One final comment was made by Lucy Dabagian: in the future, the artist should be asked to perform more towards the beginning of the program rather than the end. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Dadourian