

Pastoralni Svet – Brezmadežna Čudodelne Svetinje (Toronto)

Pastoral Council – Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (Toronto)

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting #10 – February 28, 2011

Attendees:

Cvetka Andrejaš
Father Valentin Batič
Father Antonio Burja
Bernarda Čemas
Mojca Dimperio
Robert Ferkul
Marjeta Franc
Sonya Horvat
John Jereb
Sr. Kristina
Rozika Nesich
Paula Petersen
Milan Vinčec
Josephine Žilavec

Representing:

Church Secretary
Pastor
Associate Pastor
Cerkveni Zbor
Women's Choir (Naša Pesem)
Planika / Mladi Glas
Slovenian Apostolic Circle
Catechists
Usher / Bartenders
Sisters of Mary
Catholic Women's League
Scouts
Slovenian School
Nageljčki / Nagelj

| <u>No.</u> | <u>Discussion:</u> | <u>Action:</u> |
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| 1. | <u>Distribution of Agenda</u> An agenda was distributed to all attendees. A copy is attached. | Fr. Burja |
| 2. | <u>Opening Prayer</u> Fr. Batič began the meeting with a prayer and a commemoration of the 50 th Anniversary of our Parish. | Fr. Batič |
| 3. | <u>Previous Minutes</u> Milan Vincec reviewed the minutes of the last meeting held January 31, 2011. - Correction to previous minutes: Item #7 – Slovenian School will be having a “presentation” not an “open house”. - Follow-up to Yearbook Photos: One more final Sunday has been added (March 6). Some group photos still need to be taken (e.g. Hall cooks, Members of Slovenian Summer Camp) | Milan Vincec |
| 4. | <u>Spiritual Renewal</u> Fr. Gilles Mongeau, a professor at the University of Toronto, was contacted and has agreed to help with the Reconciliation Service. He is not available however for the 25 th of March, but can assist us on the 26 th , 27 th , and 28 th of March (Saturday – Monday). He also cannot stay late on the Saturday. The Plan is as follows: Friday evening – begins at 7:30. Everyone is invited. All groups should come together, wearing any representative outfits (if applicable). The theme of the night will be “The Miraculous Medal”, and as such medals will be handed out this evening only. Also a small memorial prayer card will be distributed. The presider of this evening is still to be determined (Mojca Dimperio will still try to get someone) Saturday – 11:00 a.m. service. This service will be a children’s service. All youth are encouraged to come. The service will be child-oriented with an opportunity for all to have confessions heard afterward. Father Mongeau will preside. Saturday – afternoon service. This service will be geared toward the adults but all are invited to join. Again, an opportunity for reconciliation will be available. Father Mongeau will preside. Sunday – 11:15 mass. Again all are invited and the groups are requested to come dressed in their respective outfits. The theme is “Coming Together as God’s Family” encouraging everyone to take a serious look at how we come together and why we come together. Father Mongeau will preside. Monday – 7:00 Service – Closing service with everyone coming together and then joining in at a reception in the hall after the service. Father Joseph MacDonald, due to his recovery from knee surgery, cannot preside however has offered to assist with the confessions. Bishop William McGrattan was invited to preside for the Friday evening, however he was not available. Mojca Dimperio has prepared the music for the weekend and has been | All |

informing the different groups to practice so that we can have a greater involvement.

A bulletin insert will be created for distribution at Sunday masses by Milan Vincec. Sonya Horvat will announce the service at the end of this Sunday's mass.

The reconciliation service will have two readings, a gospel reading, followed by a homily. Instead of petitions, an examination of conscience will be reviewed and then people can proceed to their confessions while music will softly be played. An attempt to have appropriate photos displayed on the overhead will be made. The final program is still to be worked out by Mojca (songs and overhead), Fr. Batič (with Fr. Mongeau), and Milan Vincec (Prayer cards).

5. 50th Anniversary Yearbook:

Rozika Nesich

The final picture day will be held on Sunday March 6th. Please contact all your groups and get the word out that the last opportunity to have pictures inserted in the yearbook is now.

The Yearbook committee is to start working on the compilation of the book. VIP letters have been requested (e.g. Dalton McGuinty).

Fr. Batič insisted that he and Rozi Nesich sit down with the photographers and outline exactly how they want the book organized.

All remaining comments to be associated with group photos are to be handed in as soon as possible. If they are not handed in the committee will have to write one on their behalf.

Celebration:

More details to come however a list should be made, comprised of VIPs that should be invited (long-standing parishioners, people that were baptized during that first year, etc.)

Video presentation – pictures still need to be put together, as well as a written history. Mario Smolej has a whole powerpoint presentation that he created about the Church farm and the parish. Perhaps he can provide some assistance. Danny Sustar also did a presentation when the dance group performed in Slovenia this past summer.

Milan Vincec and Cvetka Andrejaš will work on a banner to be displayed outside advertising our 50th Anniversary.

It has been confirmed that Bishop Tom Collins will be joining in our celebrations.

7. Upcoming Events Info.
- a. Easter Celebration – Bishop Bostjan Lenard, a Slovenian priest coming from Rome, will be our special guest.
- For the Good Friday service, it was agreed that a Veneration of the Cross will be done (after the prayers of the faithful). Two alter-servers will hold the cross and the parishioners will be asked to genuflect, turn and continue to their seats.
 - Reading of the Passion during the Slovenian mass has been traditionally done by the Slovenian School students. Because of past experiences where the children had stage-fright performing in front of so many people while reading in Slovenian, it was decided that adults comfortable with the Slovenian language will be asked to read instead. Fr. Batič will contact the people.
- b. First Communion Ceremony will be held on May 1, 2011. The ceremony will be organized by Fr. Batič, the teachers and the parents. Novi Rod will be singing.
- c. Confirmation Ceremony will be held on May 15. The ceremony will be at the 11:15 a.m. mass (despite traditionally already having the summer schedule at this time).
8. Next Meeting All
- Please be advised that the next meeting will be held on March 21, 2011 at 8:00 p.m.

These minutes have been prepared by:

Sonya Horvat

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AGENDA

Monday February 28th, 2011

1. Molitev / Prayers
2. Review of Previous Minutes
3. Spiritual Renewal – March 25 – 28, 2011-03-01
Printed plan of the retreat
4. 50th Anniversary Plans
 - a. Yearbook Progress
 - b. Celebratory Preparations
 - c. Video Presentation
5. Upcoming Events:
 - a. Church Easter Preparations
 - b. First Holy Communion
 - c. Confirmation Celebrations
6. Other
7. Next Meeting
8. Conclusion