

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

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

ATTENDANCE: Jerry Beine, Al Marifke, Ken Marshman, Mary Piontkowski, Mark Schimenz, Tom Schroeder, Mark Van Rixel

EXCUSED: Dennis Lorentz

MINUTES: The June minutes were approved as written by Mark Schimenz & Mark Van Rixel.

FINANCE COUNCIL REPORT: Funds from the LOA campaign have been transferred into the Improvement Fund to repay the expenditures incurred from the parking lot project. The Finance Council is including, as part of the original LOA parking lot proposal, the extra expenses incurred due to the City of Milwaukee requirements.

OLD BUSINESS:

KITCHEN: We did a walk-through of the kitchen. Ken showed the committee the new stove. We looked at the area where the washer & dryer would go, if this project is approved. He also stated the old ice machine would be replaced with a new one. The new sink has arrived but has not been installed. There is uncertainty about permits. The plumbing contractor states, because it is an industrial sink with a grease trap, a permit should be pulled. However, when the office called the City, their contact said it was not needed unless 11+ sinks were installed.

OFFICE: We were all surprised to learn of the renovation of the office. In the future, the Buildings & Grounds Committee would like to be informed of planned changes and/or improvements to the building and to the property. It is our function to be consultants for the parish on these issues.

MINISTRY FAIR: We will be adequately staffed for the full event. Tom created a flyer to hand out in the hopes of recruiting new members. We could use a couple more members on the committee.

DITCH: Ken has been mowing 6'-8' wide strip along the top of the ditch and leaving the rest grow naturally. We still have issues with neighbors throwing debris into our ditch. Letters had been sent to them previously but we received no responses.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Two metal doors and jambs need to be replaced – Kens office and the east school basement door. They are deteriorating and making ingress & egress quite difficult. The Committee agrees with this need and will put it on our project list. Ken will get three estimates and present them at the next meeting.
- There is a heavy infestation of weeds in the turf area surrounding the Community Gardens. Ken will get estimates for weed control.
- Ken also informed us that there are 2 evergreen trees he feels need to be removed. Tom and he will look at them after the meeting and Tom will make a recommendation.
- Ken brought up for discussion the condition of the southeast extraneous parking lot. Since Mead staged their equipment on the site, there has been marked deterioration to the asphalt.

Also, the 57th Street entrance is crumbling and in need of repair. The Committee will physically inspect these areas and make recommendations.

- The steel beams are showing signs of corrosion. This needs to be taken down to bare metal and re-coated. Ken will acquire estimates from contractors.
- We need a railing around the cooling tower for safety reasons per OSHA's guidelines.

NEXT MEETING: September 8, 2025 at 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted by:
Tom Schroeder