



## St. Luke Serbian Orthodox Church

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Trusteeship Meeting Minutes  
August 13, 2018

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

### Major Discussion Items

Centennial Celebration. All of the events commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I and the flying of the Serbian flag at the White House went very well, including Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and the family picnic held here at our church on Sunday July 29th. We thank everyone for their hard work and support.

Priest's Vacation. Father Vasilije and family are continuing their vacation. Father Timothy Perry from St. Mark Orthodox Church is filling in.

Upcoming Events on the Parish Calendar. Upcoming events discussed: Feast of the Lord's Transfiguration will be celebrated on Sunday August 19th; Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos will be celebrated on Tuesday August 28th; and the first day of the new Sunday School year will be September 9th.

Cultural Food Festival. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have had to cancel plans to participate in the "*Around the World Cultural Food Festival*" being held in downtown Washington D.C. on Saturday August 18th. We will revisit participation next year.

Loan Refinancing. The relevant documents needed from the Diocese have been received and we have also provided the bank with the documents they require for underwriting. Also discussed were ideas for how we might reduce the refinance amount needed from the bank, such as putting together a group of individual investors from our parish willing to loan money to the church thus reducing the amount needed from the bank. We will keep everyone updated as this process moves forward.

Financial Report. Peter Bizic presented the Treasurer's Report. We currently have approximately \$10,000 remaining in our checking account, and Peter reported that he has made the August mortgage payment on time. He also noted that average Sunday donation



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levels have slowed this month as they always do this time of year, but that we should be able to get through the month all right.

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. One such initiative is candle making for our parish and other churches. Stay tuned for updates.

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**

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 9:30 pm. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday September 10, 2018.