

Pastoralni Svet – Brezmadežna Čudodelne Svetinje (Toronto)

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

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting #9 – January 31, 2011

Attendees:

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

Representing:

Church Secretary
Pastor
Associate Pastor
Women's Choir (Naša Pesem)
Planika / Mladi Glas
Slovenian Apostolic Circle
Catechists
Usher / Bartenders
Sisters of Mary
Catholic Women's League
Church Organist
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. A copy is attached.	Fr. Burja
2.	<u>Opening Prayer</u> Fr. Burja began the meeting with a prayer and a commemoration of the 50 th Anniversary of our Parish.	Fr. Burja
3.	<u>Previous Minutes</u> Sonya Horvat reviewed the minutes of the last meeting held January 10, 2011.	Sonya Horvat
4.	<u>Polka Mass – February 13, 2011</u> A misunderstanding about the music planned for the mass has been straightened out: choirs will combine and perform together. A practice is planned for Thursday, February 10 at 7:30 p.m. (to 9:00 p.m.) Tickets are presently being sold for the Polka luncheon (\$27/adult, \$17/youth (6 – 16), children 5 and under – free). The objective is to encourage the family to come to church and join in at the luncheon. A Slovenian singing group will be performing at the luncheon as well as a ballroom dancing performance (who will also be offering lessons to anyone interested in learning; they will need at least 25 couples at a price of \$80/person for 8 lessons)	Rozika Nesich
5.	<u>Reconciliation Service – March 25 – 27, 2011</u> The committee for the Reconciliation Service (Laurie Ulcar, Paula Petersen, Father Burja, Mojca Dimperio, Marta Jamnik-Sousa, and Chris Genorio) met and discussed ideas / suggestions for the service. - Mojca suggesting inviting Fr. Jim Rock, a priest in residence at the Dufferin Peel Separate School Board, is a positive, motivational and engaging speaker who she feels can do a great job at our retreat. Mojca will be contacting him and letting us know if he would agree to speak. - Plans for the weekend include: Friday – Service is to begin at 7:00 p.m. All the organizations should be prepared to come and to participate fully (having had some opportunity in their groups to practice songs, etc.). Miraculous medals will be passed out to all. Saturday – Service for Children to begin at 11:00 a.m. A reconciliation service for children (to include Slovenian school students, catechism students, as well as inviting other youths in the church – Otroški Kotiček, children’s choir, etc.) Saturday – Evening Service (no confirmation yet for time, possibly 4:30). Reflection to focus more on the adults. Discussion did not confirm whether or not we will be having a mass.	Laurie Ulcar

5. Reconciliation Service (con't)
 Sunday – 11:15 Mass, guest priest will host with a closing mass for the weekend.
 - Other suggestions: Distribution of the miraculous medals, creation of a program booklet including songs, preparation for reconciliation, etc.
6. 50th Anniversary Yearbook: Rozika Nesich
- The final picture day to be held on a Sunday will be this weekend, Sunday February 6th (Photographer is available other days). People have commented that the reason they have not scheduled appointment times is because they are having difficulty in getting the whole family together. They are then told that they have the option of submitting their own photos. Pictures need to be finalized so that the book can start to be assembled (publication of the book will take 6 weeks).
 Group pictures still need to be provided. Groups are also to include all the member's names, a brief description of who they are, what they do, how long they have been in existence – approx. 30 words). Each group represented here in the council should bring something for the next meeting.
 Congratulatory messages collected (suggestions include Bishop John Boissonneau, Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion, Archbishop Thomas Collins).
 This yearbook will contain information about the history of the church. Old photos, information is to be collected. A yearbook committee has been established that includes Milan Vincec, Andy Pahulje and Father Batic. Anyone that may have some old photos, information is to provide this to Milan Vincec.
7. Upcoming Events
- a. Tombola – Sunday, February 27, 2011 – Slovenian Apostolic Circle is still accepting prizes, suggestion for organizations, businesses, or individuals to contribute. Are also looking for volunteers to assist in the preparation of the event as well as on the day, particularly the clean-up. Marjeta Franc
- b. VSKO is hosting a visit from Slovenian's leader of the Opposition Party, Janez Jansa, on Saturday, April 9, 2011. Ottawa is treating this visit as a state visit. A meeting held this past Saturday invited Slovenian groups to participate in that event. The plans include a general meeting to be held in the afternoon, and then a cultural program for the evening where he will be a key-note speaker. All
- c. First Communion Ceremony will be held on May 1, 2011. Sonya Horvat
- d. Confirmation will be held on May 15. Given that mass times will have been already changed to the summer schedule by this date, the mass may be moved to a later time to accommodate this event (e.g. perhaps 10:30 or 11:00). A request was made for a member of the Parish Council to speak at the mass, to welcome the bishop its behalf. Milan Vincec offered to do so. A practice run-through will be held on May 11 at 6:00 p.m. where all (confirmants, sponsors and parents) are invited to attend.
7. Upcoming Events (con't) Milan Vincec
- e. Slovenian School will be having a type of open house on April 3, 2011.

- This will give an opportunity for people to come and visit the school and see what the students are doing.
- f. The annual talent show for the Victoria Fund will be held on Sunday, March 27 at 4:00 p.m. in the church hall.
- g. Dom Lipa Walk-a-thon will be held on June 5, 2011. The Dom Lipa annual meeting is planned for February 27, 2011.
- Milan
Vincec
- Sr. Kristina
8. 50th Anniversary Celebrations: All
- Events to be held on the Weekend of May 28 – 29, 2011.
The event should be as inclusive as possible so that we can have the greatest amount of participation possible. Ongoing attempts to invite dignitaries, ambassadors and VIPs including: Fr. Franc Letonja, Fr. Tomaž Mavrič, Fr. Pavle Novak, Fr. Ivan Plazar, Fr. Anton Ovtar, Fr. Roman Travar, Fr. Ciril Čarga, Fr. Drago Gačnik, John Nossan, Fr. Marko Lavrenčič, Anton Vukšenič, John Nemanič, Mary Babič, Janez Likozar, Slovenian bishops, local bishops, etc.
It was suggested that we ask Fr. John McDonald to do the English mass on the Sunday and after that mass have a program including dancing, singing, and a video presentation of the history of our church. All the groups can be included and representatives can give speeches. All can be encouraged to participate. It can be followed up with food and sweets in the hall.
Also a suggestion to recognized the people that helped to build the church. Another suggestion was to have a banquet in the hall on the Saturday. It was also suggested that we try to have all the events on one day, so that it would be more inclusive instead of stretching it out over two days, where all may not attend both days.
We will need someone to create a formal invitation that can be sent to the various intended guests as well as serve as a public invitation.
Committee to continue working on these suggestions, with a progress report for the next meeting.
9. Parish Council Group Picture All
- It was agreed that the parish council would meet for their official photo on Sunday, February 6 at 12:15 p.m. in the church hall.
10. Next Meeting All
- Please be advised that the next meeting will be held on February 28, 2011 at 8:00 p.m.

Summary:

For the next meeting the following tasks are requested: (contact person is in brackets)

1. Confirm guest speaker for the Reconciliation Service (Mojca Dimperio)
2. Preparations for Polka Mass (Rozika Nesich)
3. Order shipment of Miraculous Medals (Cvetka Andrejaš)
4. Reconciliation Service Committee – continuation of plans (Paula Petersen)
5. 50th Anniversary Planning Committee (Fr. Batic)
6. Yearbook Preparations (Milan Vincec)
7. All groups – brief comment to be included in the yearbook.
8. All groups – suggestions for involvement in Reconciliation Service and 50th Anniversary.

These minutes have been prepared by:

Sonya Horvat

PASTORALNI SVET / PARISH COUNCIL

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AGENDA

Monday January 31st, 2011

1. Mollitev / Prayers
2. Review of Previous Minutes
3. Polka Mass – February 13, 2011
4. Reconciliation Service – March 25 – 27, 2011
5. 50th Anniversary Plans
 - a. Yearbook Progress
 - b. Celebratory Preparations
6. Church Easter Preparations
7. Upcoming Events:
 - a. Slovenian Apostolic Circle – Tombola
 - b. Concert – April (Argentinian singer)
 - c. Janez Janša's visit
 - d. First Holy Communion / Confirmation Celebrations
 - e. Walk-a-thon
 - f. Other
8. Other
9. Next Meeting
10. Conclusion