

Minutes
St. Mary Eldora Building & Grounds

St. Mary Building & Grounds Committee met on Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 11:45 am. Present: Larry Kadolph, Paul Lawler, Pat Fuchs, Mary Quinlin, Denny Stickney, Diana Stickney and Bill Grothoff.

The meeting started with an opening prayer led by Denny. He has agreed to be chair of Buildings & Grounds with assistance. He shared there was a gathering after Mass recently which was attended by some parishioners where the committee shared their accomplishments from the past year.

Internet access to the parish hall

Denny and Paul shared that the Heart of Iowa personnel came to look the situation over. The fix may be very simple by replacing some equipment. Pat will contact them to ask them to replace the equipment to see if that solves the problem.

Purchasing a lawn mower

Father asked that the committee discuss the possibility of St. Mary purchasing a lawn mower to help reduce mowing expenses. After discussion it was decided to table it due to the possibility of extra expense and managing who does the mowing.

Dishwasher for parish hall

The group discussed the possibility of adding a dishwasher in the kitchen for sanitary reasons. Upkeep, training, configuring the kitchen for it, and costly repairs were things that came up as possible downsides. Seton Circle will be contacted to seek their input, not necessarily financial support. Diana will check with them.

Photos

The photos in the KC room are fading and the writing beneath them is barely readable. Since the KC's are still an active group it was suggested no changes be made as far as moving photos to the parish hall. However, the photos will be placed in an album to preserve them.

Sale of items from parish house

Thanks to the efforts of Bill, Denny and parishioners, items were removed from the parish house (Sister Connie's residence) basement. The parish received \$60 for scrap metal from the boiler and \$250 from the sale of radiators from the upper level. There is a porcelain sink which Denny has advertised. There is also a porch swing which will be offered to parishioners for purchase. If not sold, it will be advertised online.

Spring cleanup

The parish house and the furnace room in the parish hall are two areas which need cleaning/organizing. A suggestion was made to include it in the spring cleanup but it was decided that may be too much for the number of people who normally show up and outside cleanup should take priority. Denny and Bill may start working on these areas before. Cleanup was set for Saturday, April 26. No rain date was set but will be.

Denny shared two spiritual opportunities for growth, Christ Our Life Conference in Des Moines and the Archdiocesan Mens Conference in March.

The next meeting is set for Thursday, February 27, 2020.

Action Item

- Pat will contact Heart of Iowa
- Diana will contact Seton Circle re dishwasher