St. Louis King of France Pastoral Council
Meeting minutes – Tuesday, August 27, 2019

Attendance:
✔ Fr. Matthew Kinney ✔ Fr. Jesse Martinez ✔ Daniel Caballero, (17-20)
                      ✔ Donna McClung, (16-19)
✔ Ken Horton(17-20) ✔ Ofelio Guevara(17-20) ✔ Bruni Cruz(17-20)
✔ Lauren Ward(18-21) ❏ Joe Ramacciotti(18-21) ✔ Maribel Vera(19-21)
                      ✔ Tony Garcia(19-22)

I. Opening
   a. Meeting Call to Order at 6:05pm
   b. Opening Prayer: Fr. Matthew
   c. Approved June minutes.

II. Pastor’s Report – Fr. Matthew Kinney
   a. Staff update
      i. We are hiring new members to the parish staff: the Social Media & Website Manager, our Senior Ministry Coordinator, and an assistant to the Lifelong Christian Formation Office.
   b. Capital Campaign Update – Missio 2020
      i. Moving forward with a Building Committee
         Architect – BGK: www.bgkarchitects.com
         Contractor – Hill & Wilkinson: austin.hwgc.com
      ii. Will be collecting the needs for the building (ministry input, optimal ways to use the building, asking parishioners, etc)
      iii. Current pledge is $5.6 million – a shortfall of ~$2 million – there is discussion about what to do going forward. The 3rd Sunday collection will continue.
   c. Library Update – construction still in process

III. Old Business:
   a. Discernment Update
      i. We have five new council members discerned
      ii. The yellow cards format still has some complications – vetting qualifications (registered, EIM trained, etc)
      iii. Online nominations could be considered for next year
   b. Council Retreat Update
      i. The spiritual reflection by Tom Carani was wonderful
c. St. Louis Feast Day Update
   i. Great feedback from parishioners about their satisfaction with the event – 300 attendees
   ii. The drinks, especially the spritzers, were a hit

IV. New Business:
   a. Website updates
      i. We will need to wait until a new hire begins
   b. Council group photo
      i. Coordinate a time for with staff on Sep 15
   c. Council Introduction at a Spanish Mass
      i. Sep 8 at the 1:30pm Mass the council will be introduced to the parishioners at the end of Mass – pews will be requested
      ii. In the future, we will rotate between an English and a Spanish Mass each year, so 2020 the Commissioning Mass will be at a Spanish Mass
   d. Electronic donation for Script Cards and Mass Offerings
      i. It is hard to give money to St. Louis – we need to address ideas to improve transactions. The Diocese has approved other parishes using fast electronic donations (such as Venmo).
      ii. We are looking into a recommendation to the clergy and staff that we consider electronic donations possible for Sunday donations and Script cards.
   e. Social Media drive
      i. Council recommends that a pulpit announcement be made requesting at the end of Mass that everyone pull out their phones and connect with us – Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube. Promote on the TVs in the Narthex
      ii. We will need to wait until a new hire begins for more social media
   f. MyParish App
      i. It isn’t utilized as much as it could be
      ii. This also goes under the new hire

V. Perspectives from the Pews:
   a. Some parishioners wish the campus could be open in July to use the buildings for ministry meetings. The buildings are scheduled for maintenance during that month. Some other parishes (St. Alberts, St. Theresa’s, etc.) welcome St. Louis ministries to host meetings while our campus is closed.
   b. Parishioners miss seeing all our priests after every single Mass each weekend
   c. Those with hearing aids request that the clergy slow down their speech as they are fine with the volume but the words aren’t coming through
   d. Concerns that the bulletin isn’t truly bilingual. Some events aren’t translated to Spanish that should be
   e. Why are the Spanish ministry meetings/events always seem to be held on Tuesdays? We went through the calendar and found many Spanish ministry events on other days.
   f. Rather than an 80-space parking lot – a parking garage would provide more parking for Masses and we could charge the general public during the week for the new development commercialization of Burnet Road on the other side of the street.
g. Raffling off a truck or car was discussed. Other parishes bring in a lot of money with these types of fundraisers and festivals.

h. More discussion about making sure our church is truly bilingual and welcoming to parishioners speaking both languages.

i. Some are not able to receive Communion at Mass but on television the viewers are asked to give a Spiritual Communion. Usually this is done as a private devotion. Could we have that included in the Communion Rite at our Masses so that everyone is included?

j. The parishioners are really happy with our clergy and look forward to the future at St. Louis

VI. Agenda Items for the next meeting
   a. Space utilization for Ministries who lost their space in the Hall
   b. Feast Day final numbers and reflection
   c. FunFest is coming up in October

VII. Closing prayer and blessing – Fr. Matthew
   a. Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

Next meeting will be on September 24, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the conference room.
Minutes submitted by Lauren Ward.