

Župniski Pastoralni Svet – Brezmadežna Čudodelne Svetinje (Toronto)

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

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting #16 – September 19, 2011

Attendees:

Father Valentin Batič
Father Antonio Burja
Robert Ferkul
Sonya Horvat
John Jereb
Sr. Mirta
Rozika Nesich
Andrej Pahulje
Paula Petersen
Milan Vinčec

Representing:

Pastor
Associate Pastor
Planika / Mladi Glas
Catechists
Ushers / Bartenders
Sisters of Mary
Catholic Women's League
Church Organist
Scouts
Slovenian School

Regrets:

Cvetka Andrejaš
Laurie Ulcar
Millie Ulcar

Church Office
Children / Youth Choir (Novi Rod)
Otroški Kotiček

<u>No.</u>	<u>Discussion:</u>	<u>Action:</u>
1.	<u>Opening Prayer</u> Fr. Burja began the meeting with a prayer with special attention to the upcoming '40 days for life' campaign.	Fr. Burja
2.	<u>Parish Council Elections:</u> a. Fr. Batič suggested that the council proceed with its present members and add members as we determine who is still needed in the council and who is best suited to those needs. When we determine what the council still needs we can invite qualified, interested candidates to an information session and then hold elections. Unlike the original committee members, who were selected by appointment (based on a representative for each church group), future members will be selected either by election or appointment. As such, no elections will be held this year since we are still within our first term.	All

- b. Council should have members who can work as greeters in the Church to help with greeting and meeting the needs of parish members as they arrive or leave masses.
3. Youth Ministry: All
- a. It was suggested that a Youth Ministry be initiated at our parish. The Toronto Archdiocese has a youth office who we can contact and inquire about a meeting to inform us on how best to begin the process and what it involves.
 - b. We have many young and dedicated youths (young adults) in our parish who can benefit our community with their involvement. This is an initiative that should be driven by the youth (use their ideas to determine their goals, etc.).
4. Church Renovations: All
- Although the exact date for the completion of the renovations is unknown, because the bulk of the work has been completed, it was discussed to have a blessing of the renovations done on Sunday, November 27th (also the Feast of the Miraculous Medal). We can invite Bishop Boissonneau or Archbishop Thomas Collins to perform the blessing.
5. Yearbook
- We are still awaiting two more letters from dignitaries in Slovenia. Publication will take 6 weeks so the pressure is on to have it completed. The new date is set of the Church Renovation blessing on November 27th. A notice will be provided in the bulletin to inform parishoners why the yearbook is not ready yet as it was expected to be distributed now in September.
6. Fall Events All
- a. Scouts – Meetings will commence after the Thanksgiving weekend.
 - b. Sunday School – Registrations will be taking place soon. Classes to begin after Thanksgiving. It was discussed again that an alternate day, instead of Sundays, be used to teach catechism classes as Sundays are very busy and it is difficult for the priests to visit the classes.
 - c. Sunday Coffee schedules – groups are to keep themselves informed of which weekend they are responsible for coffee to ensure that coffee will be served on a weekly basis.
7. Next Meeting All
- Next committee meeting to be held October 3rd at 7:30 p.m. Please contact Sonya Horvat by email or telephone if you cannot be present at the meetings.
8. Conclusion
- Father Burja led the prayers.

These minutes have been prepared by:
Sonya Horvat

