

PRESS RELEASE – *Mayor CoryAnn St. Marie-Carls*

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From: Mayor, CoryAnn St. Marie-Carls, City of St. Francis, WI

City of St. Francis Mayor CoryAnn St. Marie-Carls and Council President Don Brickner successfully lead Community open house to get feedback for a collaborative “State of the City” for 2018.

On January 9th a Community open house was held at the St. Francis Brewery and over 40 citizens, elected officials, community leaders and candidates for elected office took the opportunity to share their vision for St. Francis in 2018, while socializing over some ice cream and desserts the old fashion way.

A suggestion box was available at the event for those who attended to write their ideas on needs to be addressed by the City Council and Mayor in 2018. However, most of those in attendance participated in a productive question and answer session where Council President Brickner and Mayor St. Marie-Carls took turns answering questions and explaining issues.

Topics that came up were environmental needs, economic development needs, and the marketing of our City. Examples of City mission and vision statements were available for all who attended to circle what sounded like a good fit for St. Francis. Other discussion focused many details of development efforts as well as public improvement needs. “This community open house was one of the most collaborative meetings I have ever participated and was reminiscent of the meetings we had to build consensus for the new Civic Center in 2012-13, it showed that our 2018 State of the City will truly be a collaboration that will communicate our goals as policy makers to the people of St. Francis, stated Mayor CoryAnn St. Marie-Carls.

Mayor St. Marie-Carls thanked everyone who attended, “I thank Council President Brickner and other members of the Council for actively participating in the January 9th Community open house discussion, we heard direct from so many active citizens in our community, many of which hold leadership positions in our City right now! Discussion was outstanding and productive from everyone, and we will be addressing many of the topics in the public interest for a positive future moving forward with a “State of the City” address January 16th at our Council meeting”, stated St. Marie-Carls.

“Again, as I have stated before, as elected officials we need to be able to do our job for the citizens of St. Francis as evidenced by the action we have taken in recent weeks to put the Mid America Steel Drum issue on our Council Agenda and meet the needs of citizens. “As Mayor and City Council it is our duty to report on this and other critical issues of how and why City officers and employees discharge their duties for taxpayers and citizens in the annual “State of the City” address”, stated Mayor St. Marie-Carls.

Further Media Advisory information: \$46,000 donation to SF Fire and Police Congratulated by those in attendance.

Also at the Community Open House, the President of the FBI citizens Academy Alumni Association, Mary Carmen Villasenor and Geiger Foundation representative, Terre Kent, received two rounds of applause when their fundraising efforts for the St. Francis Police and Fire Department was announced. The two of them were essential parts of fundraising activities and donations from the Geiger Foundation totaling over \$46,000 to assist our Fire and Police Departments. The purchase of a UTV, Utility Terrain Vehicle, as well as a specialized AED are in progress and monies for Child Car seat installation certification training for Firefighters. Already the SF Fire Department has received a special Sauna to help to elevate carcinogens on the skin of firefighters. *(photos and more details, contact numbers are available upon request)*

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