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Trusteeship Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2018

The meeting began at 7:05 pm with a prayer led by Father Vasilije. The motion to accept/approve the minutes from our March 2018 trusteeship meeting was passed unanimously.

Major Discussion Items

Holy Week and Pascha Services. Father Vasilije began by reporting that all went well at our Holy Week services and that yesterday's glorious Paschal Divine Liturgy was joyous and well attended. Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!

Deanery Survey. We have received a survey form from the Eastern American Diocese's Washington Deanery which needs to be completed. Father and the trustees took the joint action to work together to fill out and submit the survey.

Pilgrimage. Plans have been finalized for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land—to be led by His Grace Bishop Irinej of Eastern America—this fall from September 19-29. Father Vasilije will also be participating, but capacity will be capped at 30 people. The opportunity to participate will be offered first to our parishioners via email and parish web site, but then opened up to those in other Serbian parishes.

Upcoming Events on the Parish Calendar. The Feast of St. George (Djurdjevdan) will be observed on Sunday May 6, and the Great Feast commemorating the Ascension of our Lord will be observed on Thursday May 17. Our Spring *SerbFest* event will be held May 18-20. This spring, for the first time, some sporting events will be included as part of the festival. Please sign-up as a volunteer and help make this *SerbFest* the best one yet!

Anniversary Commemoration. As reported last month, our Eastern American Diocese will be the host on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I, with commemoration to be held in Washington, DC in late July 2018. Being organized by the Central Church Council of the Serbian Orthodox Church in the United States and Canada, major planned activities include a congressional reception, symposium, pan-Orthodox Liturgy at St. Nicholas Cathedral, and grand banquet. More details will be forthcoming.



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Financial Report. Peter Bizic presented the Treasurer's Report. Cash flow continues to be our major issue. We currently have approximately \$4,400 remaining in our checking account. Peter reported that fiscal year-to-date we are approximately \$5,000 "in the black" (i.e., to the plus side after accounting for all expenses). This is primarily due to the increased donations received during Great Lent and for Easter. Peter also reported that, for this fiscal year, our monthly Diocesan assessment payment has been set at \$1,500 (equates to \$18,000 per year). This assessment is essentially a fee levied by the Eastern American Diocese on all of its member parishes to help the Diocese cover expenses.

Volunteers Needed. We are still in need of volunteers to help us develop and disseminate email and social media communications with parishioners on an on-going basis. Anyone interested in volunteering for this important task is asked to speak with Father Vasilije or Mark Rasevic to obtain more information.

Parish Bookstore. We will soon announce details about an online version of our parish bookstore as a means to generate additional income for the parish.

Coffee Hour. Because lining up enough volunteers to host coffee hours has remained an issue, we've begun "outsourcing" this function which is now being managed by Snezana Djokic. Parishioners may still volunteer to host a coffee hour or lunch after Divine Liturgy on a Sunday of their choosing, but if no one has signed up by Wednesday of any week, Snezana will provide lunch on Sunday. Pricing is set at \$10 for adults and \$5 for children because this is an important fundraising initiative for our parish. Parishioners may still volunteer to host a coffee hour after Divine Liturgy by using the easy on-line signup sheet at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4fafa72ca75-coffee>.

New Business

Starting Time Survey. Within the next week or two we will conduct an online survey to determine which starting time for Divine Liturgy (9:30 am or 10:00 am) would suit most parishioners, and report results. (Reminder: We began live-streaming our liturgical services over the Internet in March. We invite all parishioners unable to attend services in person to take advantage of this capability. Also, later this month, we anticipate rolling out our new parish website (<http://www.serbianchurch.org>.)

We closed the meeting with a prayer at 9:00 pm. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday May 7, 2018.