

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

May 11, 2015

Attendees:

Father Valentin Batič
Robert Ferkul
Sonya Horvat
John Jereb
Rozika Nesich
Paula Petersen
Milan Vinčec

Representing:

Pastor
Planika / Mladi Glas
Catechists
Ushers / Bartenders
Catholic Women's League
Toronto Slovenian Explorers
Slovenian School

The meeting discussions were as follows:

| <u>No.:</u> | <u>Discussion:</u> | <u>Action:</u> |
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| 1.0 | <u>Opening Prayer</u> | Info. |
| 2.0 | <u>Fulfilling our Core Ministries</u> OLMM is striving to meet its commitments to the core ministries as outlined by the archdiocese. Some of these include: a) Vocations in the Church b) Welcoming Committee (see below) c) Eucharistic Devotions – these are regularly held at our parish. d) May Devotions – are done in Slovenian only e) Corpus Christi Eucharistic Adoration – presently done in Slovenian only, perhaps we can explore the option of doing it in English as well. | Info. |
| 3.0 | <u>Welcoming Committee</u> We should explore the idea of having a welcoming committee in our church to welcome people as they enter the church, making announcements in church, encouraging communication between parishioners. Presently some of the singers/ushers welcome people as the mass begins, but we can look into having volunteers to greet people as they come in, assist with questions, etc. | Info. |

- 4.0 Eucharistic Adorations Info.
 In order to continue our core ministry for Eucharistic Adorations, and our continued efforts to reach out to the youth in our parish, it was suggested that different youth groups can have some kind of adoration before or after their meetings to help strengthen their faith. Another suggestion was to do this on Sundays, but this may not attract those youth that do not attend mass at our parish.
- 5.0 Corpus Christi All Groups
 Corpus Christi procession will be held at the church farm on Sunday, June 7th. Notice has already been provided in the church bulletin, and will continue up until the 7th. All groups are asked to participate. Leaders should inform their groups and where possible, people are invited to wear their nošas, first communion gowns, explorer outfits, etc.
 Also, a request will be made for people to donate flower petals to be dispersed along the route.
- 6.0 Family of Faith Info.
 So far we have about a 10% participation rate. Although we have far exceeded our goal with those that have participated or have promised to participate, a large amount of parishioners have yet to do so. The coordinators at the archdiocese level have wrapped up their campaign, but the campaign is still continuing. Some people have expressed comments relating to their interest in only supporting our church and not providing support throughout the archdiocese.
- 7.0 Confirmation Classes Info.
 The archdiocese has informed the catholic church that commencing next year, the sacrament of confirmation will no longer be celebrated in grade 8, but in grade 7 instead. This does not affect the classes we hold because, since ours is a two-year program, many students already do start in grade 6, thereby celebrating the sacrament in grade 7 (other students start in grade 7 and finish in grade 8 – this is just the nature of a two-year program).
 Classes will resume with a new registration in the fall. Sonya Horvat will again be teaching. Again the idea of having the classes during the week was suggested, however due to the demographics of our parishioners, Sundays seem to work the best. The difficulty lies with the priests not being able to participate as fully as they would like due to their busy Sunday schedules.

- 8.0 Hall Rental Info.
It is important for those groups/people who are renting the hall, that they monitor the sale of alcohol and where those who have purchased it are drinking it. All consumption of alcohol must be in the hall. This is not only a requirement of the hall but is mandated by the liquor license they received.
- 9.0 Walk-A-Thon All Groups
The walk-a-thon for Dom Lipa will be held on May 31st. Sonya Rosenworth spoke to different groups including the Slovenian school, dance group, etc. to participate in this fundraiser. It is important for our youth to participate in keeping our Slovenian community strong. This is one way that they can participate and contribute. All leaders should encourage an active participation in these types of events.
- 10.0 Church Projector Info.
The church still needs people to help with the projector during all masses. The projector is used for welcoming messages, prayers, songs, etc. It can also be used for communicating events, news, etc. We also need to ensure that the projector is up-to-date with new programs, etc.
- 11.0 Mental Health Awareness Paula Petersen & Rozi Nesich
Family Services at the archdiocese is willing to help us organize meetings for mental health information. They strongly suggested that in order for the meetings to have a strong showing, food and refreshments should be served. They have programs that we can follow. CWL can help organize these meetings. Paula Petersen and Rozi Nesich will discuss some dates. We are presently looking at either September 27th or October 18.
- 12.0 Upcoming Dates
a. Bishop Miran from Slovenia – will be here in early September.
b. Midland – September 12th
c. OLMM Feast Day to be celebrated on November 15.
d. Registrations for First Communion / Confirmation – mid to late September.

13.0 Next Meeting

Info.

The next parish council meeting will be held on September 14th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

These minutes have been prepared by:

Sonya Horvat