

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES
BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE
AUGUST 10, 2026**

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

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

EXCUSED: Mark Van Rixel

MINUTES: The June minutes were approved as written by Dennis Lorentz, Mark Schimenz.

FINANCE REPORT: The balance in the Improvement Fund at the end of the fiscal year was \$437,986.31. Jerry will work on getting us the financial information pertinent to our committee on a more timely basis.

OLD BUSINESS:

RAILING: Storybook Forge & Metal Works LLC will install the railing on the west side of the altar. It will be welded and ground with brushed stainless steel finish. Their bid was \$5,385 materials and labor.

SACRISTY SINK: We are looking to replace the existing small sink with a commercial stainless steel sink with a deeper bowl. They range from \$600-\$1100, faucet included. The staff will determine which model they prefer.

LIGHTING IN THE WORSHIP SPACE: We have not heard anything further.

AIR CONDITIONERS: This project is now complete. The City of Milwaukee and Faith in Place also did their inspections and gave their approval.

BUILDING SECURITY: Deb met with Bruce Varick, the security director of the Archdiocese, for input on creating a safer environment. Our many exits in the church were a positive feature, as was our landscaping, although we are vulnerable with our windows. Our exterior doors are in good condition, but he recommended they remain locked at all times. However, this approach needs further thought and will remain an ongoing topic for discussion. Additionally, we have already created an emergency plan.

FRONT ENTRANCE PROJECT: Deb met with Groth Architects, the company that did our church remodeling. We are awaiting a report with their ideas for improving our entrance, taking into consideration energy efficiency and security. We will also contact other architects to get diverse perspectives.

EAST DRIVEWAY: We are clear to close this driveway, per the City of Milwaukee. If we make changes to the grounds, a permit will be needed. We will now seek parish input before making any changes.

FLOOR TILE IN HALL: This project is complete and it looks good. Deb related that Room 8 will be carpeted, along with Room 2. This will avoid any asbestos issues.

KEN'S REPORT:

Deb suggested we look at installing electronic doors in the east church entrance and also across the hall (section C). Three bids were requested, but only 2 vendors replied. We approved the quote from Advanced Automatic LLC for \$12,590. Ken will get a quote on the additional electric work needed and then we will send the total project amount to the Finance Council for approval.

Deb was approached by Joe Krolikowski concerning beautifying our grounds with the help of fellow parishioners. At present, we recommend he assist Ken with mulching. We are supportive of maintenance and improvements of the beds, but this will require he round up volunteers to take on the endeavor.

Ken is suggesting we insert an operable window on the north side of the worship space which he can open to vent the area.

ROUNDTABLE: Nothing for further discussion.

NEXT MEETING: Tentatively October 12, 2026 at 6:30 pm

If Deb has a response from the Architects, we may adjust this.