

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 10, 2014

Attendees:

Father Valentin Batič
Father Antonio Burja
Robert Ferkul
Sonya Horvat
John Jereb
Rozika Nesich
Paula Petersen

Representing:

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

Regrets:

Cvetka Andrejaš
Nancy Kersnik

Church Secretary
Toronto/ Slovenian Explorers

The meeting discussions were as follows:

<u>No.:</u>	<u>Discussion:</u>	<u>Action:</u>
1.0	Opening Prayer	Info.
2.0	<u>Parish Defibrillator</u> We have decided to proceed with the purchase of a defibrillator for the parish. Robert Ferkul will look into different sources for the best competitive price. A decision also needs to be made regarding where to locate the device to ensure easy access for when it may be needed but also to ensure that it will not be stolen.	Robert Ferkul / Info
3.0	<u>Family of Faith Program</u> A representative from the archdiocese involved in the program was to have come to help organize the campaign but the meeting was postponed. On our end, the brochure can be completed when translations to Slovenian and remaining pictures are completed.	Fr. Batic / Rozi Nesich
4.0	<u>Information Night on Mental Health</u> Preparations still need to be made. Rozi Nesich will look into what the archdiocese is doing / offering and plans will be made for some information nights to be held in our church. We are looking at two sessions. Suggestion was made to have one focus on different conditions, the other on help for support persons.	Rozi Nesich

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| 5.0 | <p><u>St. Vincent de Paul National Society</u>
 The archdiocese's St. Vincent de Paul society came to us to ask that we help them. This meeting is still to be arranged between their representatives and both Fr. Batic and Fr. Burja</p> | Info. |
| 6.0 | <p><u>Movie Night</u>
 The last movie night on November 7th was well attended. Another night has been planned for Friday, December 12th where we will show "Christmas Lodge". Paula Petersen will purchase the movie for the church. The Explorers (the new name for our Scouts troop) will sponsor the night by purchasing the popcorn. The CWL will again provide the drinks and pizza.
 Prior to the movie starting a little discussion will be held to enlighten people of messages in the movie, so that a short discussion can be held after the movie. Children should also be given an opportunity to answer questions.</p> | Milan
Vinčec /
CWL /
Explorers |
| 7.0 | <p><u>Lenten Season 2015</u>
 As previously discussed we have booked Fr. Chris Lemieux from the vocations office to help with the Lenten masses. He has confirmed March 1 and 22, 2015. A theme is still to be determined.</p> | Info. |
| 8.0 | <p><u>Toronto / Slovenian Explorers</u>
 Nancy Kersnik, with Paula Petersen, will also join the Parish Council as a representative.</p> | Info. |
| 9.0 | <p><u>OLMM Feast Day – November 27th</u>
 Due to a conflict with the Christ the King feast day and the first of Advent, a challenge the church faces each year is to find a day to recognize its own feast day. This year we decided to recognize it on November 30th (1st Sunday of Advent). The CWL will host a small celebration in the hall with baked goods and refreshments. Parishioners are invited to also bring baked goods.</p> | Info. |
| 10.0 | <p><u>Christmas Season</u>
 a. Bishop Stres from Slovenia will be joining us for Christmas season celebrations (arriving November 24th and leaving December 29th, but will be travelling to other places during that time as well).
 b. Fr. Macdonald will be invited to come and listen to confessions (depending, however, on his health) for December 14/21. If unable, we will try to ask someone else.
 c. Miklavz will be celebrated on December 7th.
 d. CWL – potica sale on December 21.
 e. Slovenian School will be holding their annual poinsetta sale.
 f. St. Vincent de Paul society will have their annual Christmas mass on December 21.</p> | Info.

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g. The church will be set up for Christmas during the week of Christmas. Volunteers will be needed, including someone who has a van to pick up Christmas trees. Danica, who helps in the church, will be consulted regarding the best time to do this.

h. We will also try to set up a manger display outside the church, as was done in the past.

i. Milan Vincec will organize the choirs to be performing at the Christmas masses.

j. Youth, including those in confirmation classes, Slovenian school and communion classes, will be invited to act as shepherds for the live manger play prior to Christmas Eve mass. Paula Petersen will look for the instructions used to help them with their roles and distribute them.

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11.0 Christmas Season Mass Schedule

December 24:

7:00 p.m. - Live Manger Performance

7:30 p.m. - Family Christmas Eve Mass

10:00 p.m. – Slovenian “Midnight” mass

Midnight – Albanian mass

December 25 – As per Sunday Schedule

December 26 (St. Stephen’s) – 10:00 Slovenian mass

January 1 (New Year’s Day) – 9:30 Slovenian mass; 11:00 English

12.0 Upcoming Events

December 14 – 60th Anniversary of Marija Pomagaj

January 24 – Toronto Slovenian Explorers Banquet

February 8 – Polka Mass, Family luncheon in the hall

February 14 – Lenten Banquet

March 8 – Mission Breakfast

April 19 – Confirmation

May 3 – First Communion

13.0 Next Meeting:

The next parish council meeting will be held on January 12th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

These minutes have been prepared by:

Sonya Horvat