

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

November 18, 2013

Attendees:

Father Valentin Batič
Father Antonio Burja
Robert Ferkul
Sonya Horvat
John Jereb
Rozika Nesich
Andrej Pahulje
Paula Petersen
Milan Vinčec

Representing:

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

Regrets:

Cvetka Andrejaš
Josephine Žilavec

Church Office
Nageljčki / Nagelj

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. Prayers were for the priests and those called to the spiritual vocation.	Info.
2.0	<u>Review of Minutes:</u> a. Need for additional parish members. b. Results of Church Schedule changes. c. Future events – see below	Sonya Horvat
3.0	<u>Parish Council Members</u> – results a. Despite invitations for new members, no new members for the parish council have been named. Despite interest in participating in church events, people rather volunteer their time than participate in council activities. Milan Vinčec and Paula Petersen can act as contacts for the readers and Naša Pesem choirs respectively as well.	Info.

- 3.0 (con't) b. Announcements can still be made in the church to let people know that they are welcome to attend meetings if they are interested in helping to guide how the council can contribute more meaningfully to the congregation in building their faith. A suggestion box is still being considered.
- 4.0 Year of Faith Info.
This special Year of Faith is ending next Sunday. The growing of the faith is always needed.
- 5.0 Church Schedule Info.
a. As a result of the survey, the church mass times have been changed for Sundays, Saturday evening, and Friday evening masses.
b. Of the responses, despite having over 200 people provide their input, it still means that many voices were not heard. This may have been as a result of the short time frame or because people forgot / had no interest in submitting their responses. As a lesson moving forward, we all agreed that having short survey time frames is most likely the best way to encourage people to respond and respond quickly.
c. Due to Fr. Batič being away and the urgency in implementing the mass schedule (had to start with the switch from summer to winter schedule made after Thanksgiving) the changes in the schedule was not given final approval by the pastor. In the future, all changes are to be approved in advance by the pastor.
- 6.0 Youth Ministry Info.
The Archdiocese of Toronto is planning a youth ministry some time in early summer, 2014. Its focus will be on regenerating the faith in young people today and encouraging them back to the church. We can try to build on this in our own church and make plans to build a group of youths to go together to this event. More discussions will be made in the future when we have more details.
- 7.0 Christmas: Info.
a. Movie Night – we would like to have a showing of the movie *Mary of Nazareth*. Plans are tentative to hold the movie in the church on December 15th (depending on how well it would show on the screen). Otherwise another date will need to be arranged to screen it in the hall on the larger screen (dates are limited due to hall schedule).
b. Confessions: Fr. MacDonald can be here on December 15th and 22nd to hear confessions in the church.
c. Missionary Fr. Jože Planinšek will be here December 20 – 24.
d. Church decorating – volunteers have come forward to help decorate the church. Tentative plans to do this are for December 19th or 20th. Christmas trees will arrive on the week of the 16th.

- 8.0 Christmas Eve Mass Schedule Info.
- a. 7:30 Youth choir (Milan Vinčec) will perform
 - b. 8:00 Family Mass
 - c. 9:30 Church Choir (Andrej Pahulje) will perform
 - d. 10:00 Christmas Vigil Mass (Slovenian)
 - e. 12:00 midnight (Albanian mass)
- Youth will again be invited to participate in the live manger performance at 7:30. Students from confirmation and communion classes will be invited to join.
- 9.0 Events Calendar: Info.
- a. We have the new Calendar for this Pastoral Year and it was given to the Parishioners with the bulletin. Is also in the Website.
 - b. Calendar did not provide a date for the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas gathering held every year. It is now being planned for December 28th afternoon in the church hall.
- 10.0 Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Feast Day Info.
- This event was well attended and was nice to celebrate the Feast on the Sunday Masses. Many people also showed up in the hall for the free coffee / tea and sweets. It was also well attended after the English mass.
- 11.0 New Year's Dinner Info.
- So far ticket sales have been slow. Send the word out for people to start buying their tickets. Unless we have at least 200 people, future celebrations for New Year's may be in jeopardy.
- 12.0 Next Meeting
- The next parish council meeting will be held on January 13th, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

These minutes have been prepared by:

Sonya Horvat