

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES  
BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE  
APRIL 14, 2025**

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

**ATTENDANCE:** Jerry Beine, Dennis Lorentz, Al Marifke, Ken Marshman, Mary Piontkowski, Mark Schimenz, Tom Schroeder.

**EXCUSED:** Mark Van Rixel

**MINUTES:** The minutes were approved as written by Dennis Lorentz and Mark Schimenz.

**FINANCE COUNCIL REPORT:** The Finance Council will determine a reimbursement plan to repay the Building & Grounds Improvement Fund from future LOA distributions.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**ORGANIC BARRIERS FOR PARKING LOT:** Patricia and Tom met with American Landscape and reviewed the landscape plan. They reassured us that the material used will come from local nurseries – Wayside or Johnson's. Tom knows these as reputable growers so there is no need for us to personally select the plants. There were a couple substitutions from the original plan but both we and the landscape architect are agreeable with the selections. Jerry informed us that the start date for installation will be 4/28/2025. We did inquire about landscape maintenance from American but they declined saying it would be too costly. We recommend OLOL solicit a bid from 3 local companies to provide this service. The B&G Committee will give Patricia names of businesses she could contact.

**KITCHEN UPDATE:** Ken said the cost of a new dishwasher would be \$36,000, plus a grease trap which would double the project cost. We are still waiting on the third quote. Our current dishwasher is working just fine. If anything could go wrong, it would be the motor and pump. Obtaining mechanical and electrical components may be the most cost effective. Our kitchen currently is underutilized. The Wednesday Faith Group uses it only for coffee & donuts; Oktoberfest is one weekend a year; St. Ben's is 2 hours once a month. The Committee finds it hard to justify this purchase.

**CLASSROOM AIR CONDITIONERS:** Patricia is getting an energy assessment to look at the usage of our rooms and their energy efficiency. This will guide us in selecting the proper system to install if and when our aged roof units fail. Perhaps this could be using simple window air conditioners.

**ROUNDTABLE:**

Tom brought up about our past discussion on church lighting. We have an aging system so we should start planning for an upgrade. We would appreciate input from the liturgical staff on how we can use the lighting to better enhance our services.

**NEXT MEETING:** June 9, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tom Schroeder