

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES
BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING
September 11, 2023**

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

ROLL CALL: Jerry Beine, Dennis Lorentz, Al Marifke, Ken Marshman, Tom Schroeder, Mark Schimenz, Mark Van Rixel
Excused: Mary Piontkowski, Mark Pike

MINUTES: The minutes were accepted as written.

FINANCE COUNCIL REPORT: Jerry did not receive the financial report for August yet. He stated that we did end the year in positive territory, however. He will send the report to us via email when available, along with a copy of the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Landscape Issues: The shrubs that needed removal are gone. The perennials were thinned and the beds were edged. On the east side of the building, all the unwanted vegetation has been eliminated. Pruning and mulching is still pending. Ken has moved the larger rocks from the garden areas to the east side of the garage, to address a drainage issue. Ken is creating a wide radius around all poles and trees to facilitate grass cutting. It is our goal to complete our landscape project by the end of the month. We then recommend having a landscape contractor come in twice a year to prune, mulch, and do bed maintenance.

Drainage Issues & Column Painting: Ken has yet to hear back from our Alderman regarding the drainage. He continues to make contact every two weeks.

We have not heard from Maryrose yet on the final outcome of the column situation with Certa Pro painters.

Pole Removal and Outdoor Lighting: We are still waiting for the vendor to come. They remain swamped with work and an employee shortage.

Plow Truck Tune-Up: This has not been done yet. Ken suggested that we take it off the project list. It will be covered under his vehicle maintenance account.

North Sidewalk Removal: On August 31st, Deb Steppe notified Ken via email that the railing, steps, and walkway to the corner of the building are to be removed. *“After consultation with Maryrose, go ahead with the removal of the little north stairway and its defective railing.” And in thinking about it – it does make sense to take the sidewalk out from the end of the building to the staircase.”* This walkway serves no useful purpose and has only been an added expense over the years for the parish. We will have an outside vendor remove the concrete.

KEN’S REPORT: The boiler refractory work is scheduled for September 28th.

Regarding snowplowing, Ken has received two quotes and is waiting for a third before deciding. He has contacted twelve companies and they have no interest in taking on a new customer.

The Ministry Fair went well. People were impressed by our props.

NEXT MEETING: November 13, 2023

Respectfully submitted by:

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