

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

MEETING MINUTES
Meeting #23 – April 23, 2012

Attendees:

Father Valentin Batič
 Father Antonio Burja
 Robert Ferkul
 Sonya Horvat
 John Jereb
 Sr. Mirta
 Andrej Pahulje
 Paula Petersen
 Laurie Ulcar
 Milan Vinčec
 Josephine Žilavec
 Gloria Žižek

Representing:

Pastor
 Associate Pastor
 Planika / Mladi Glas
 Catechists
 Ushers / Bartenders
 Sisters of Mary
 Church Organist
 Scouts
 Novi Rod
 Slovenian School
 Nageljčki / Nagelj
 Naša Pesem

Regrets:

Cvetka Andrejaš
 Rozika Nesich

Church Office
 Catholic Women's League

The meeting discussions were as follows:

<u>No.:</u>	<u>Discussion:</u>	<u>Action:</u>
1.0	<u>Opening Prayer</u> Fr. Burja began the meeting with prayers. Our focus was on vocations.	Info.
2.0	<u>Review of Minutes:</u> A brief summary of the minutes of the last meeting was made.	Sonya Horvat
3.0	<u>Church Retreat Assessment</u> a. The execution of the retreat was great. The music, the program, the slides, etc. worked out really well. Congratulations Laurier Ulcar for a well-planned event. b. It was suggested that perhaps attendance was not as great was due to the timing of the retreat. Friday evenings, for example, may be difficult for younger people who have jobs to attend, or parents who are tired after a week of work. Fr. Batic suggested perhaps having the retreat over a series of Sundays instead (perhaps 3 Sundays).	

3.0 (con't)	<p>c. Despite large numbers on the Sunday, the retreat coincided with the Dom Lipa banquet.</p> <p>d. A discussion was had about carrying out a survey to inquire why people are not coming, how we can attract them to the retreat (e.g. what days would be good; how we can reach particular age groups; what do people want from our church, what do they need from their church; how can we help them get this). We can then build programs out of that information. This can be done by email (more details below)</p> <p>e. A positive fact that has come out of this retreat was that some people were definitely touched by the weekend and are interested in future retreats.</p> <p>f. We know that people like to get together as is evidenced by the success of the coffee sales turnout.</p> <p>f. We need to book next year's retreat now, as well as start planning for speakers, etc.</p>	
4.0	<p><u>Survey:</u></p> <p>a. It was discussed to hold a survey. Questions would be asked and determine our plans based on this survey. The survey can be emailed or handed out in church.</p> <p>b. Questions will need to be determined first. Everyone can try to submit approx. five (5) questions to Sonya Horvat for collection and we can decide from what has been submitted by the next meeting, which questions can be on the survey. Questions should be mostly multiple-choice questions so that we will be limited in the possible answers.</p> <p>c. We should attempt to collect people's emails so that notices, announcements, etc. can be emailed to people. Perhaps an announcement page can be included on the church website, announcing passings, etc. so that people are informed.</p>	Sonya Horvat
5.0	<p><u>Elections:</u></p> <p>a. Laurie Ulcar has announced that she will no longer be leading the children's choir and will therefore not be a part of the council either. She is looking for a replacement to lead the choir at this time.</p> <p>b. Sonya Horvat has also announced that she can no longer commit to being present for every meeting and therefore is resigning her post as secretary for the Parish Council. She would still like to be a part of the Council but because of new commitments cannot guarantee her presence for every meeting.</p> <p>c. An announcement can be made in church for people whose skills are required on the council to volunteer to be a part of it. Perhaps each church group can suggest someone to represent their interests. We should also try to have different age groups represented. We should encourage others to be a part of the council.</p>	<p>Laurie Ulcar</p> <p>Sonya Horvat</p> <p>All</p>

6.0	<p><u>Children's Liturgy:</u> We can look into having a weekly children's liturgy in the church again. It was done many years ago but was stopped because complaints arose that the children's return caused too much of a disruption during the mass.</p>	
7.0	<p><u>Summer Events:</u> a. Dom Lipa – Each church group should be contacted about getting volunteers for the Walk-a-thon as well as sponsoring walkers. Security of the forms was discussed with agreement that forms should be numbered (perhaps even scanned). b. Mother/Daughter Meeting – to be held on May 11th at 7:30 p.m. in the church hall. c. First Communion will be celebrated by 12 children on May 6th. d. Corpus Christi Procession at the Church Farm to be held on June 10. Everyone is invited to attend, including people in Slovenian costumes and girls who celebrated their first holy communion.</p>	All
8.0	<p><u>Albanians:</u> Have requested that the closet in the back of the church where the baskets for the Sunday collection are held be left unlocked so that they can access these baskets. Reminders will be provided to the ushers of the English mass to collect the money and deliver it directly to the priest after the mass.</p>	
9.0	<p><u>Next Meeting:</u> Our next meeting will be held on Monday, May 28th at 7:30 p.m. The agenda will include: - Discussion about the survey questions submitted (to Sonya Horvat) - Names of suggested new members, especially for new secretary. - Names of suggested people qualified to lead the children's choir.</p>	All

These minutes have been prepared by:
Sonya Horvat