

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

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting #5 –October 5, 2010**

Attendees:

Father Valentin Batič  
Father Antonio Burja  
Marjeta Franc  
Robert Ferkul  
Sonya Horvat  
Rozika Nesich  
Cody Petersen  
Paula Petersen  
Laurie Ulcar  
Millie Ulcar  
Milan Vinčec  
Josephine Žilavec

Representing:

Priests  
Priests  
Slovenian Apostolic Circle  
Planika / Mladi Glas  
Catechists  
Catholic Women's League  
Scouts  
Scouts  
Children's Choirs  
Otroški Kotiček  
Slovenian School  
Nageljčki / Nagelj

<u>No.</u>	<u>Discussion:</u>	<u>Action:</u>
1.	<u>Distribution of Agenda</u> An agenda was distributed to all attendees.	Info.
2.	<u>Opening Prayer</u> The meeting commenced with prayers led by Father Burja and Father Batič.	Info.
3.	<u>Previous Minutes</u> Sonya Horvat reviewed the minutes of the meeting and unfinished topics were discussed. a. Publication of Minutes – Father Burja said he will speak to Mr. Boris Ulcar regarding updating the church bulletin. Action for publicising upcoming events on the bulletin and records of minutes being made available in the church vestibule and for posting in the church are still to be arranged. b. Mission – Meeting with the pastor of All Saints Parish will be held on October 5, 2010 (Fr. Batic, Paula Petersen, and Sonya Horvat will be attending). This will provide a basis for our mission organization. Yearbook – Discussion follows notes provided below.	Fr. Burja / Sonya Horvat  Fr. Batič / Sonya Horvat / Paula Petersen

4. Mission: Paula Petersen requested volunteers to be responsible for different committees to plan the mission. These committees and the volunteers that have agreed to take on the responsibilities for each group are as follows:
- a. Communication Co-ordinator – Milan Vincec
- This position co-ordinates all publication for the event including announcements, advertising, media, pamphlets, etc. as required.
- b. Mass Set-Up Co-ordinator – Andrej Pahulje
- This position co-ordinates all mass participants including readers, choirs, altar servers, ushers, etc. as required.
- c. Liaison with Fr. Claudio – Cvetka Andrejaš, Marjeta Franc
- Address the needs of Fr. Claudio and Mrs. Andreina Brann (eg. Accommodations)
- d. Group Participation Liaison – Paula Petersen, Marjeta Franc
- Co-ordinate with all church groups their participation and attendance.
5. Church Planning:  
Fr. Batič felt much attention is going to the planning of the mission without much planning being made for the parishes ongoing events, both in the near future as well as in the new year. The purpose of the Parish Council is to assist, plan and help co-ordinate all events and people. For example, the Catholic Women's League has co-ordinated and planned their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the Parish Council was not involved. The objectives of the Parish Council should not get lost in the planning of the mission. Again, Sonya Horvat announced that all members of the Council should:
- (1) Attend all meetings (if they cannot attend, they should send their regrets and any pertinent information about their respective groups so that any announcements can be relayed at the next meeting.
- (2) Provide a calendar of events, fundraisers, dates and times of meetings, etc. so that a master calendar can be created to facilitate the council's planning and any type of assistance that the Council can provide.
- Below is a list of upcoming events that were raised in this discussion:
1. CWL – will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on October 24<sup>th</sup>. A special mass honouring the past and present members of this group will be held at the 9:45 mass. A luncheon will be provided after the mass for all members and new members. The CWL of our parish is looking for new members, especially from the younger generation. The
- Milan Vincec
- Andrej Pahulje
- Cvetka Andrejaš
- Paula Petersen
- All
- Rozika Nesich
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CWL has done a lot of good work in the past and their work will be of continuing importance in the future.

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2. Krožek – will be holding their annual breakfast on October 31. They are hoping that people from all masses will attend, including after the last mass, where traditionally few come.

3. All Soul's Day - The priests are inviting people to the annual prayers at the cemeteries on October 31.

4. Scouts – Are going on a trip to Downey's Farm on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

5. Catechism Classes – Resume October 17 for confirmation students; registration for First Holy Communion to be held after masses.

6. Nageljčki – will be holding a brunch on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

7. Church – Regular mass times will resume October 16/17.

8. Children's Choir and Otroški Kotiček resume on October 18.

9. Adult Choirs begin October 13 (Women's Choir – To be announced)

10. Slovenian School – will be holding a gala for past and present students.

6. Yearbook Update:

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Dates for the photographer have been arranged. They are as follows:

November 1, 2, 3, 8, 9 from 2:30 to 8:30 p.m.

November 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

People will be contacted to arrange a photo session. The photographer can do approximately 25 per day.

The yearbooks will be provided for free. The photographer is hoping to have a minimum 100 people. If taking a portrait is not possible, the photographer will accept photos at a cost of \$12.50.

Also, the yearbook will have a reference to all the people that contribute to the church through the various organizations. These group pictures will also be included in the yearbook, with possibly a brief commentary about the organization.

All Groups

An announcement was made that on these days, the hall will be required for the purposes of the picture-taking so organizations that required the hall on these dates must find alternate locations.

Also, contacting all these people can provide an excellent opportunity to promote attendance for the mission.

Pamphlets can also be provided to families when they arrive for their photo shoot.

7. Need for Improved Communication: All  
Father Batic has expressed concern over the lack of communication especially over plans that some may take advantage as being customs or traditions in the church. For this reason, every group should ensure that any even that is planned, either new or traditionally old, should be communicated with all interested parties. An example is the tradition of the live manger (žive jaslice). Although a yearly custom on Christmas Eve, plans to hold this event should be relayed to interested parties well in advance of the event so that proper planning can be made. Again, pre-planning in the form of announcing each groups activities in these meetings will facilitate this aim of greater communication.
8. Alterservers: Info.  
On October 23 will be holding a ceremony where some will receive a medal for their time and energy for this service. There is also a great need for new alterservers. There is a need however for parents to encourage this involvement.
9. Next meeting will be held on Monday, November 8 at 8:00 p.m. Topics to discuss at this meeting include any unfinished business from this and any previous meeting, mission, yearbook progress, upcoming Church events including preparation for the advent season. Info. /  
Please come prepared to discuss your particular groups events, announcements. Also please send any regrets along with comments that should be mentioned at the meeting prior to this date. All

Prepared by:

Sonya Horvat