

**Župnijski Svet – Brezmadežna Čudodelne Svetinje (Toronto)**

**Parish Council – Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (Toronto)**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting #4 – September 9, 2010**

Attendees:

Father Valentin Batič  
 Father Antonio Burja  
 Mojca Dimperio  
 Robert Ferkul  
 Sonya Horvat  
 Marta Jamnik-Sousa  
 Cody Petersen  
 Paula Petersen  
 Josephine Žilavec

Representing:

Priests  
 Priests  
 Women's Choir (Naša Pesem)  
 Planika / Mladi Glas  
 Catechists  
 Slovenian School  
 Scouts  
 Scouts  
 Nageljčki / Nagelj

Regrets:

Marjeta Franc	Slovenian Apostolic Circle
Rozika Nesich	Catholic Women's League
Laurie Ulcar	Children's Choirs
Millie Ulcar	Otroški Kotiček
Milan Vinčec	Slovenian School

- | <u>No.</u> | <u>Discussion:</u>  | <u>Action:</u> |
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| 1.         | <u>Distribution of Agenda</u><br>An agenda was distributed to all attendees. A copy has been attached below.  | Fr. Burja      |
| 2.         | <u>Opening Prayer</u><br>The meeting commenced with prayers led by Father Burja, followed by individual prayers by each of the attendees.   | Info.          |
| 3.         | <u>Previous Minutes</u><br>Sonya Horvat reviewed the minutes of the last two meetings, specifically the meetings dealing with the planning of the mission (June 7 and July 5, 2010 meetings). | Info.          |

4. Publication of Minutes  
 We discussed publicizing the minutes of the meeting both on the church website as well as having a copy available in the church. Father Batic informed us that Mr. Boris Ulcar who had worked on the church's website will have to update the website to include this new feature. Once this is set up then the minutes could be available online. Fr. Burja can also decide on a location within the church that people can access the minutes.
- Fr. Batic /  
Fr. Burja
5. Mission:  
 Paula Petersen suggested dividing up the different responsibilities of the mission into separate groups and assigning people to each group so that each respective group can fulfill their responsibilities and then inform the council on their progress.
- Info.
- Fr. Batic /  
volunteers
- Father Batic suggested speaking with the pastor / co-ordinators of the mission held at All Saints Parish to get their suggestions on what worked when they were planning their event and what didn't. Father Batic wanted 2 or 3 people to accompany him to this meeting (volunteers included Marta Jamnik-Sousa, Sonya Horvat, Paula Petersen and/or Milan Vincec). Once this information is gathered we can have a better starting off point to plan and organize our mission.
6. Paula Petersen stressed the importance of getting the word out about the mission and informing as many people as possible, as well as including as many people as possible in the event.
- Info.
7. It was discussed that a committee or two or three people should spearhead the planning of the mission and that committee can regularly keep the council updated as to their progress. This can be done once the meeting with the pastor / co-ordinators at All Saints Church has been completed.
- Info.
8. Confirmation Ceremony 2011  
 Father Batic has spoken with Toronto Auxillary Bishop John A. Boissonneau to attend the confirmation ceremony at our Church to be held on May 15, 2011. The plan was to also (or instead of) invite the Archbishop of Slovenia. Due to his limited English, the mass would have to be, in part at least, in Slovenian which conflicts with some students who do not speak any Slovenian.
- Info.

9. Archbishop of Slovenia Visit Info.  
Father Batic has invited the Slovenian Archbishop to Canada to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations planned for the final week in May, specifically the weekend of May 28-29, 2011.
10. Main Goals for this Year Info.  
We outlined the major focus of our achievements this year will be on:  
1. The Mission;  
2. The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations;  
3. Creation of a Parish Yearbook; and,  
4. Establishment of the Parish Council.
11. Yearbook Info.  
Father Batic has been contacted by someone who creates these types of yearbooks and decided, with the council, that it would be a good idea to create these yearbooks as a “snapshot in time” of our parish. The yearbook would include a brief parish history, the pastors, individual groups working within the parish and pictures of different families / individuals who attend / are a part of the church. Volunteers will be needed to contact people and arrange appointment time for picture taking by the photographer. We can have one or two dates available to picture taking (eg. In the fall, or in the fall and again in the spring). The pictures and information would be taken by this photographer and included in an album that hopefully can be completed and distributed for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. Father Batic has told us that a couple of people have already expressed an interest in volunteering their services to complete this.

12. Planning the Year Ahead Info. All
- Mojca D'Imperio felt that we need to find a way to get the youth involved more. Father Batic reminded us that the purpose of the mission was to do this and that whatever we plan to accomplish this should be planned before the mission with the goal of reaching out to people after the mission and using that momentum to start different youth programs.

Also, the representatives of each church group are requested to inform Sonya Horvat and the church secretary, Cvetka Andrejas, so that a calendar of events can be made available in the Church bulletin board and possibly also in the church bulletin on a monthly basis so that people can be informed of events going on in the church. This can open the possibility of more involvement, as well as allowing parishioners to see how active our church is. This information can include starting registration dates, banquet dates, fundraising dates, trip announcements, etc. Please provide this information at your earliest convenience.

13. Next Meeting All
- Next meeting will be held on Monday, October 4 at 8:00 p.m. Sonya Horvat and Milan Vincec (who left a message with Fr. Burja) commented that they no longer can attend Thursday evening meetings. Milan noted that he is only available on Monday evenings.

Announcement: Mojca D'Imperio

A venue for pre-teens, teens and young adults has been made available at St. Anne Church in Brampton on October 7 at 7:00 pm where Jim Cowan will be performing. He is a renowned singer, songwriter and worship leader for conferences and leader of youth praise and worship at the Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio. All are invited. Admission is free. Address is 115 Vodden Street East, Brampton. A free will offering would be appreciated.

Prepared by: Sonya Horvat

ATTACHMENT #1

**ŽUPNIJSKI SVET / PARISH COUNCIL**

**Brezmadežna Čudodelne Svetinje / Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal**

**DNEVNI RED – AGENDA**

Četrtek – Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010-09-10

1. Molatev – Prayers
2. Pregled zadnjih dveh zapisnikov / Minutes from the last two meetings.
3. Priprava za 50. letnico župnije – posebej misijon / Preparation for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – especially the mission.
4. What do we achieve this year?
5. Župnijski letni koledar / Parish yearbook
6. Naslednji sestanek / Next meeting?