



## St. Luke Serbian Orthodox Church

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Trusteeship Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2019

The meeting then began with a prayer at 7:03 pm. The motion to accept/approve the minutes from our April 2019 trusteeship meeting was passed unanimously.

### Major Discussion Items

Special Thanks. Closing on our new loan with John Marshall Bank was completed on May 7th and became effective immediately. On behalf of the trusteeship and our entire parish, Father Vasilije began by thanking Mark Rasevic for all of his hard work in getting our new loan approved, for organizing and leading our Spring *SerbFest DC* event, and for all of the other things he does for us on a day-to-day basis.

Triennial Church Assembly. Our parish has been summoned to participate in the upcoming Triennial Assembly (Sabor) of the Serbian Orthodox Dioceses in the United States, to be held at New Gracanica Monastery in Third Lake, IL July 13th through July 16th. Each parish must send 3 representatives. Because our President, Milan Visnick, will already be attending the Sabor as a representative of the Diocesan Council (Diocese of Eastern America), 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.

2019 Parish Slava. Because it is never too early to issue a formal invitation to His Grace Bishop Irinej to join us for our parish Slava in the fall (dates for the celebration set for November 2-3, 2019), Father Vasilije will extend the invitation.

60th Anniversary. The year 2021 will mark the 60th anniversary of our parish. In anticipation of inviting a number of dignitaries to join us in commemorating the occasion, we need to start planning now. The trusteeship therefore unanimously approved formation of a 60th Anniversary Committee. Mark Rasevic agreed to chair, and will organize, staff, and begin work for this event which is targeted for Slava 2021 weekend.

Upcoming Events on the Parish Calendar. Our Spring *SerbFest DC* event will be held this Saturday, May 18th. Over Memorial Day weekend our parish Folklore Group "Prelo"



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will travel to and perform at SerbFest NC in Greensboro. Father Vasilije will join them on the trip, and Father Miroslav has kindly agreed to fill in here that day.

Financial Report. John Buffalini presented the Treasurer's Report. We currently have approximately \$21K in checking and approximately \$109K being held separately for the loan re-financing initiative. John also noted that we received approximately \$15K in Easter donations, over \$6K in candle sales over Holy Week and Easter, and over \$4K in donations made in memory of loved ones including more than \$2K donated in memory of Bosko Basaric. Plans to help address our outstanding debts are being implemented, additional details will be forthcoming.

Candle Making Business Venture. Progress remains slow as we work to overcome some unexpected issues in starting operations. We 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 sign-up 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!

Twitter Account. A Twitter account for our church has been opened. Our Twitter handle is @SerbianChurchDC. Please follow us, and pass along the news!

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 9:25 pm. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday June 10, 2019.