

**Minutes of a Joint Session between the members of the WAD and SSMC
Regarding the development of the SSSS Village.**

17 April 2004

1. A meeting between representatives of the St. Sava Mission Corporation (SSMC) and the Western American Diocese (WAD) was convened at 10 am at St. Stevens Church at Alhambra. The attendees were: Stevan Davidovich SSMC, Lana Puric SSMC, George Salata SSMC, Father Ceko WAD, Gene Bowan, WAD and Mike Jankovich WAD. All attendees clearly stated and understood that no one had any authority to make any decisions, or commitments upon the WAD or the SSMC. The results of this meeting would be provided to the respective boards for future action.

2. This meeting was requested by the SSMC as a result of a motion proposed by V. Rev Dusan Bunjevic at the SSMC annual meeting in July 2003 and approved by the membership. The motion required the SSMC Board to request a meeting of the WAD with the Bishop/Clergy present to find a ways to proceed with the development of the St. Sava Serbian Senior Village. The meeting started with review of notes prepared by Stevan Davidovich and Mike Jankovich.

3. The meeting proceeded to be a candid discussion and exchange by all participants regarding the problems facing the Jackson mission, development of the Village, its root causes and future goals. The meeting continued to 2:45pm. Prior to the close of the meeting, a phone call was made to Bishop Longin where we summarized our findings and suggestions. He was glad at our constructive work and passed on to us his blessings. The following represents the findings of the group and proposed actions to be reviewed by both boards.

4. **Joint Findings:**

- a. Both sides agree that the need for the Senior Village is **real** and needs to be developed. There is no disagreement over the current proposed location and size of the Village as defined in the approved Master Plan.
- b. The youth camp is in need of significant repairs. Current focus is on a new kitchen (for which a fund raiser is planned on 1 May), in addition to the replacement of tile floors, new gutters and the need for a new PA. This is not intended to be a complete list.
- c. The ability of the WAD to commit is limited by its uncertainty over the upcoming Bishop Assembly in Serbia and consequently who the new bishop for the diocese will be.
- d. Most significantly, a lack of trust exists between members of SSMC and WAD as evidenced by:
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 - i. Different interpretations of the facts surrounding the purchase of the campgrounds.
 - ii. Different understandings of the status regarding the SSMC transfer of 13 acres to Gracainica.
 - iii. Different impressions of SSMC review of WAD proposal for the SSMC to transfer interest in campgrounds for exchange for a ground lease to develop the Senior Village.
 - iv. SSMC concerns over the administrative handling of the current camp facilities.
 - v. WAD concerns over Village profitability and unawareness of Village business plans & status.
 - vi. Most damaging are:
 - a. WAD members who claim that the SSMC is ungodly and
 - b. SSMC members who claim that the WAD desires to destroy the SSMCBoth of these actions have offended and hurt god-fearing and god-loving members of both the WAD and SSMC who in many cases are members of both organizations.

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5. Proposed Actions:

- a. SSMC will read the WAD Feb 2004 proposal for a clear up/down vote at its July annual meeting.
- b. SSMC will update its Village business plan and provide a copy to the WAD & current drawings.
- c. This joint committee, co-chaired by Bishop Longin and the WAD Bishop be tasked to:
 - i. Promote rapid communication of issues between the WAD and the SSMC to discourage gossip and rumors that seem to infect both organizations.
 - ii. Review and maintain content of a joint web site that contains true information regarding the status and history of the campgrounds.
 - iii. Meet again on 14 Aug to review results of the SSMC Annual meeting and Bishop Assembly from Serbia regarding WAD Bishop status.
 - iv. Review and maintain a list of terms and conditions as they relate to the development of the Village ensuring that the interests of both the WAD and SSMC are protected.
- e. **Both Boards** will devise and implement **unilateral actions** of assistance to each other to demonstrate its commitment to improving trust between us for the best interests of the Serbian community in Western America. In order to obtain the maximum benefit, these actions must be promoted and reported publicly at SSMC's annual meeting in July and the WAD annual Diocesan Day in August.

Signed by the following servants of Christ:

Father Cheko

Gene Bowan

Michael Jankovich

Stevan Davidovich

Lana Puric

George Salata

Reviewed and blessed by: Bishop Longin