



St. Luke Serbian Orthodox Church

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Trusteeship Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2019

Following Vespers and prior to the start of the meeting, the first since we were notified of Diocesan approval of changes to the parish trusteeship, all members present were sworn-in by Father Vasilije. The meeting then began with a prayer at 7:58 pm. The motion to accept/approve the minutes from our January 2019 trusteeship meeting was passed unanimously.

Major Discussion Items

St. Sava Celebration. Father Vasilije stated that our recent St. Sava celebration was attended by over 400 people and was very well received. Father believes that it brought us all closer together and so was a very worthwhile investment in community building. Father also reported that the Serbian Cultural Center "Opančići" has generously offered to make another donation to our church. The newly formed Liturgical Standing Committee will provide a list of church/altar items most needed at the present time.

Upcoming Events on the Parish Calendar. Yesterday Father delivered the first of 6 scheduled lectures exploring "*The Orthodox Christian Theology In Its Historical Context.*" The series will continue on consecutive Sundays through early March. Also, this year's annual assembly of our Diocese of Eastern America will be held February 22nd-23rd at St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church in Monroeville, PA. Mark Rasevic and Milan Visnick will participate and represent our parish.

Loan Refinancing Update. As we previously informed parishioners, John Marshall Bank has approved our loan re-financing request. After extensive negotiations with the bank's legal team, we have been informed that the bank will require us to hold a Special Assembly to approve this loan. This is not surprising, in that United Bank required the same of us to approve our initial loan with them. Further details concerning the Special Assembly will be provided to parishioners soon.

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



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Financial Report. Peter Bizic presented the Treasurer's Report. We currently have approximately \$13K in checking and approximately \$107K being held separately for the loan re-financing initiative. Peter also stated that he expects all 2018 tax letters to all of our donors to be mailed out within the next week.

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

Tamburitzan Event. We have learned that the Tamburitzan Association of America is planning to hold a DC-area event this coming September. A "Save the Date" email announcement for our parishioners regarding this event will be sent out soon.

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!

Easy Way to Financially Help Our Church. Our church now has an account with Amazon Smile. From now on, as you shop online at *Amazon.com* and make your purchases throughout the year, the Amazon Smile Foundation will automatically donate 0.5% of all your eligible purchases to our church. Rather than using the usual "*Amazon.com*" link, please update your bookmarks to use the following Amazon Smile link instead:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/82-3650722>

You then just sign in as usual, submit your orders as usual, receive your deliveries as usual, and our church's account will automatically be updated. No other special effort needed!

We closed the meeting with a prayer at 10:55 pm. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday March 18, 2019.