

Minutes -- St. Mary Eldora Building & Grounds

St. Mary Building & Grounds Committee met on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 2:00 pm. Present: Denny Stickney, Jim Roling, , Pat Fuchs, Paul Lawler Bill Grothoff and Mary Quinlin.

The meeting started with an opening prayer led by Denny. The minutes of the September 17, 2020 were approved by consensus.

- **Internet connection for parish center and church** –Internet is available in the church. Parish Center is not certain at this time. A different Heart of Iowa employee has been working with us and good progress has been made. Not yet known if we will need to hard wire for new equipment, which could be costly.
- **Sacristy behind altar** – Thanks to Bill the locks have been added to the cupboard and the sacristy is ready for use. It was noted that the veneer has come loose again. Bill and Denny will confer and come up with a plan to fix the cupboards.
- **New furnace installation** – The new furnace for the north foyer and KC room has been installed at a cost of about \$4,500. There was a parishioner donation of \$3,000 toward the total cost. The committee asked Pat to check into possible rebates. Mary suggested labelling the furnace with the installation date which may be helpful in the future when the date may be in question.
- **Budget** – Mary presented a proposed budget for FY 21-22. She will submit updated figures to Amber including our proposals for the final budget process
- **Future of the parish residence** – No decision has been made by the Pastoral Council or the Finance Council at this time.
- **2021 Spring Outdoor Cleanup Day** – Date set for Saturday, April 24 and rain date on Saturday, May 1.
- **Denny stepping down from Buildings & Grounds** – Denny will be stepping down from the position of chair of the Buildings & Grounds Committee effective in August. He will still be available to help with projects even after he steps down. He has four projects he would like to see to completion before he takes leave of the position: Painting lines in the parking lots, updating the ceiling in the south foyer, finishing a façade on the outside of the building for the repair of the wall in the handicap restroom, and safely covering/concealing the cord connected to the music lectern on the altar.
- **Window washing** – Bids have been sought for washing all exterior church windows except the stained glass. Pat will submit the quote to the committee.
- **Snow removed concerns** – Snow removal on the sidewalks has been an issue this year. We have contacted Drury's and they corrected the situation. Snow removal on the parking lots has been good. Snow removal has been extended south on the sidewalk in front of the office (east side) to the alley to make it more accommodating for the mail deliverer.
- **Mowing for summer 2021** – Schabel Lawn Service has agreed to do mowing at the church this summer at the same rate as last year.
- **Menards rebate** – There is a small rebate from the purchase of the garage door that may be used at Menards when purchases are made.
- **Washer & dryer in the office kitchen** – There was discussion about removing them from the kitchen. Denny will check and see if there is one at the parish residence. If not, it could be moved there. Future plans are unknown.
- **Next meeting** – Tuesday, May 25 @ 2:00 pm

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Action Items

Pat will check into furnace rebate and share the window washing quote.