

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

September 23, 2013

Attendees:

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

Representing:

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

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 to the Holy Spirit and a Memorare of St. Bernard.	Info.
2.0	<u>Review of Minutes:</u> a. Request for volunteers from the Slovenian School was to be made. b. Discussion of asking youth, via survey, to find out what they would like to see happen at the church to entice them to participate more in the church. c. Youth Mass at Merciful Redeemer coming up.	Paula Petersen
3.0	<u>Parish Council Members</u> a. A new representative for the choir (Naša Pesem) is being sought. Paula mentioned that she would bring it to their attention.	Paula Petersen

- 4.0 Year of Faith Info.
 This has been celebrated all year. It will be coming to an end at the end of November. The Archdiocese will be letting us know what the next year will be for.
- 5.0 Surveys: Info.
 We have been discussing having surveys done for a long time. Perhaps it would serve our purposes better if we just have a suggestion box with the understanding that not all suggestions will be considered.
- 6.0 Church Schedule Fr. Batic
 a. Considerations: start regular year masses 15 minutes earlier than they start now (i.e. 8:00 a.m.; 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. English). Saturday mass would be changed to 5:00 p.m.
 b. Another suggestion was made to change the English mass from the last one to an earlier mass time (i.e. at 9:30), resulting in the Slovenian masses at both 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (Saturday mass would remain in Slovenian).
 b. This mass schedule would be effective for the winter (regular year) mass times only.
 c. Approval will depend on Fr. Batic. Any mass change decision will need to be made by November when the printing of the new year bulletins are designed and ordered.
- 6.0 Mass for Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal: Info.
 a. The Feast of the Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal falls on November 27 each year. Unfortunately we have not been able to celebrate a mass for this feast on a Sunday (we do celebrate it during the week) because of the other celebrations during this time (i.e. Advent or Christ the King). It was suggested that we regularly celebrate this feast day on the second last Sunday of the church year (this year that would fall on November 17th). The church can then offer coffee and donated baked goods in the hall after the masses.
 b. Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal medals can be distributed (or mass cards). Other considerations to make the day more special can also be made.
- 7.0 Events Calendar: Info.
 a. Will be posted in the foyer. It was suggested that a copy of all future events be provided in the bulletin so that people can plan ahead.
 b. Format of the events calendar can be decided. Both the Slovenian Parishes and the Krek Credit Union have an events calendar that can be adopted.

- 7.0 (con't) c. Some upcoming events include:
- October 27 – Mission Sunday (Tombola to be held)
 - November 2 – Slovenian puppet show, hosted by a group from Slovenia. Time has not yet been determined.
 - Most church organizations to be begin after Thanksgiving (e.g. church choir, confirmation classes, communion classes, etc.)
 - New Year’s Dance is again being planned.
- 8.0 Year of the Faith: Info.
 The Year of the Faith will be concluded at the end of the church year (November 24th). No plans yet to do anything special. Should something be done?
 No news yet on what the next church year will be dedicated to.
- 9.0 Alter Servers Sonya Horvat / All
 A request for alter servers can be made including any volunteers who are now registering for confirmation classes. A suggestion can also be made to first communion students shortly before their first communion (to let them know of the opportunity).
- 10.0 Sunday Coffee All
 People are noticing that the prices for donuts, etc. are not always the same every Sunday. All groups should adhere to a previously issued price list to avoid confusion from week to week.
- 11.0 Next Meeting Info.
 The next parish council meeting will be held on October 15th at 7:00. Please note that this is a Tuesday, and an exception. Future meetings will be held on Mondays.

These minutes have been prepared by:

Sonya Horvat