

**St. Louis Pastoral Council**  
**3/14/17 Meeting Minutes**

**In Attendance:**

Fr. Stan, Keith Moenter, Ken Bohman, Hannah Giesting, James Dickey, Dave Meyer, Pat Meer, Tom Sullivan, Leron Giesting, Amy Streator

**Not in Attendance:**

Nelson French, Mayra Adams, Erik Tuveson

**Opening Prayer:** Pat Meer

**Approval of February Minutes:** Approved by the attending members of the Parish Council

**Bingo Committee Update:** Andy Saner

Andy of the Bingo Committee gave an update on the Super Sunday Bingo (SSB) on 3/12/17. It was successful for the following reasons.

- 850 people attended and revenue was about \$8,000 more compared to SSB in March, 2016.
- Patrons said the facilities and environment were clean.
- Patrons said the food was delicious.
- Patrons said it was a great value for \$45 and was well-run.
- Set-up and clean-up went well
- Fr. Stan was present to support the Bingo and the efforts of the committee and volunteers.

Future improvements and / or possibilities:

- New opportunities to utilize volunteers
- Increase volunteers in evening
- Advertising
- Share monetary impact by student – about \$180 per student last Sunday
- Partnering with PTO and with other bingo venues in the tri-state area.

The parish council congratulated Andy and the Bingo Committee for the successful Super Sunday Bingo and for their excellent leadership of the Bingo Committee.

**Pastor's Report:** Fr. Stan

- State-of-the-Parish Finance Presentation on 2/28/17: It was well received by the parishioners who attended. Attendance was smaller than last year. Sunday collections are up about 8% and 15+ more parishioners have signed up for electronic payment which helps over the summer months and school breaks when parishioners are away on vacation.
- 150<sup>th</sup> Parish Anniversary: The sesquicentennial birthday of St. Louis Parish will be officially celebrated on the last weekend of October, 2018. The following events are being planned - Archdiocesan Mass, formal dinner/dance, historical information, all-combined choir concert. The Parish Life Committee and a broader group of people are planning the various activities.
- Website: The website is complete but needs more content according to Jessica in IT. James volunteered to work with Jessica to transfer our vision and logo onto the website. He will report their progress at our next meeting.

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- Pastoral Needs Assessment: A Deanery-wide meeting will be held in the St. Louis Parish Cafeteria on Tuesday, 3/21/17 at 7:00 p.m. Fr. Stan, Scott, Erik and Keith will be representing our parish at this meeting.
- Catholic Sexual Ethics: Fr. Stan will lead a series of three talks on this subject in the fall.
- Capital Campaign: Fr. Stan will be assessing the potential for a campaign in the future. There will be some significant capital expenditures down the road we need to start thinking about.

**Chairperson's Report:** Keith Moenter

- PC Nominations: Nelson will be the lone member completing his term in June, 2017. Keith and Ken will present potential new members for consideration at the May, 2017 meeting. Voting will occur in June and any new member will begin their term in July.
- Facilities and Capital Equipment Committee: A committee exists already and is led by Wade Ryle. The committee is comprised of parishioners with experience in facilities type of work.
- Haiti Ministry Update: Keith distributed a letter written by Fr. Voltaire, Pastor of St. Francois Xavier in Gandou and a letter written by Mikel Lohman and Gaylynn Flocchini who went on the January trip. The recent shoe and soap drive and the Chicken Dinner fundraiser at the Knights of Columbus two weeks ago were successful. The next Haiti Ministry meeting is tomorrow night.

**Faith Formation Committee Report:** Leron Giesting

- The committee is working to set up everything for "Mission Speaker" Peter Howard on April 2 & April 3. Peter will be speaking about the message of Fatima as we are in the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of Our Lady's apparitions in Fatima, Portugal. The team is working with Parish life to have a meet and greet with Peter after the Monday evening presentation and a refreshment and get to know each other's opportunity before the Sunday evening presentation.
- The committee is working to have Mass, communion services, and confession available at the different local nursing homes / assisted living homes specifically for Divine Mercy Sunday.
- A group of women are working with the Indiana correctional service at the Madison Women's prison. These women play cards, games and pray with the young women.
- The committee's membership has grown and they are seeking a new chairperson. Similar to Parish Life, Faith Formation is not necessarily prepared to move someone to the leadership role at this time. Fr. Stan will speak about Faith Formation and solicit a committee chairperson at Masses after families return from spring break.

**Marriage Sponsor Program**

Tom spoke about this program. He and Kathy and two other couples have been sponsors for 4 to 5 years. The other two couples no longer wish to participate. All of us were asked to consider joining the ministry and / or to recommend other couples. Let Tom or Fr. Stan know of any potential sponsors.

**Closing Prayer:** Pat Meer

**Meeting Adjournment**

**Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, 4/11/17 at 7:00 p.m. in Parish Office Library

Submitted by Keith Moenter