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Trusteeship Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2018

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

Major Discussion Items

Lenten Season. Father Vasilije will continue to communicate the schedule of services for Great Lent, Holy Week, and Easter to parishioners via email and social media.

Lazarus Saturday. Lazarus Saturday will be observed this year on March 31. We will also hold a Children's Retreat in the afternoon that day and ask parents to register their children so that we have an accurate headcount to ensure that we have enough supplies on hand. We will also ask our teenage parishioners to volunteer to help with retreat activities. Following the retreat there will be a lecture, vesper service, and dinner.

Choir. Father Vasilije discussed the choir and its importance as a ministry of the church. Our choir needs more talented members and we invite all parishioners interested in joining to speak with Popadija Jelena to obtain more information. You may speak with her any Sunday following Divine Liturgy.

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

Spring *SerbFest* Event. Our Spring *SerbFest* event will be held May 18-20. Because we attract so many non-Orthodox guests from our surrounding communities, on that Friday we will offer both lenten and non-lenten meal options.

Anniversary Commemoration. 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



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activities include a congressional reception, symposium, pan-Orthodox Liturgy at St. Nicholas Cathedral, and grand banquet. More details will be forthcoming.

Financial Report. Peter Bizic presented the Treasurer's Report. Cash flow continues to be our major issue. Peter stated that over the past several weeks we have basically been in "bill paying mode" (to include unexpected expenses such as fire protection system inspections, fire alarm system repairs, audio/visual system repairs, HVAC maintenance, and fees related to outstanding construction bond invoices) and, as a result, we currently have less than \$2,000 remaining in our checking account. Peter reported that fiscal year-to-date we are basically breaking even and haven't been able to build up any reserves.

Fundraising Initiative. Dejan Bujak provided an update on fundraising activity since last month's meeting. Dejan reminded everyone that we have accomplished about as much as can be done right now in terms of the 4 "prongs" of the strategy being followed. Work continues on the high-priority effort to investigate how we might establish some kind of regular and dependable revenue-generating "business" to supplement donations and further strengthen our loan refinancing application. More details will be communicated to parishioners soon.

Coffee Hour. Because lining up enough volunteers to host coffee hours continues to be 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

Donations for Easter Flowers. Father Vasilije will begin making announcements in church and in the weekly bulletins asking for donations to help cover the cost of flowers to beautify our church for Easter. Mark Rasevic and his family were kind enough to provide the Easter lilies.

We closed the meeting with a prayer at 11:30 pm. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday April 9, 2018.