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Trusteeship Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2019

The meeting began with a prayer at 7:08 pm. The motion to accept/approve the minutes from our May 2019 trusteeship meeting was passed unanimously.

Major Discussion Items

2019 Parish Slava. His Grace Bishop Irinej is unable to be with us for our Slava the weekend of November 3rd due to a prior engagement in New York.

Triennial Church Assembly (Sabor). Our parish has been summoned to participate in the upcoming Triennial Assembly (Sabor) of the Serbian Orthodox Dioceses in the United States, Canada, and Central America to be held in the Chicago area from Saturday, July 13 through Tuesday, July 16, 2019. Each parish must send 3 representatives. Because our President, Milan Visnick, will already be attending the Sabor as a representative of the Diocesan Council, trustees John Buffalini and Milica Tasic kindly accepted appointments to join Father Vasilije as our parish's 3 representatives, so we will be exceptionally well represented. Father is trying to find a substitute priest for us on that Sunday.

Summer Absence. Father Vasilije will be away for a week in the latter part of August to present a paper at Oxford. He is trying to find a substitute priest for us in his absence.

Upcoming Events on the Parish Calendar. Our Fall *SerbFest DC* event will be a two-day event to be held Saturday-Sunday October 5-6, 2019. As previously discussed, our parish Slava will be celebrated the first weekend of November. We are also considering having a picnic this summer. Father Vasilije took the action to prepare and disseminate a survey to get parishioner feedback.

Financial Report. John Buffalini presented the Treasurer's Report. We currently have approximately \$107K in checking and the \$110K that we had been holding in the loan refinance initiative account has been wired from United Bank to John Marshall Bank as part of our new loan agreement. We will continue to operate out of United Bank for the recurring electronic donation moneys we receive from parishioners because it would be too tedious and time consuming to transfer all those transactions over to the new bank. John also noted that we set a 1-day record for gross income at our Fall *SerbFest* event



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and that many parish organizations participated. We are making good progress in paying down our unpaid bills and we will keep everyone updated on progress.

Building & Grounds. We are in negotiations with East West Tae Kwon Do, a Martial Arts School in Potomac, MD, regarding their desire to rent our hall and grounds for their summer camp program. Camp starts soon, so negotiations will be resolved one way or the other in the next several weeks. We will keep parishioners informed of progress.

Candle Making Business Venture. Progress remains slow as we work to overcome some unexpected issues in starting operations.

60th Anniversary. The year 2021 will mark the 60th anniversary of our parish and a commemoration event is being planned for Slava 2021 weekend. The committee is developing a short-list of possible venues and working to identify the best "VIP special guest". At this time there are two competing ideas being considered: (1) A reception, appetizers, and open bar with rich cultural program; or (2) A sit-down dinner.

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 Association of America Event. This September, the Tamburitzan Association of America is planning to hold an event in Herndon, VA. Our parish will set up and sell our bookstore items during the event. Stay tuned for more details!

Easy Way to Financially Help Our Church. 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. Please update your bookmarks to use the following *Amazon* link:

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

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 8:50 pm. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday July 8, 2019.