

**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**

**January 13, 2014**

Attendees:

Father Valentin Batič  
Father Antonio Burja  
Robert Ferkul  
Sonya Horvat  
Rozika Nesich  
Paula Petersen  
Milan Vinčec

Representing:

Pastor  
Associate Pastor  
Planika / Mladi Glas  
Catechists  
Catholic Women's League  
Scouts  
Slovenian School

The meeting discussions were as follows:

<b><u>No.:</u></b>	<b><u>Discussion:</u></b>	<b><u>Action:</u></b>
1.0	<u>Opening Prayer</u>	Info.
2.0	<u>Review of Minutes:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Comments about Christmas included:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Attendance at masses were lower than usual. This was also attributed to the bad weather.</li><li>ii. Volunteers who helped with decorating the church was greatly appreciated (included guests who came in from Ottawa). It was nice to have the entire church decorated not just the front. Be sure to have Christmas trees that do not drop many needles in the future (e.g. fir trees).</li><li>iii. The live manger scene and wonderful work by the choirs helped make a wonderful Christmas celebration come to life.</li><li>iv. Guest priest Fr. Jozef Planišek was delighted to see how the Slovenian culture continues to grow at our parish.</li><li>v. Guest priest Fr. Joe MacDonald was able to hear confessions (but only one week due to a cold).</li></ul></li><li>b. New Year's Banquet – Attendance, as feared, was low (165 people – some cancelled day before, some failed to show). For all the effort and preparation, having an attendance goal of around 200 makes having the event worthwhile.</li></ul>	Sonya Horvat

- 3.0 Hall Rental Info.
- a. It was discussed that we should be charging an insurance fee when renting the hall to cover any possibility of liability, especially when event organizers are serving alcohol.
- 4.0 Polka Mass Info.
- a. Luncheon will be held this year on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Meeting to be held this Wednesday to discuss details. It was discussed that perhaps the Slovenian school students can create posters. Rozi will contact the choir to let them know if they are to participate.
  - b. Latest Information: Polka Mass will be held at 11:00 mass; followed by the luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Tickets for the luncheon can be purchased at the church office (\$30.00 for adults; \$20.00 for students, 9 – 18 years; \$5.00 for children, 3 – 8 years).
- 5.0 Youth Ministry Info.
- The Archdiocese of Toronto is planning a youth ministry weekend for July 4 – 6. This event is held in different cities where youth and young adults participate in prayer, praise and reflection. We would like some youth from our parish to go. We can perhaps help them with the registration cost (\$275). It is hoped that participants can then bring back ideas on how to help reinvigorate the faith in the youth in our parish. Registrations need to be made soon as tickets are already 70% sold (as per Toronto Archdiocese website – Jan. 17).
- 6.0 Re-Learning our Faith Info.
- We briefly discussed how we can help our own parishioners re-learn the basics of our faith. It is a concern than many do not really know about their faith. It was discussed that perhaps this can be incorporated into the homilies each week. Fr. Batic commented that a re-examination on how to prepare for homilies was also discussed at a meeting of priests recently.
- 7.0 Movie Night Milan Vincec
- Movie night prior to Christmas went well. We would like to have another one. Suggestion was for the evening of Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Movie to still be determined.
- 8.0 Lenten Services Info.
- a. We would like to again invite a guest priest (Fr. Kennedy, or Fr. Wosack) to speak at the English masses (March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and April 6<sup>th</sup>). Focus will be on the purpose of the Lenten season: reconciliation, mysteries of Easter (suffering, death, resurrection).
  - b. Fr. Joe MacDonald would be happy to hear confessions.

- 9.0      Events Calendar:      Info.
- a. Polka Mass – February 9<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Scouts Banquet – January 25<sup>th</sup>
  - c. Ash Wednesday – March 5
  - d. Easter – April 20<sup>th</sup>
- 10.0      Church Information      Info.
- a. People can provide offertory amounts at any time, that is, weekly, monthly, yearly.
  - b. Masses for loved ones can be requested by email as well as in person.
  - c. Masses can be dedicated for various permitted reasons. Parishioners can go to the church office to make their requests.
- 11.0      Next Meeting      Info.
- The next parish council meeting will be held on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

These minutes have been prepared by:

Sonya Horvat