



August 5, 2019 Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes.

Meeting’s Purpose:

1. To welcome Grace Filburn (daughter of Eric and Carrie Filburn) as a youth / young adult representative on the Parish Council.
2. To review a PowerPoint presentation and nomination form for Strategic Planning positions on the Parish Council and to review the role of Parish Voice representatives.

Father Martin began the meeting with a Hail Mary and asked that we be guided by the Holy Spirit. He stated that Archbishop Kurtz was responding well to treatment and asked for continued prayers.

1. The council welcomed Grace Filburn as a youth/young adult representative.

Grace attended SJS from kindergarten through eighth grade. She is now a Junior at Elizabethtown High School. She’s active in the Saint James Youth Group, regularly attends youth conferences at Steubenville, volunteers her time to include being a Big Sister in the Big Brother-Big Sister Civic Organization. We are thrilled Grace said “Yes” to becoming a Parish Council representative.

2. As published in E-News and the bulletin, the Parish Council sought nominations for Strategic Planning Advisors and Parish Voice.

Additional Parish Council Members Needed for Strategic Planning

Why?
Our Parish Council is preparing for an extended period of Long-Term Strategic Planning. In order to have the input necessary for **fruitful planning, implementation and monitoring**, we need to expand the number of members on the council.


Who?
We are looking for four additional members with skills/experience in Communication/ Marketing, Finance and/or Financial Planning, Fundraising/Capital Campaigns, Legal Advisement and Mission Advancement.

How?
Please provide your nominations (self-nominations included) for possible “Strategic Planning Members” to Lou Edmondson (Parish Council Chair) or by contacting Gail Hereford at the parish office. **Nominations must be submitted by July 27th.**

Lou.Edmondson@windstream.net; 502.777.7025
Parishoffice@stjames-etown.org; 270.765.6268

Those nominated will be contacted and invited to a general information meeting where further detail will be explained, and a selection process outlined.

Thank you for your consideration on this meaningful endeavor.

 As the Parish family of Saint James, we continue to hold true to our values to Educate, Inspire, and Connect. We have a vibrant parish with over 90 small group ministries focused on education, service, and outreach. We are now building a team for Parish Voice, whose aim will be to help build relationships to foster a deeper sense of our unity in diversity.

Parish Voice will be focused on the “Connect”

1. Connecting those seeking a deeper spiritual life with faith enriching opportunities within our Parish
2. Connecting those inspired to serve with ministries that match their passions, talents and abilities
3. Connecting the ideas, concerns and proposals of parishioners to the appropriate people or ministries for review and response.

If you feel called to serve in this ministry, please submit your name to Gail Hereford at the parish office (parishoffice@stjames-etown.org <<mailto:parishoffice@stjames-etown.org>> or 270-765-6268) by July 27th Those who submit their name will be contacted and invited to a general information meeting where further details will be explained, and the selection process outlined. Thank you for considering this ministry that will help connect and grow our faith community.



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The nomination process resulted in five (5) parishioners for Parish Voice Representatives. Geoff Clark, Parish Voice Chair, contacted each and asked that they attend an Information Session on Wednesday, August 7. All attended.

Nominations for Strategic Planning Advisor resulted in fifteen (15) equally strong candidates. As with the Parish Voice nominees, each was asked to attend the Information Session. All attended except five. One declined the nomination due to current work/travel requirements. Two did not respond and two were out of town but expressed continued interest in being an advisor.

In preparation for the Information Session, the council reviewed a PowerPoint presentation designed to accomplish four objectives:

1. The roles of a Parish Council Strategic Planning Advisor and Parish Voice Representative.
2. The Parish Council Strategic Planning Process.
3. The Parish Council Strategic Planning Advisor Application (Indicating Acceptance).
4. The Parish Council Strategic Planning Advisor and Parish Voice Representative selection process.

See the attached PowerPoint presented on August 7. As shown in the PowerPoint, those nominated for Parish Voice are immediately accepted. Those expressing an interest in Parish Council Strategic Planning Advisor will submit their names for a random drawing at the 5:00pm Mass on August 17th. The presiding priest will draw four names. IF the skillsets of Legal Advisement, Marketing/Communication, Financial Advisement, and Mission Advancement are not fully represented, another name will be drawn. The time TBD.

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August 7 Information Session:

The meeting was well attended. Father Scott and Geoff Clark facilitated the PowerPoint content and addressed all questions.

Next Action: Drawing at the August 17th Mass.

Next Parish Council meeting: September 3, 2019. The focus is to begin the strategic planning process. Strategic Planning Advisors will attend going forward.