



St. Luke Serbian Orthodox Church

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Trusteeship Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2018

The meeting began at 7:10 pm with a prayer led by Father Vasilije. The motion to accept/approve the minutes from our June 2018 trusteeship meeting was passed unanimously.

Major Discussion Items

Upcoming Events on the Parish Calendar. Upcoming events discussed: Synaxis of St. Archangel Gabriel will be celebrated on Thursday July 26th; commemoration of the Holy Prophet Elijah will be held on Thursday August 2nd; Diocesan Day at Shadeland is scheduled for Saturday August 4th; Feast of the Lord's Transfiguration will be celebrated on Sunday August 19th; and Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos will be celebrated on Tuesday August 28th.

Cultural Food Festival. On Saturday August 18th from 11 AM to 7 PM, for the first time, our parishioners will present Serbian cuisine at the "*Around the World Cultural Food Festival*" to be held at Freedom Plaza in downtown Washington DC Saturday. Admission is free.

Centennial Celebration. Preparations and work continue for the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I and the flying of the Serbian flag at the White House. While interest has been very high, that level of interest has not yet been manifested by the number of people registering online for the various events. For details and to make your reservations, please visit: <https://serbianchurch.org/wwi/>. Our parish will host Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and a family picnic here on Sunday July 29th to close out the week's events. On that day, we will also be visited by Protosynkellos Andrej, a monk of the Dečani Monastery in Kosovo and Metohija. Following Divine Liturgy, Father Andrej will speak about the current situation and the many difficulties and sufferings our people face there.

Priest's Vacation. Father reminded everyone that he and his family will be on vacation in Serbia for the month of August. Father Timothy Perry from St. Mark Orthodox Church will fill-in for three of those Sundays that Father is away; Father is still working on finding a substitute for Sunday August 5th.



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Financial Report. Peter Bizic presented the Treasurer's Report. We currently have approximately \$9,000 remaining in our checking account after making the July mortgage payment on time. The final "net" earnings numbers from our Spring *SerbFest* are still being derived.

Fundraising Initiatives. The trusteeship continues to work on identifying and implementing initiatives that would allow us to establish one or more regular and dependable revenue-generating "businesses" to supplement donations and further strengthen our loan refinancing application. More details will be forthcoming soon.

Sunday Coffee Hours/Lunches. 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

Clean-Up Day. Over the weekend of July 28-29, as part of the Centennial Celebration, we will be welcoming many visitors to our church, including our Bishop. To prepare for this event, we will need to clean our church and ready it for our guests. Within the next day or two, an email will be published to all parishioners asking for volunteers to join us to help beautify our church for this most important occasion. Even if you can only spare an hour, please volunteer and help!

Reminders. We encourage all parishioners and friends to visit our new parish website at: <http://www.serbianchurch.org>. Also, we began live-streaming our liturgical services over the Internet in March 2018. We invite all parishioners unable to attend services in person to take advantage of this capability.

We closed the meeting with a prayer at 8:35 pm. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday August 13, 2018.