

Župnijski Svet – Brezmadežna Čudodelne Svetinje (Toronto)

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

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting #6 – November 8, 2010

Attendees:

Cvetka Andrejaš
Father Antonio Burja
Bernarda Čemas
Mojca Dimperio
Robert Ferkul
Marjeta Franc
Sonya Horvat
John Jereb
Sr. Mirta
Rozika Nesich
Andrej Pahulje
Paula Petersen
Laurie Ulcar
Millie Ulcar
Milan Vinčec
Josephine Žilavec

Representing:

Church Secretary
Priests
Cerkveni Zbor
Women's Choir (Naša Pesem)
Planika / Mladi Glas
Slovenian Apostolic Circle
Catechists
Usherr / Bartenders
Sisters of Mary
Catholic Women's League
Church Organist
Scouts
Children's Choirs
Otroški Kotiček
Slovenian School
Nageljčki / Nagelj

Regrets:

Fr. Valentin Batič

Priests

No. Discussion:

1. Distribution of Agenda:
An agenda was distributed to all attendees. A copy was also previously emailed to all members for comment.
2. Opening Prayer:
The meeting commenced with prayers led by Sr. Mirta, followed by a song *Tvoja ljubezen* by Katja Trogrlič prepared by Mojca Dimperio.
3. Previous Minutes:
Sonya Horvat reviewed the minutes of the last meeting (October 4, 2010, Meeting #5)

Action:

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4. Church Mission: Info.
 The mission has been shortened to one weekend instead of the planned one week. It will be celebrated on Friday, March 25 to Sunday, March 27, 2011. This change took place after Fr. Batic, S. Horvat and P. Petersen met with a priest who had a mission celebrated at his church. The decision to have the event shortened was made to ensure maximum participation each night. The idea of calling the event a Spiritual Retreat instead of a mission was discussed. Milan Vincec suggested that a prayer can be said during each Sunday mass leading up to the Mission to pray for its success and inspiration.
4. a. Mission Progress by Committee: Milan Vinčec
 Communications – Milan informed us that he is ready to start the pamphlets, posters, etc. Would like inspiration for the logo and themes, etc. (Fr. Claudio had already suggested that a theme could be “Christ the Listener”.) Would like to get started as soon as possible to ensure time for printing prior to the Christmas season when the publication could reach as many people as possible. Milan suggested creating banners that can be viewed in the church (also suggested this idea for the 50th Anniversary). Milan also suggested creating booklets with songs, readings, etc. for the weekend, however will need input from the choirs, readers, etc. to accomplish this. Booklets will be in English and Slovenian. He can have samples ready for the group to review. Milan is to speak with Fr. Batic for more details on his discussion with Fr. Claudio and what will happen that weekend.
- Mass Set-up – Will make sure that we have alter servers, readers, ushers, equipment monitors, choirs ready for that weekend. Mojca Dimperio suggested using the same songs for each of the masses so that people will be familiar with the words and hopefully participate more. Songs will be in English with perhaps one verse from each song in Slovenian.
- Liaison with Fr. Claudio – Cvetka Andrejaš informed us that Fr. Claudio will no longer require accommodations as he will travel back and forth every day instead. Andreina Brann will no longer be participating in this shortened program. He will still be hearing confessions. Cvetka will contact him to find out if he will be following the regular readings for each day or if he will have special readings specific to his presentations. She will also inquire to see if one reading or two will be read (since the mass was to be only ½ hour long)
- Group Participation – asked that each group keep her informed of their progress. All
5. Christmas Season: Info.
 November 27 – Church will be celebrating the Immaculate Conception
 December 5 – Slovenian School will be celebrating Miklavž
 December 8 – CWL will be celebrating Božičnica, and are inviting all ladies to attend.
 December 8 – Mass celebrating the Immaculate Conception
 December 12 – Plamen will be holding a performance, are also planning a meal in the hall
 December 19 – CWL selling poticas in the hall
 December 19 – Living Arts Centre (Mississauga) celebrating All-Slovenian Starlight’s Christmas Concert in which the dancers, singers, CWL, etc. are all taking part.

6. 50th Anniversary Info.
Deferred to next meeting
7. Yearbook: Info.
Response to registrations for pictures has been terrible. Many different excuses why. Church has approximately 1500 families registered and yet the response to date has been about 130 families. Two new dates have been added: November 26th (4:00 – 9:00) and November 27th (9:30 – 4:00).
When pictures are completed, Rozika will need assistance in organizing and putting the book together. Margaret Kodric (In-Focus Photography) will be assisting in doing some of the group photos.
The plan is to start organizing the book in January and complete it by mid-February so that the publishing can be completed and distribution can be done in May. Anyone willing and able to assist, the help would be appreciated.
8. Upcoming Events: Info.
Confirmation Classes will be having their retreat on November 12 – 14, 2010. Also will be celebrating a Christmas mass with an opportunity for confession on December 11, 2010.
Ladies Choir will be starting practices this Thursday at 7:30; they will be having a concert on December 19; will also be singing at Dom Lipa, for the Žive Jaslice, and for English Mass on Christmas. They would love to be included with the Božičnica hosted by the CWL on December 8.
Otroški Kotiček – has started their weekly meetings.
Mladi Glas / Planika – Will be hosting a slide show and presentation of their trip to Slovenia last summer; December 3 – 14 will be having a booth at the Toronto Christmas Market at the Distillery District. They will also be performing at the Mississauga Living Arts Centre for the Slovenian Starlight's Christmas Concert on December 19.
Catholic Women's League – will be holding a commemorative mass for all their deceased members on November 20th. On December 8, they will be celebrating their annual Božičnica with a mass a small celebration in the Church hall. They are inviting women of all ages to come.
Ushers – represented at this meeting by John Jereb, mentioned that they are looking for dedicated persons (male and female) to assist. They would like to be able to commit two people per mass. Volunteers help however, he would like people to commit so that no one is obligation to always be there in the event that no volunteers come.
Slovenian School – Recently held a gala that was a huge success. They are presently planning for Miklavževanje. Will also be selling stars for the Christmas tree and poinsettias for the dearly departed.
Scouts – will be singing at Dom Lipa on December 6th. Will be having their annual banquet on January 29, 2011.
Apostolski Krožek – Tombola is being planned for February 27, 2011. (Conflict with Dom Lipa's annual meeting)
Dom Lipa – will be holding its annual meeting on February 27, 2011 at Dom Lipa.
Nagelčki – Will be holding a performance at Dom Lipa before Christmas on a Tuesday evening.
Cerkveni Zbor – Will be performing for the Midnight Christmas Mass as well as on Christmas day

9. Maintenance Items: Info.
1. There are problems with the heating throughout the building. This is being looked into.
 2. The hall is in need of new coffee urns as well as a new freezer. Millie Ulcar said she can look into pricing for a 4-burner coffeemaker (similar to the kind used in coffee shops).
 3. Bernarda Čemas was suggesting some kind of seat covers in the church – deferred to the next meeting.
 4. It was discussed that a member of the Gospodarski Odbor (church maintenance group) be represented in the council.
10. Other:
- Birthdays: Both Fr. Zrnec and Gospod Ignac Križman will be celebrating milestone birthdays in January that should be acknowledged in the church – deferred to next meeting.
11. Next Meeting: Info.
- The next meeting has been scheduled for November 29, 2010 at 8:00 p.m.

Prepared by:

Sonya Horvat