



## St. Luke Serbian Orthodox Church

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Trusteeship Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2018

The meeting began at 7:55 pm with a prayer led by Father Vasilije. The motion to accept/approve the minutes from our December 2017 trusteeship meeting was passed unanimously.

### Major Discussion Items

Annual Assembly. Our parish's Annual Assembly, rescheduled from December 10, will take place this Sunday January 14 following Divine Liturgy. Reports have been made available to parishioners on-line and will also be distributed at the meeting.

St. Sava Celebration. Our parish's St. Sava celebration will take place on Saturday January 27. Planning is well underway, and Father Vasilije expressed his desire to use this year's St. Sava celebration as a first step in reviving more traditions and lifting our parish's cultural life to a higher level. Because this year the actual date of the celebration occurs on a Saturday, we will take advantage by offering worship and other activities all day to include: Divine Liturgy in the morning, evening service, cocktail hour, cultural program, dinner, music, and dancing.

Annual Fundraising Event. Our parish's fundraising event with special guests His Grace Bishop Irinej and the Royal Couple, Crown Prince Alexander and Crown Princess Katherine, will take place on Friday February 9. The evening will begin with Doxology service and cocktail reception at our church/hall, followed by dinner and program next door at the hall of Sts. Peter & Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church. More details will be provided soon.

Parish Website. Mr. Dejan Icitovic of FEMAC, LLC spoke to Father Vasilije and has offered to re-design our parish web site, including purchase of one year of web hosting services, and donate the effort and expense as a charitable contribution to our church. After discussion, the trustees unanimously agreed to accept his kind offer. The expected period of performance is one month from the time work begins.

Financial Report. Peter Bizic presented the Treasurer's Report. We currently have just over \$10,000 in our checking account and less than \$1,000 remaining in our Fidelity account. Cash flow continues to be our major issue. Peter stated that, thanks largely to



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donations received over Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, he expects to make December's mortgage payment in the next day or two, followed shortly thereafter by January's payment. This would put us back on track in keeping up with our mortgage payments, which is very good news. With 2017 now closed out, Peter took the action to generate/disseminate tax letters for 2017 donations with the goal of completing this task by the end of this month.

Fundraising Initiative. Dejan Bujak provided an update on fundraising activity since last month's meeting. From November to December we saw an increase in the number of families participating in our fundraising drive, as well as in the amount of monthly recurring electronic funds transfer (EFT) donations. Dejan cautioned, however, that we have accomplished about as much as can be done right now in 3 of the 4 "prongs" of the strategy being followed (More donations from regular donors; more from Serbian School families; and more from families who celebrated weddings, baptisms, etc. here). The remaining "prong" (General fundraiser) will be addressed by our February 9 fundraiser with His Grace Bishop Irinej and the Royal Couple, and hopefully annually thereafter. At that point we will have a better picture of where we stand and what next steps need to be implemented.

Coffee Hour. We cordially invite all of our parishioners to volunteer to host a coffee hour after Divine Liturgy on a Sunday of their choosing by using the easy on-line signup sheet at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4fafa72ca75-coffee>.

### New Business

Pilgrimage. Father Vasilije stated that he would like to lead a pilgrimage to Israel sometime in the future to promote spiritual nourishment of our parishioners and sister Eastern American Diocese parishioners. As time permits, Father will further explore this idea and keep all of us informed of progress.

We closed the meeting with a prayer at 11:30 pm. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday February 12, 2018.