

Strategic Planning Discussion with the Facilities Committee
September 10, 2019

Five members of the committee were present, including the Dean and Julia Logan (both of whom “voted” with dots). David Wagner was present for most of the discussion, but had to leave before the voting with dots.

1. **Where are we?**

- What inspires you about life at St. Mark’s?
- What are we doing well?

Music and worship are beautiful

The congregation and clergy are working together well now: we’re “pulling in the same direction”/there’s trust among diverse groups within the parish

David Wagner

Recent renovations have been successful/there’s progress on deferred maintenance

Renovations and progress on deferred maintenance allows the building to serve the parish and the community

Improved building provides beautiful, comfortable, functional spaces

Proactive care of the building makes members feel positive about the church

The director of operations position makes sense

We’re attracting more young people and families

Communication has improved within the church

Staff/clergy are working well together

Stewardship has a positive approach

2. **Where do we want to go?**

- How do you envision the St. Mark’s of the future?
- Where should we put our energy?

- What should we keep doing?
- What should we do differently?

Work on deferred maintenance 4 dots

Pay off mortgage 1 dot

Increase beauty/improve function of Bloedel Hall

Front door ministry 3 dots

Focus on stewardship and pledging 1 dot

Improve newcomer outreach/engagement 3 dots

3. How do we get there?

- What are we prepared to do?
- What commitments are we willing to make?

New greeter training (by Earl) 1 dot

Use all available communication channels (Facebook, email, twitter, etc.)

Clean usher closet

Engage in long-range thinking about facilities 2 dots

We need to tell our story in a way that communicates that St. Mark's is a vibrant, sustainable community 1 dot

Develop long-term strategies to fund care of buildings 4 dots