

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES
BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING
August 14, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Al Marifke called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

ROLL CALL: Dennis Lorenz, Al Marifke, Ken Marshman, Tom Schroeder, Mark Van Rixel
Guest: Deb Steppe

Excused: Jerry Beine, Mary Piontkowski, Mark Pike, Mark Schimenz

FINANCIAL REPORT: Jerry Beine sent an email report in his absence.

OLD BUSINESS:

LANDSCAPE OF BUILDING: A small group of B&G members (Dennis Lorentz, Ron Kozlosky, Ken Marshman, Mark Schimenz, Tom Schroeder) did a survey of the grounds around the building. Their goal is to improve curb appeal and reduce landscape maintenance. They recommend removing overgrown shrubs, thinning out perennial plant material, creating a natural edge between the lawn and bed areas, and topdressing with mulch. Deb asked if we gave any thought to the labyrinth. As we discussed in the past, our committee suggests it be removed and put into grass and wood mulch. The benches can be placed underneath the tree, making it accessible for people to sit, pray, meditate, or visit. Deb will bring this up with the staff.

Deb also brought up the trees on the north side of the building. One day these will need to be removed. She would like us to consider planning for that day by looking into planting new material beyond these trees. She has a friend who is a landscape architect and she may be willing to look at the site and make suggestions for the future. We asked if she would consider giving options for the labyrinth area, as well. Deb will let us know when she comes so we can meet with her and discuss these issues.

DRAINAGE ISSUES: Ken contacted Mark Borkowski, the local alderman, concerning our drainage problem. Each municipality has its own jurisdiction which complicates reaching a decision. Greenfield wants the parish to have a civil engineer determine how the water volume under various circumstances would impact their system. We question why this is the parish's responsibility. We are waiting for Mark Borkowski's response before we proceed any further with this.

STRUCTURAL COLUMN PAINTING: Maryrose sent a letter to the corporate office of CertaPro with the ultimatum to consider the \$2500 down payment as payment in full; or, they can return and finish the job per contract specifications to receive the total contractual price. She is awaiting their response.

LIGHTS IN THE LABYRINTH AREA: The two lights in the labyrinth have been disconnected. The poles will be removed when the lighting company comes back to strip the remaining poles of festival wires. At that time, they will also install a new wall pack on the building to replace the lights in the labyrinth. In addition, Ken has a lighting issue in the church over the font that needs to be changed. This will all be done simultaneously to be more efficient for the company. They did let us know that this may take awhile because they are understaffed and overbooked.

PLOW TRUCK TUNE UP: Ken has yet to find a qualified garage with the diagnostic equipment to work on older vehicles. Franklin Automotive was mentioned as a possibility. Ken will give them a call.

SECURITY CAMERA REPLACEMENT: This has been installed and is up and running.

MINISTRY FAIR: Tom and Dennis will represent our committee. Others are welcome to join them. Ken will help procure props to display at our table.

KEN'S REPORT

BOILER REFRACTORY: Last year's quote of \$6300 is still valid. The work is being scheduled accordingly.

COMMUNITY GARDENS: The Extension will need to have a testable back flow device installed. Milwaukee will not give them hydrant use with a testable back flow preventer. Therefore, three contractors will have to submit a quote for an inside testable device. This may run from \$2000-\$6000 depending on choice of devices. Ken again brought up that the extension office is not fulfilling their administrative duties so we have not received any repayment for the last 2 years.

REPLACE RAILING: The steps north of the main entrance will require a new railing because it does not meet code. Will will get a quote on this. There was also a discussion on possibly removing these steps entirely. We will consider this further after getting the proposal on the railing.

NEXT MEETING: September 11, 2023 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

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