



## Cultural Division Annual report

12/18/2019 – 12/15/2020

On December 18, 2019, with the presence of Cultural Division's Dec. 9, 2019 annual meeting's chair Y. Arick Gevorkian and Secretary, K. Armineh Chalian the meeting appointed the following positions to elected Cultural Division Executive Committee members:

K. Medik Khachikian - Chair

K. Valentine Nazaretian - Co Chair

K. Helga Kiaian -Treasurer

K. Silva Harotunian - Secretary

K. Teny Petroyan - Advisor

K. Armineh Havan - Advisor

Y. Haik Nazaretian - Advisor

K. Armineh Havan has taken the Cultural Facebook Admin role

Y. Haik Nazaretian - liaison to Strategic Planning Committee

K. Medik Khachikian - Liaison to Choir with the assistance of K. Armineh Chalian

K. Valentine Nazaretian - Liaison to Armenian Traditional Dance

K. Silva Harotunian - Representative of Cultural with Hamazgayin Cultural Committee

During the month of January, the Committee planned its events for year 2020 as follows:

- 1- With the collaboration with Glendale Hamazgayin to invite Armenia's Hamazgayin theatre group to LA to perform "Haghtanaki Genesis" play. Date: March 2020
- 2- Event dedicated to April 24<sup>th</sup> – Book introduction and discussion "Hidden Genocide" By Rosemarie Kohen
- 3- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Hambarzum" festival/picnic. Date: May 17
- 4- Sculpture Workshop by Sose. Date: October 9
- 5- "Ararat Choir" annual concert. Date: Nov. 14
- 6- Armenian Traditional Dance classes (ongoing) every Monday
- 7- Art Festival/Exhibition. Date: October 24



Until end of February, when the center had to close its door because of Covid-19 pandemic, Committee had 6 meetings.

Committee has participated at CEB's 1/27 Orientation meeting.

Committee's chair has participated CEB's Chair meeting on 2/24.

K. Medik Khachikian has prepared a summary of Cultural Division's 2019 activities and handed over to K. Caroline Mikailian for Donor Drive 2019 Booklet.

We were notified by the Consulate General of Armenia in LA that Homenetmen Glendale Ararat Chapter's Choir concert, which took place on Nov. 23, 2019, was one of the top programs in the diaspora. It has been chosen to be included in a documentary commemorating Komitas' 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary that is being produced in Armenia.

Y. Razmik Chalian and K. Lilian took the necessary actions and handed to consulate the DVD of the concert along with pictures.

None of the Cultural Division's annual plans did happen because of the pandemic.

After March 2020, Cultural Division has participated several zoom meetings of CEB for Chairs or Exec Committees.

Starting March 2020, the following events have taken place thru zoom.

- 1 "Ararat Choir" continued its practices thru zoom every Wednesday and continued solfege classes thru zoom on Fridays. The number of participants dropped and we had only 10 choir member for practices. The reason is that they are not satisfied to do practices thru zoom.
- 2 Choir dedicated a zoom event for April 24<sup>th</sup>. Romel Soltanian narrated a piece by William Saroyan and then the choir sang "Azgayin Orhnyerg" by Komidas. The area was decorated with candles.
- 3 The choir members have donated to Armenia Fund \$2700 for Artzakh war.
- 4 Puppet Show based on Hovhannes Tumanayan's stories by Nevard Mansourian, a broadcast on facebook. It was planned for August 29, but it didn't took place because of Mrs. Nevard's personal matters.
- 5 Educational presentation thru zoom, "Emotional wellbeing and coping during corvid 19 pandemic" by Dr. Ida Karayan. We had 30 participants.



- 6 Dan Murphy, the VP and Chief Philanthropy officer at Dignity Health Foundation had reached CEB in order for our choir to have a part at their virtual fundraising “telethon/music & Comedy festival” on Dec 1<sup>st</sup> (Giving Tuesday). As it was requested a prerecorded piece, K. Lilian did choose “Hye Abrink Yeghbayr” by Komitas, which was performed at Komitas’ 150<sup>th</sup> concert in Nov. 2019. There was a great introduction, where the host introduced Ararat Chapter to the audience. K. Ani has done a tremendous job to make this happen.
- 7 K. Medik has participated on behalf of Cultural Division in “Christmas Bazaar” event.