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Trusteeship Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2019

The meeting began with a prayer at 7:10 pm. The motion to accept/approve the minutes from our February 2019 trusteeship meeting was passed unanimously.

Major Discussion Items

Special Assembly. As parishioners have been made aware, as part of the process of obtaining loan re-financing with our new bank (John Marshall Bank), the bank requires us to hold a Special Assembly in accordance with our organizational documents in order to approve this loan. Pending Diocesan approval, the Special Assembly with the only agenda item being the approval of the new bank loan with John Marshall Bank is scheduled for Sunday, April 7, 2019 following Divine Liturgy. If we do not have a quorum on that date, the Assembly will be held on April 14, 2019. When we reach the established and communicated date of March 24, 2019 by which parishioners were asked to submit their stewardship pledge forms in advance of the assembly, those parishioners will be notified to confirm that their pledge form was received and that they are eligible to vote at the assembly. The Loan & Finance Committee is preparing an explanation of the parameters of our loan with John Marshall Bank, for presentation at the assembly.

Recent and Upcoming Events on the Parish Calendar. A very successful Diocesan Assembly was held February 22-23, 2019 in Monroeville, PA. Forty-two parishes were represented and an article highlighting the resolutions of the assembly was published on the Patriarchate's web site (<http://www.spc.rs/eng>). We invite all parishioners to attend a solemn memorial service in remembrance of the victims of the NATO bombings in 1999, to be held on March 24, 2019 following Divine Liturgy.

Financial Report. John Buffalini presented the Treasurer's Report. We currently have approximately \$3K in checking and approximately \$107K being held separately for the loan re-financing initiative. John also stated that the mortgage payments for February and March were both made on time. Unfortunately, John also had to report that we had to deal with a couple of major unexpected repairs related to a broken water pipe and the grease trap in the kitchen. These have been taken care of. Montgomery County has also scheduled an inspection of our kitchen at the end of the week.



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Upcoming "Census" Initiative. We are currently planning to conduct a parish "census" initiative in the summer time frame to provide updated and more accurate data on our parishioners and community.

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!

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 9:30 pm. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday April 8, 2019.