

**Župniski Pastoralni Svet – Brezmadežna Čudodelne Svetinje (Toronto)**

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting #15 – June 13, 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  
Andrej Pahulje  
Cody Petersen  
Paula Petersen  
Milan Vinčec  
Millie Ulcar

Representing:

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

Regrets:

Laurie Ulcar

Children / Youth Choir (Novi Rod)

<b><u>No.</u></b>	<b><u>Discussion:</u></b>	<b><u>Action:</u></b>
1.	<u>Distribution of Agenda</u> Copy of the agenda was given to all attendees by Fr. Burja.	Info.
2.	<u>Opening Prayer</u> Fr. Burja began the meeting with a prayer. Also with a reminder that yesterday, June 12 <sup>th</sup> was the feast of the Pentecost (the birth of the church).	Fr. Burja
3.	<u>Previous Minutes</u> Milan Vincec reviewed the previous minutes. Correction made: Parish Pastoral Council / Župniski Pastoralni Svet.	Milan Vincec

4. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Plans – Hindsight Comments

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- a. We had neglected to tell the cooks that the program would start prior to dinner. As a result dinner was delayed.
- b. People were pleased with the program overall. Some presentations took too long. The church choir members left because the program went too long and they were tired. They also felt that people had had the opportunity to hear them at the mass prior to dinner. Fr. Zrnc also left because it was too late. It was suggested that if there was a dry run through the program we would have had a better understanding of what needed editing, what could have been altered, etc. Also the entire program started late due to everyone arriving later (mass and congestion at the door). Having the mass earlier would have helped.
- c. Clean-up – not enough people, only 4 ended up cleaning the hall, which had to be prepared for the events the next day.
- d. Pictures – many taken from the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, tried to include everything. There was interest expressed to have the pictures put on a CD so that people can purchase them. Perhaps that can be done and sold when the yearbook is distributed in the fall. Perhaps, another slide show can be provided when the church is blessed upon completion of the church renovations.
- e. Overall, an excellent job done given the busy schedule the church has had this spring.
- f. Comments were made about the price for the banquet. Some felt it should have been free, others felt \$50 could have been charged (50<sup>th</sup> anniversary), etc. Financial committee came to \$40.00 amount. Cooks charged more than they did for the confirmation luncheon. Participants (children) had free dinners as well.
- g. Cardinal Rode enjoyed himself. Said some very nice words near the end of the evening.
- h. Mass held on the Sunday, first few pews were empty. Low attendance at the mass. Bishop Collins had the mass, but still the numbers were not what we have for example at Easter. It was a very nice mass nonetheless.

5. Church Renovations

- a. Choir loft – Research was done as to what was the best way to do renovate the choir loft. Many different opinions were given. It was discussed that the organ be moved back, but fire codes would not allow it. It was then discussed that the organ be moved forward and that was dismissed. To move the organ now after Frank Nagode already framed where the organ will go will be very expensive. Everything is already built. Things can possibly be rearranged, however what is built has been built. The organ is positioned so that the organist can see everyone. Choir leader has a podium and the instruments can be on either side of the choir. Issue was to make

sure there is room for everyone. We still need to cover seats with cushions and cover the floor and walls. There will be two levels for the choir. Organ will be ready by the end of June.

- b. Rest of the church – only 1 or 2 people show up to work everyday, so progress is slow. Some pieces (e.g. stain glass inserts for the front of the church) came by UPS broken, so they need to be replaced. These glass inserts will be placed in the squares at the front of the Church. Also, 2 angel statues will be placed by the tabernacle, above at the middle will be a chalice with a host illuminated at the back. St. Vincent chapel – repair to the chapel itself, smaller alter (Holy Thursday, Good Friday – tabernacle can be placed there). Baptismal font – instead of little squares and cross, another symbol put into the marble. Discussions to perhaps raise the alter at the front. Green carpet will go out, runner will go up to the altar and across the back (try to get rid of as much carpet as possible because sound acoustics will be better).  
Most of the construction under way right now should be done by the end of the month.  
Statue of Jesus is done with Linden wood.

6. Summer Events:

June 18/19th – Scouts camping weekend

June 26th - Processija up at the Church Farm - (Corpus Christi) – as many groups as possible should be represented with their outfits, banners (if the have one), etc

July 3<sup>rd</sup> - Slovenia day – 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary – program at the Church farm in the afternoon.

July 31<sup>st</sup> - Sr. Kristina is leaving to go to Slovenia (to work at a old age home for retired priests). A good-bye will be said on July 31<sup>st</sup>

August 12 – Youth choir from Slovenia coming to perform.

Note: Naša Pesem went to Cleveland recently and the group there were interested in having a concert here. When someone would like to perform here they should contact the church to check for availability. It was suggested that it be arranged to have a few choirs come to perform at one joint concert (perhaps next year).

September 10 – Midland

September 26/27<sup>th</sup> - Baraga Weekend

7. Parish Council Elections

Should have something in September. People can vote in the church.

Suggestions: Each group should elect representatives and that list can be voted on.

Procedures should be followed as per our constitution. Some members will not be coming back.

E.g. No representative from the Slovenska Farma, Vincencija Conferenca

(Sr. Kristina, who is leaving, also represented them), others? We should first determine who should make up the council  
Minutes to be noted in the bulletin where they are available.  
A separate meeting to be held on September 12 to determine and organize the elections.

8. Fall Events

- a. Yearbook – a final committee to work on it, get it organized and sent off needs to be established. Josephine and Milan and Andy all offered. Franka Andersen also offered to help (she has experience with creating yearbooks). A run-through needs to be done to ensure that everything has been collected.
- b. Koticek - starts Monday after Thanksgiving. (Oct. 17)  
Scouts – will start September 26  
Slovenian School – Tentative start date – September 10  
Registrations for Sunday School (First Communion & Confirmation) – mid-September  
Mission / Retreat – next year – book early, need to discuss (to reserve people, etc.).

9. Next Meeting

Election discussion meeting to be held September 12 at 7:30.  
Next committee meeting to be held September 19 at 7:30.

10. Conclusion

Father Burja led the prayers. Mollitev za Domovino Slovenijo.

These minutes have been prepared by:  
Sonya Horvat

**PASTORALNI SVET / PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**Brezmadežna Čudodelne Svetinje / Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal**

**AGENDA**

Monday June 13, 2011

1. Molatev / Prayers
2. Review of Previous Minutes
3. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Hindsight comments
4. Church Renovations
  - a. Choir Loft
  - b. Completion
5. Summer Events
6. Parish Council Elections
7. Fall Events
  - a. Yearbook
  - b. Registrations for groups / school / Sunday School / etc.
8. Next Meeting
9. Conclusion

## **MOLITEV ZA DOMOVINO SLOVENIJO**

(14. – 22. Junij 2011)

O Bog, neskončna modrost,  
Ti vse čudovito urejaš in vodiš.  
Prosimo te za našo domovino Slovenijo.  
Daj pravo modrost možem in ženam,  
Ki so odgovorni za skupno blaginjo.  
Vsem državljanom pa daj poštenje,  
Da bosta vladala sloga in pravičnost  
Ter bomo živeli v miru in blagostanju.  
Obudi nam domovinsko ljubezen, Gospod.  
Na priprošnjo nebeške matere Marije  
Se nas usmili in nam pomagaj.  
Po Kristusu, našem Gospodu. Amen.