

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

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting #18 – November 4, 2011**

Attendees:

Cvetka Andrejaš  
Father Antonio Burja  
Robert Ferkul  
Sonya Horvat  
John Jereb  
Rozika Nesich  
Paula Petersen  
Milan Vinčec  
Josephine Žilavec

Representing:

Church Office  
Associate Pastor  
Planika / Mladi Glas  
Catechists  
Ushers / Bartenders  
Catholic Women's League  
Scouts  
Slovenian School  
Nageljčki / Nagelj

The meeting discussion was as follows:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Discussion:</u>	<u>Action:</u>
1.0	<u>Opening Prayer:</u> Fr. Burja began the meeting with a prayer.	Info.
2.0	<u>Review of Minutes:</u> Milan Vincec reviewed the minutes, with comments on the progress of each item reviewed as noted below.	Info.
3.0	<u>Yearbooks:</u> We are still working on the yearbooks. We are hoping for a release date of Christmas however it may well be sometime in the new year. We were waiting for some letters to be submitted however they have not yet been received. We will not set a cut-off date, after which we will proceed with the letters we have.	Info.
4.0	<u>Coffee Schedules:</u> The coffee schedule has been finalized and distributed to all the groups. There are times when coffee will not be available due to the hall rental. It was suggested to have coffee available in the small hall, however this is not practical.	Info.

- 5.0 Use of Church for Albanian Masses: Info.  
The Albanian community has begun celebrating weekly mass in our Church at 1:00 p.m. on Sundays. They have inquired about holding a Christmas Eve mass. In order to accommodate this request, our first Christmas Eve mass will be pushed up to 7:00 p.m. (Choir program will begin at 6:30). This will give them an opportunity to have mass at 9:30 p.m. and then we can have our midnight mass at 12:00. They are also interested in holding coffee on Sundays. They use the small house in the middle of the parking lot to hold their confirmation classes.
- 6.0 Youth: Info.  
Despite offers to the youth to sign up if they are in need of volunteer hours, no one signed up. Perhaps just by making them aware that volunteer opportunities exist here at the church, might make them consider helping here when the time arises.
- 7.0 Youth Group: Info.  
Held a movie night. Six youths showed up. This was a good start. The leaders have many ideas and are hoping that more involvement will be gained over time. They will try to hold other events as well. The Youth Group is also planning to start preparations for a trip to celebrate World Youth Day in Rio DeJenario in 2013. These preparations will start in 2013 and will focus on youths between the ages of 13 – 30.
- 8.0 New Mass Liturgy: Info.  
A note was provided in the bulletin regarding the new songs and responses for the mass. These changes will also be provided on the overhead screen, with pew cards from the archdiocese as well as a copy of the pew cards to be provided in the bulletin with a notice to all to be aware of the new changes. The new liturgy will start on November 27<sup>th</sup> (first day of Advent) when Bishop Boissonneau will be celebrating the mass at our parish. He has also inquired about how we have prepared for the new mass. Rozi Nesich will not be here on this day. The parents of the group Nagelj will help out.
- 9.0 Status of the Priests: Info.  
a. Father Batic has returned from his pilgrimage. It went well however he is presently under the weather.  
b. Father Burja is leaving for Argentina for three weeks.  
c. Father Plazar's surgery went well. He is at Dom Lipa recovering. He can celebrate mass, however he cannot do it alone.

- 10.0 Fr. Plazar's 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations: Info.  
 It was suggested that we ask the parishioners to contribute some sweets as well as get a birthday cake to be offered with coffee in the hall after each of the masses. A notice will also be placed in the bulletin both for the request for sweets as well as to inform people of this milestone.
- 11.0 Church Renovations: Info.  
 Work is ongoing. Some contractors have not come back and are not returning our phone calls, which is causing delays in the work completion. The blessing will still take place on November 27<sup>th</sup> despite not reaching final completion.  
 Other issues have also come up including the lack of heat in the coat room and kitchens.
- 12.0 Council Elections: Info.  
 No movement on this issue to date.  
 We moved into a discussion on the need for the council to have a purpose (similar to our focus last year on the retreat) such as the youth group. We then discussed how to find ways to increase participation / attendance at our church. Perhaps a survey?  
 It was also brought up that perhaps we can sell postcards of our church. When visitors come to our church we have nothing to offer/sell them as mementos or to provide them with information on the history of our church.
- 13.0 Christmas Masses: Info.  
 Any plans for programs for the Christmas season must be relayed to Fr. Batic as soon as possible. Laurie Ulcar who in the past has coordinated the choir program, etc. for Christmas Even mass will be asked if she is planning anything this year (Fr. Burja or Paula Petersen will inquire).
- 14.0 Upcoming Events: Info.  
 a. December 4 – Scout Mass; also Enrolment Mass for the Confirmation Students  
 b. December 4 – Slovenian School will be holding Miklavž.  
 c. December 11 – Božicnica.  
 d. December 12 – Scouts will be holding their annual Christmas concert at Dom Lipa.
- 15.0 Next Meeting: Milan  
 Our next meeting will be held on December 5 at 8:07 p.m. Vincec
- 16.0 Conclusion: Info.  
 Fr. Burja led the prayers.

These minutes have been prepared by:  
 Sonya Horvat