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Trusteeship Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2019

Prior to the meeting, new trustees Milica Tasic (Financial Secretary, replacing Dejan Bujak) and Maja Lojanica (Member-At-Large, replacing Miroslav Mitic) were sworn-in by Father Vasilije. The meeting then began with a prayer at 7:10 pm. The motion to accept/approve the minutes from our March 2019 trusteeship meeting was passed unanimously.

Major Discussion Items

Welcoming. Father Vasilije and Milan Visnick began by welcoming our new trustees. Discussions with them are already underway in order to coordinate duties and integrate them seamlessly into the trusteeship.

Special Assembly. The trusteeship reviewed the events of yesterday when we were unable to conduct the planned April 7th Special Assembly with sole agenda item to seek parishioner approval of the new loan with John Marshall Bank because quorum requirements were not satisfied. Following an in-depth discussion of options, the trusteeship agreed by majority vote that we immediately petition His Grace Bishop Irinej to request reduction of the quorum requirement (as allowed by Article 35 of the *Uniform Rules and Regulations* document) for the assembly on the backup date of April 14th to be equal to the number of parishioners in good standing present that day with the usual simple majority required to pass the measure. (Update Note: The Diocese promptly granted our petition with His Grace's blessing. The Special Assembly was held on April 14, 2019 and parishioners unanimously approved the new loan with John Marshall Bank.)

Upcoming Events on the Parish Calendar. The next several weeks will be quite busy with the Special Assembly on April 14th, Great Lent and Holy Week services, and Pascha. Father Vasilije and Milan Visnick took the joint action to finish writing their Easter letters for dissemination to our parishioners. Father also noted that we need to publicize the upcoming Vrbica Children's Retreat event along with the schedule of services for Holy Week. Father further stated that we will need additional Tutors and Wardens to help on Easter Sunday. Due to a variety of logistical reasons, we will not be able to host the planned 3-day Spring *SerbFest* event in May, however the trusteeship unanimously agreed to try to arrange some type of alternative event in its place to continue promoting



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fellowship amongst our parishioners as well as to raise much needed funds. (Update Note: We will hold a 1-day *SerbFest* event on May 18th. More information to come!)

Financial Report. John Buffalini presented the Treasurer's Report. We currently have approximately \$5K in checking and approximately \$109K being held separately for the loan re-financing initiative. John and the trustees then reviewed our outstanding debt picture and discussed in-depth our continued cash flow problems, both of which are serious issues. Aleksandar Terzic agreed to work with the President and Vice President, current and former Treasurers, and Financial Secretary to develop a process for more timely analysis of financial data and improved parishioner awareness of our financial issues. More information will be provided soon.

Candle Making Business Venture. Work continues to set up, configure, and test our new candle making machines. We are working to overcome some unexpected issues, and will keep parishioners informed of progress and notify everyone once operations begin.

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

Twitter Account. In the spirit of continuing to improve our communications with parishioners and the broader community, a Twitter account for our church has been opened. Our Twitter handle is @SerbianChurchDC. If you are on Twitter, please follow us, and pass the news on to your family, kumovi, and friends!

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We closed the meeting with a prayer at 10:35 pm. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday May 13, 2019.