

Župniski Pastoralni Svet – Brezmadežna Čudodelne Svetinje (Toronto)
Parish Pastoral Council – Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (Toronto)

MEETING MINUTES
Meeting #20 – January 9, 2012

Attendees:

Father Valentin Batič
Father Antonio Burja
Bernarda Čemas
Robert Ferkul
Sonya Horvat
John Jereb
Helen Lavrisa
Rozika Nesich
Andrej Pahulje
Paula Petersen
Laurie Ulcar
Milan Vinčec
Josephine Žilavec
Gloria Žižek

Representing:

Pastor
Associate Pastor
Cerkveni Zbor
Planika / Mladi Glas
Catechists
Ushers / Bartenders
Readers
Catholic Women's League
Church Organist
Scouts
Novi Rod
Slovenian School
Nageljčki / Nagelj
Naša Pesem

Regrets:

Cvetka Andrejaš

Church Office

The meeting discussions were as follows:

- | <u>No.</u> | <u>Discussion:</u> | <u>Action:</u> |
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| 1.0 | <u>Opening Prayer:</u>
Fr. Burja began the meeting with a prayer.
Milan Vincec welcomed everyone back and wished everyone well for the New Year. | Info. |
| 2.0 | <u>Review of Minutes:</u> The following comments were made <ol style="list-style-type: none">With regards to the Christmas Masses, it was discussed to have the first mass moved up to 6:00 p.m. instead of 8:00 p.m. (a successful change made in Hamilton) and the regular midnight mass would instead take place at 10:00. The Albanians would have the option of having a midnight mass, as attendance for our midnight mass this year was very low. This can be discussed in more detail in the fall.Fr. Batic suggested that the mass should end with a song that is known to all parishioners ("Ljudsko petje"), to encourage their involvement in singing so as to leave the church with a joyous heart. | Info. |

- 2.0 (con't)
- c. Responsibility Sheet – When tasks or undertakings are discussed, we should be sure to assign people to fulfill these tasks so that they do not remain incomplete or undone until the next meeting.
 - d. Volunteers to do readings for the masses have contacted the office. We are especially in need of volunteers for the first mass on Sundays.
 - e. Yearbook – Due to the busy holiday schedule, and waiting for specific letters to come in, the yearbook was delayed but work will continue again now. No firm completion date yet.
 - f. Albanian Mass – We have opened our doors to our fellow Catholic members and we should be sure to be welcoming and friendly. Some responses to them have not been so, this should change and remember that we are all members of God's family.

3.0 Communication:

Info.

There seems to be an overwhelming consensus that events and information is not being communicated well within the church despite notices being placed, etc. It was suggested that larger notices in more visible places be provided (this would be helpful regarding church hall events).

4.0 Mission – March 23 – 25 (Friday – Sunday)

Laurie
Ulcar,
Paula
Petersen,
Milan
Vincec,
Gloria
Zizek, and
John Jereb

- Will we hold a reconciliation service? Not good to have it on a Saturday afternoon – people will not come (only those that come to mass). Options are to have it late Saturday night, or Friday. An opportunity for people to examine themselves, and how they interact with others. It is to move you, to open up, to examine what reconciliation is all about. We should consider ambiance, music, and other things to help people relax and thoroughly examine their conscience.
- Suggestions for guest speakers include: Dr. Simone (can talk about injustice in the world; John Likozar (Companions of the Cross).
- Theme Suggestions – (1) An appreciation of the sacramental life, within the world church? (2) “Justice in love” (balance between the heart and the mind). Dr. Simone can talk about what he deals with, what challenges he has, the types of responses he gets. We can ask for donations when he speaks.
- Laurie Ulcar, Paula Petersen, Milan Vincec, Gloria Zizek, and John Jereb have volunteered to help organize this event.
 - Their first meeting has been planned for January 25th @ 6:30.
- Focus is to get people aged 30 – 50. Those who should be actively involved in bringing their children. Perhaps we can get other volunteers (e.g. Mrs. Chris Genorio) to help. If we invite the parents (age 30 – 50) we can get through to everyone.

- 5.0 Lenten and Easter Preparations: Info.
- Spovednice / Confessionals – it is good for the elderly or for those in a wheelchair, but then people wait on the other side. People do not like to sit right in front of the priest. When only one side is available (because of the privacy screen), confessions take a lot of time.
- Masses will be as usual.
- 6.0 Constitution Review Info.
- We need to ensure that all groups are represented. Includes people with other skills as well.
- We need to enrich the life of the people. The experience of the church. We have the different groups, but we do not have a liturgical committee or an alter committee (to take care of the church). We need to have people understand how to prepare for Sundays. To enjoy what is being offered. We are lacking in this (but it is not just our church). We have been spoiled because the sisters do a lot in the church.
- Further discussions about the Constitution, election of members, etc. will be held on a future date.
- 7.0 Next Meeting: Info.
Our next meeting will be held on February 6 at 8:15. The Agenda will include:
- Structure and content of the Mission – outline of the schedule
- 8.0 Conclusion: Info.
We concluded with prayers.

These minutes have been prepared by:
Sonya Horvat