

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

Parish Council Mission Statement

*To enhance and develop the spiritual well-being for each parishioner,
Individually, as well as part of the community, through liturgy, evangelization,
Good news and charitable works.*

MEETING MINUTES
Meeting #25 – June 18, 2012

Attendees:

Cvetka Andrejaš
Father Antonio Burja
Robert Ferkul
Sonya Horvat
John Jereb
Rozika Nesich
Andrej Pahulje
Paula Petersen
Gloria Žižek

Representing:

Church Office
Associate Pastor
Planika / Mladi Glas
Catechists
Ushers / Bartenders
Catholic Women's League
Church Organist
Scouts
Naša Pesem

Regrets:

Father Valentin Batič
Milan Vinčec

Pastor
Slovenian School

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 the Holy Spirit.	Info.
2.0	<u>Review of Minutes:</u> A brief summary of the minutes of the last meeting was provided. a. Vulnerable Sector Screening – as required by the Archdiocese for all employees / volunteers who are working with children and who hold access keys to areas of the parish. Rozika Nesich will be contacting the Archdiocese for the necessary forms. Each parish group can already inform their members that this will be required.	Sonya Horvat Rozika Nesich / All
3.0	<u>Parish Council Members</u> a. A notice will be placed in the church bulletin for available positions in the parish council (e.g. new secretary / youth representative). This notice can also be emailed to all the church groups.	All

- 4.0 Church Schedule Info.
- a. In order to keep the parishioners better informed of events going on and being planned in the parish, Boris Ulcar, who maintains the parish website, will be contacted to inquire about a scheduling program that can be included on the website for these events. This schedule would include information on all events such as coffee schedules, choir schedules, luncheons, banquets, etc.
- 5.0 Yearbook: Info.
- a. The new release date is set for October, 2012.
- 6.0 Retreat: Info.
- a. In the search for guest speakers, Fr. Allan Macdonald and Sr. Mary Babic have informed us that they are unable to assist us at this time. A chaplain at York University has been contacted; we are waiting to hear back from him. Someone from Sisters of Life (in the previous minutes this group was referred to as Sisters of Light incorrectly) has yet to be contacted to come and speak.
- b. Others being considered at this time are: Fr. Gilles Mongeau and possibly a deacon of Slovenian descent (name not yet provided).
- 7.0 Survey: Info.
- a. Objective of the survey – to address who our audience in the church is; if the church is addressing their needs; what can be done to better meet their needs.
- b. Once this objective is determined, we can act to ensure better participation in our parish.
- c. The survey is to acquire this information by requesting people’s feedback on carefully selected questions; confidential replies can be garnered via internet or hand written responses.
- d. Questions have been collected from various parish council members and each question was reviewed. A summary of questions we have so far has been included as an attachment to these minutes.
- e. More questions can be found in the parish council guidebook and possibly from other similar surveys done by other parishes (e.g. St. Vitus – Cvetka Andrejaš will inquire for a copy).
- f. Boris Ulcar will be contacted to see if the survey can be done via a link from the church website.
- 8.0 Mission Statement: All
- It was decided that the Parish Council Mission Statement to be included on all minutes to help focus our attention to our purpose.

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Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, September 24th at
7:30 p.m.

All

These minutes have been prepared by:

Sonya Horvat

Church Survey Questions

Objective: to address who our audience in the church is; if the church is addressing their needs; what can be done to better meet their needs.

General:

1. How old were you when you first attended mass at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal?
0 – 13 14 – 25 26 – 50 50+
2. Is your heritage Slovenian? Y N
3. Do you attend other parishes? Y N
4. Do you/family come to OLMM to remain close to/part of the Slovenian community/activities?
How often do you/family go to church & where & why?
5. Would you consider yourself as actively practicing your faith? Y N

Participation:

1. How often do you attend mass at OLMM?
Weekly Monthly Religious Holidays Other
2. How often do you attend events held at OLMM?
Weekly Monthly Occasionally
3. Did you participate in the Easter Retreat? Y N
4. Do you sing with the choir when the words are displayed on the screen? Y N
5. Do you visit the church hall for coffee after mass on a regular basis? Y N
6. Would you attend more frequently if you knew there would be visiting priests? Y N
7. Do you know of any priests who can assist us with mass at our church?
Yes No Name & Parish
8. Would you like to know the theme of the homily prior to mass? Y N
9. Are you aware that missals of daily / weekly readings can be purchased? Y N
10. My spiritual needs are being met Y N Occasionally
11. I am aware of all the activities happening at the church Y N Occasionally

Support:

1. Do you donate to the Church?
Weekly Monthly One Time Other
2. Would you donate to the church if you could pay via credit card? Y N

Schedule:

1. Do you like the mass schedule? Y N
2. What time would be convenient for you to attend?
8:15 9:45 11:15
3. Did you know that the church has a summer mass schedule? Y N
8:30 10:00 Masses at Slovenian Summer Camp (and other camps)

Communications:

1. Are you able to get the information you require when you call the church office? Y N
2. Do you use the website for parish information? Y N Occasionally
3. To what extent do you believe the pastor to be carrying out his responsibilities, including those of teaching (including preaching), administering, and promoting the sanctification of our Parish? Are there areas that you believe to be in special need of improvement?
4. To what extent do the Parish Administrative and religious education staff meet your needs. What suggestions would you make to improve their service?

Active Participation:

1. If you have young children, would you let them participate in Children's Liturgy during last mass?
2. Have you thought about hosting an event in our church hall? Y N
3. Are you interested in learning how to arrange flowers for the church? Y N
4. Do you have a teenager who is looking to do some volunteer hours for school? Y N
5. Are you aware of the different groups and organizations within our parish such as the pastoral council, prayer groups, Mission group, etc.?

Moving Forward:

1. What changes would you like to see at OLMM?
2. Would you like to receive communications on future events via email from OLMM? Y N
3. What other services would you like to see offered at our parish?
4. Do you have any suggestions for improving our Religious Education programs for children and teens?
5. Would you participate in adult Religious Education opportunities if they were offered? What kinds of adult opportunities would attract you? What would be the most convenient times?
6. On a scale of 1 – 10 (1 measuring low or little, 10 measuring high or great)
 - a. How important is your faith to you at this time in your life?
 - b. Do you consider going to church an important part of your faith?
 - c. Do you read the bible?
 - d. Do you consider receiving the sacraments important?
 - e. Do you receive communion regularly?
 - f. Do you observe religious holy days?
 - g. Do you go to church when on vacation?
 - h. Do you pray?
 - i. Do you consider God to be a part of your life?
 - j. Do you actively express your faith during elections?
 - k. Has the sex scandals in the Church shaken your faith?
 - l. Do you have confidence in the Church's magistry?
 - m. Do you believe practicing your faith personally (i.e. not going to Church, receiving the sacraments, etc.) and living a "Christian" life the best way for you to be a Catholic?
 - n. Would you consider yourself a "cafeteria" Christian (believe only in some things the Catholic Church is teaching but not everything)?
 - o. Do you consider the teachings of the Catholic Church to be too strict?
 - p. Have you abandoned going to Church because of the feeling of not being able to live up to how the Church teaches you to live your life?
 - q. Do you feel judged when going to Church?
 - r. Do you feel welcomed when going to Church?
 - s. Are you active in your community? (In doing charitable works?)
 - t. If yes, is that activity activated / enhanced by your faith?
7. What would you change about the Church today?
8. Do you feel the Church is helping you grow in faith or are you feeling more and more distant from the Church?
9. Do you believe the Catholic Church is an important (in fact vital) part of maintaining / promoting the moral order in the world?