

**Župniski Pastoralni Svet – Brezmadežna Čudodelne Svetinje (Toronto)**  
**Parish Pastoral Council – Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (Toronto)**

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Meeting #19 – December 5, 2011**

Attendees:

Cvetka Andrejaš  
 Father Valentin Batič  
 Father Antonio Burja  
 Sonya Horvat  
 Helen Lavrisa  
 Rozika Nesich  
 Andrej Pahulje  
 Paula Petersen  
 Milan Vinčec  
 Josephine Žilavec  
 Gloria Žižek

Representing:

Church Office  
 Pastor  
 Associate Pastor  
 Catechists  
 Readers  
 Catholic Women's League  
 Church Organist  
 Scouts  
 Slovenian School  
 Nageljčki / Nagelj  
 Naša Pesem

Regrets:

Robert Ferkul  
 Laurie Ulcar

Planika / Mladi Glas  
 Novi Rod

The meeting discussions were as follows:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Discussion:</u>	<u>Action:</u>
1.0	<u>Opening Prayer:</u> Fr. Burja began the meeting with a prayer.	Info.
2.0	<u>Welcoming of New Members:</u> The committee formally welcomed two new members: Helen Lavrisa, who will represent the Church readers; and Gloria Žižek, who will be the new representative for the Women's Choir Naša Pesem.	Paula Petersen
3.0	<u>Review of Minutes:</u> The following comments were made a. Albanians insisted on moving to our Church (they used to have masses at Manning) and suggested that this would be a better location (larger; accessible; better parking). Bishop McGratton was contacted. He gave them papers, and were told to speak to Fr. Batič. A meeting was held and it was agreed they could use our church. They are required (by contract) to ask about Christmas mass and Easter mass. We told them about our schedule. We discussed alternating our schedule however the schedule will remain as traditionally held. Therefore, our Christmas masses will be at 8:00 (Children's program will begin at 7:30) and midnight. They will have their mass at 10:00 p.m.	Sonya Horvat

3.0 (con't)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. Hall Rental / Coffee conflicts – hall rental needs to take precedent. Chrysler group was upset with conflicts.</li> <li>c. There needs to be better communication about the coffee days – especially when it is being cancelled.</li> </ul>	
4.0	<p><u>Overhead Screen in the Church:</u>  We need people to sign up for controlling / managing the overhead so that it will be used effectively and consistently. Milan will be doing it for the 1<sup>st</sup> mass on Sundays. We will need people to volunteer; someone with technical ability. Whoever volunteers will get some instruction on how this is done. It must be prepared before the mass. We will need to have a schedule similar to the one already prepared for readers and singers.</p>	Info.
5.0	<p><u>Sr. Veronica:</u>  May not be able to continue doing the flowers, etc. in the Church. We may soon need to consider who can replace her to do the flowers, linens, etc. for the church. We can look into this in the new year.</p>	Info.
6.0	<p><u>Mission – March 23 – 25 (Friday – Sunday)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. We will need to decide how long the mission will be? Who to invite? Any themes to concentrate on? What the format will be? Will we do anything in the hall to follow-up after the mass?</li> <li>b. We should have a real reconciliation service – similar to last year, but try to include more people. It must be clear that a reconciliation service is being held, that it is not just a mass. We need to ensure that we have clear communication as to what the service is about.</li> <li>c. Fr. Batič will call and see who can be available to speak. Mrs. Millie Markun provided two names. Dr. Simone is another suggestion.</li> </ul>	Info.
7.0	<p><u>Spiritual Objectives</u> – the council needs to concentrate on this facet of our mandate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Last meeting we did speak of what the Youth Group is doing for World Youth Day (Sept, 2013) (i.e. to go to Rio de Jenario). This is a big undertaking, perhaps we can group together with another group (e.g. for insurance purposes, etc.) – perhaps with the diocese who is experienced with these types of events / excursions. The planning is extensive, it must be well planned. Other events as well can be coordinated with the archdiocese.</li> <li>b. After the event, people who went can speak of their experiences to the others so that a larger group may be interested for the next one. We should encourage anyone that is interested in going.</li> </ul>	Info.
8.0	<p><u>Upcoming Dates:</u>  Dec. 11 &amp; 18 – opportunity for confessions. Fr. Macdonald will be assisting.</p>	Info.

9.0	<p><u>Next Meeting:</u>  Our next meeting will be held on January 9 at 8:00 p.m.  Agenda will include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Mission – who are we getting, format</li> <li>b. Easter and Lenten preparation</li> <li>c. Family Day events</li> <li>d. Constitution Review – do we have members that represent different age groups, different groups, etc. Elections will come up in June (we must be able to nominate people – do we know someone who we feel will be beneficial to the council, so that we can ask them to join – e.g. one or two youths). We also need to be able to define what we are doing, what types of people (what kind of talents do we need).</li> <li>e. We need to discuss the mission statement – be open and respectably discuss issues, problems, and successes in the church. What do we need to do to get where we want to be? We can also look at how we can help charities / missions. Again communication about what we are doing or what our plans are, is vital. We need to advertise the charitable works that we are already doing (e.g. Mission Sunday).</li> <li>f. Communication - A good way to advertise what is going on, what events are coming up, etc. is through email. Another suggestion was to put something on the overhead.</li> </ol>	Info.
10.0	<p><u>Conclusion:</u>  We concluded with the Memorare.</p>	Info.

These minutes have been prepared by:  
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