Group Members: Pat D., Arlene O., Marlene S., Arlene D., Bev A., Mark A., Sylvia G., Hilda F.

Unanimous Response: The group thanked the Building & Grounds group for this opportunity!! "We were glad to have this open forum and the attendance was good."

1. *Should the congregation re-locate to a new setting on higher ground, away from the river?* Location of St. Paul's-should not move to a new location-unanimous. The current location has a beautiful sanctuary and the water of the river is calming. It is a beautiful church and we have spent money of the years to repair and replace the beautiful stained glass windows. We could use more space for music practices and other family and youth related activities.

2. *What should be done with basement after the flood damage is cleaned?* Basement space utilization-Fix up with flood in mind-unanimous. Do not use sheet rock and consider floor treatments and wall treatments that are easily scrubbed down, because additional flooding is a strong possibility. Choose things that can be rolled up and brought up very quickly in the threat of a flood, even the furnaces and hot water heaters. Keep the basement "as a basement," not fancy. The group felt it could still be used for some programs.

3. *Do you believe there would be financial support for reconstruction and/or expansion of our facilities?* Financial support for renovations-split responses. Some felt that if a plan were proposed that the congregation would come forth with money to retire the debt incurred with the plan. They felt that people would "rise up" with expectations and giving and that being out of debt brings on "complacency and a feeling of not needing to give." Others felt that a church in debt was "not a good thing."

4. *Should the congregation consider acquiring new property/facilities? And are there changes that should be made to the present facilities?* Additional Facilities: mixed responses. Some felt strongly that purchasing additional property adjoining St. Paul's should be sought out for parking and future facilities; that the PPC should ask the congregation for permission (within boundaries) to purchase adjoining land. Then, we could build higher or wider spaces. Could we add another story and elevator to the school? Others felt that with careful planning our space was sufficient.

5. *Do you have other ideas you’d like to share with the Property Board or the Parish Planning Council?* Other ideas: Please be environmentally conscious of the whole community if flood avoidance procedures, such as a berm, are put in place. We do not want to just "divert the water" and cause other people problems. Consider a walkway/overhang between the school and church to allow safe movement between the two spaces and weather protection for those arriving to funerals and weddings.