

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

October 5, 2015

Attendees:

Father Valentin Batič
Father Toni Burja
Sonya Horvat
Rozika Nesich
Paula Petersen
Milan Vinčec

Regrets:

Robert Ferkul
John Jereb

Representing:

Pastor
Associate Pastor
Catechists
Catholic Women's League
Toronto Slovenian Explorers
Slovenian School

Planika / Mladi Glas
Ushers / Bartenders

The meeting discussions were as follows:

<u>No.:</u>	<u>Discussion:</u>	<u>Action:</u>
1.0	<u>Opening Prayer</u> – One decade of the rosary (October)	Info.
2.0	<u>Review of Last Meeting Minutes</u>	S. Horvat
3.0	<u>Welcoming Committee</u> Presently some of the singers/ushers welcome people as the mass begins, as well as announcing the mass (where we are in the liturgical calendar), etc. We should make an effort to be welcoming to anyone who we see as being new to the church. Perhaps ushers can take this on.	Info.
4.0	<u>Overhead Projector</u> It is important that we find someone to work the overhead projector so that songs, prayers, inspirations, and announcements can be posted.	Info.

5.0

Confirmation Classes:

Info.

The question of whether or not enrolling grade 5 students is too early was discussed as they will then be receiving the sacrament at the end of grade 6, one year earlier than the new requirement of grade 7. As our students already received the sacrament by the end of grade 7, we decided, after some discussion, that enrolling them in grade 5 (thus receiving the sacrament in grade 6) would still be acceptable. The reason given was that if we don't, we may lose some students who, half-way through our program, may choose to abandon our program so that they can receive the sacrament with their school (i.e. the grades that enrolled before were grades 6 and 7, thereby receiving the sacrament in grades 7 and 8). By enrolling grade 5 and 6 students, all the students would have received the sacrament by grade 7 (unless a parent intentionally kept a student back, normally for the reason of having more than one child confirmed at the same time).

Classes will begin for sacramental preparations on October 18 from 9:30 – 10:45 (confirmation) and 9:45 – 10:45 (communion).

Enrollment mass will be celebrated on November 8th.

6.0

Upcoming Events:

Info.

a. World Mission Sunday – October 18th. It was suggested that a documentary on Pedro Opeka be shown in the hall. It was also mentioned that the annual tombola will no longer be held every year due to declining donations and volunteers. Instead it will be held every other year.

b. All Saints Day – November 1st – Regular Sunday masses. Prayers at the cemeteries will be held.

c. All Souls Day – November 2nd – Two masses will be celebrated in church to remember and pray for our deceased brothers and sisters.

d. Movie Night – to be held November 6th (next one to be on December 11th. Movie to be determined.

e. Feast Day Mass – will be celebrated on November 27th (not on a Sunday, as we have in the past), however coffee and sweets will be provided on Sunday, November 29th to honour the day. It was discussed that a table can be set up to remind people of why the sweets are being offered and information about the feast day.

f. December 6 – Saint Nicholas here

g. December 6 – Welsh Choir to perform in our church. This may present a conflict with the Saint Nicholas event. Parking is the main issue that needs to be addressed. The time of each event will be reviewed so that both events can have enough room for parking.

h. December 8 – The Catholic Church begins the Year of Mercy (this should be announced at the masses)

i. December 11 – Movie Night

- 6.0 Upcoming Events: (con't)
- j. Christmas Season – Fr. Leopold Valant will be a guest here at our parish during the season.
 - k. New Year, 2016 – There will be no New Year's banquet this year in our hall.
 - l. March 6, 2016 – We are to host a Mental Health night with a light dinner and a guest speaker from the archdiocese.
- 7.0 Christmas Concerts: Info.
- a. Novi Rod, led by Milan Vincec, is considering whether or not to have another performance by his choir this year. One issue is that many go away for Christmas and having all the singers perform is a problem. This would then cancel their pre-mass performance, which includes the live manger play.
 - b. The Christmas concert in Dom Lipa will also not be held this year.
- 8.0 Slovenian School Poinsetta Sale Info.
The sale of poinsetta's prior to Christmas will proceed.
- 9.0 Midland Info.
Even though the pilgrimage to Midland usually happens on the second weekend in September every year, next year, it will be held on the last weekend in August.
Commencing in 2017, Baraga day will always be celebrated on the Labour Day weekend.
- 10.0 Father Joseph MacDonal Info.
Father MacDonal, a frequent guest priest at our parish, will be celebrating his 50th year to the priesthood on October 24th. The occasion will be celebrated at an open house at St. Paul's Church (downtown Toronto). An announcement will be posted in the bulletin. We are still deciding on a gift, and possibly a celebratory mass here at our church.
- 11.0 Next Meeting: Info.
The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 2nd, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

These minutes have been prepared by:

Sonya Horvat