

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 15, 2014

Attendees:

Cvetka Andrejaš
Father Valentin Batič
Father Antonio Burja
Sonya Horvat
John Jereb
Rozika Nesich
Paula Petersen
Milan Vinčec
Josephine Žilavec

Representing:

Church Secretary
Pastor
Associate Pastor
Catechists
Ushers / Bartenders
Catholic Women's League
Scouts
Slovenian School
Nageljčki / Nagelj

The meeting discussions were as follows:

<u>No.:</u>	<u>Discussion:</u>	<u>Action:</u>
1.0	<u>Opening Prayer</u>	Info.
2.0	<u>Family of Faith Program</u> - The Archdiocese of Toronto has begun a fundraising campaign titled "Family of Faith" aimed to raise money to help fund various projects and capital works programs throughout the archdiocese. The aim is to raise 105 million that will go towards strengthening our Family of Faith (includes supporting parish based youth ministries, campus and young adult ministries, communicating our faith, catholic formation and leadership development, and parish life and local projects) and Strengthening our Foundation (includes restoration of St. Michael's cathedral, building of new parish churches and improvement of existing church properties). This campaign is expected to last for 5 years and every parish in the archdiocese is hoped to participate. Our parish will be participating. The archdiocese will be requesting our parishioner data to help ascertain what our goal for this campaign will be. 75% of funds raised will go towards the greater campaign and 25% will be returned to our parish. If we exceed the goal, the amounts are changed (we keep 75%, and 25% returned to the archdiocese). The amounts that we raise for our parish will go towards our church restoration and renovation projects.	Fr. Batic / Rozi Nesich

- 2.0 (con't) We need to establish a committee as per the plan's chart. Parishioners will be contacted as per the church's database of contributors. Parish has been contacted already about creating the custom brochure. Organizers of the campaign will be readily available to come to our parish to help organize our campaign. We have someone in mind that can perhaps lead our campaign (does similar job for Dom Lipa). This person still needs to be contacted to find out if they would be interested in undertaking this role. Info.
- 3.0 Information Night on Mental Health
We can plan an information night on mental health. This can be organized by the Women's Catholic League. Perhaps something can be planned before Christmas (some time in November). Rozi will discuss these plans with the Women's Catholic League and then arrange a date (possibly for a Wednesday). We also need to book a speaker to come. Rozi Nesich
- 4.0 St. Vincent de Paul National Society
St. Vincent de Paul society came to us to ask that we help them. They have over 20,000 members and push their agenda to the government. They asked us if we would be willing to join. He is going to different parishes to ask to join their society. We have our own organization, we don't work with others. So perhaps joining would encourage younger members to join and help raise awareness and action for this society. This society has already accomplished a lot through their actions in Ottawa. Info.
- 5.0 Movie Night
The next movie night in the Church hall is scheduled for Friday, November 7th. Plans are to show "Heaven is for Real". Soft drinks, juice and popcorn will be made available for the attendees. Milan Vinčec / Sonya Horvat
- 6.0 Lenten Season 2015
As previously discussed we are planning to book a priest for Lenten season. Fr. Chris Lemieux from the vocations office has already been suggested; an invitation will be sent to him. Possible dates are March 1, 8 and/or 22, 2015. Rozi Nesich
- 7.0 Scouts
The Scouts organization is looking to change their official name to accurately reflect who they are, as they are not exactly following the mandate of the Slovenian or Canadian Scouting organizations, and therefore will create their own unique group. Paula Petersen

- 8.0 Reflections of Fr. Plazar's 50th Anniversary Mass Info.
Novi Rod – Children's Choir – was hoping to have sung at the mass for Fr. Plazar, and stated so at our last meeting. However, it was overlooked that their participation should have been included. In future we are to ensure that the youth groups are invited to participate in any and every event. As they are an important part of our parish community, they are not to be overlooked but welcomed and invited to participate in any and every way possible. Apologies to Novi Rod, and any other group, that felt they were excluded in these plans.
- 9.0 Events Calendar: Info.
a. October 26 – Tombola – need people to help (may be last time due to lack of volunteers). An announcement for volunteers will be made in the Oznanila.
b. November 7 – Movie Night
c. November 14 – 16 – Confirmation Retreat
d. November 15 - Slovenska Šola gala
e. November 16 - Dom Lipa luncheon
f. November 23 – Talent Show
g. November 30 – Feast Day celebration of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal / 1st Sunday of Advent
h. December 7 – Miklavž
i. Bishop Stres from Slovenia will be joining us for Christmas season celebrations
- 10.0 Next Meeting:
The next parish council meeting will be held on October 6th, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

These minutes have been prepared by:

Sonya Horvat