

Minutes -- St. Mary Eldora Building & Grounds

St. Mary Building & Grounds Committee met on Thursday, January 25, 2024 4:00 pm. Present: Chair Nick Braman, Grace Kadolph, Bill Grothoff, and Pat Fuchs. The meeting opened with a prayer.

Lease between the City and St. Mary - The lease agreement for the property north of the church belonging to the City has been signed but there has been no further information on plans for the area

AC unit for the office - The AC unit has been installed for the office. Fundraising will be the next step.

Snow removal – For now there are no problems with snow removal. The problem on the south side of the church where snow was not removed has been resolved. Snow removal for next winter was discussed but no decision made.

Thermostats – Setting the temperature at 68-70 degrees was discussed to help save energy.

Seal on north door – Nick noticed that there is a draft coming in the north door and the seal may need to be replaced. Grace will check with the door company for that to be done.

Security – Father plans to have cameras installed in the facility. Along with that he is considering leaving the church open rather than the Chapel. There was discussion about possible security issues since that would open up the facility more than just having the Chapel open. The committee discussed the possibility of securing the glass doors between the north foyer and the restrooms to restrict access to restrooms and the remainder of the facility. Another option would be to put a dead bolt lock on the south door of the church into the office, thereby restricting office access from the church but it would still be available through the office door on the west side.

Landscaping – Some grass seed or planting is needed on the east side of the church.

Sign – The sign in the front of the church is now lit. There is also a light on the flag pole that stays on at all times. It would be good to have a photo sensor instead so the lights do not burn 24/7. It was suggested that instead of paying for a service charge just for that, that if the electrician is needed for another reason we could also have him look at the sign/flag pole light.

Utilities – Nick would like to monitor utility usage as to where there can be some savings.

Clean Up Day – Scheduled for Saturday, April 27 at 9 AM with a rain date of Saturday, May 4.

Meeting closed with prayer.

Next meeting on Thursday, May 18 at 4:00 pm. **CORRECTION: Next Meeting on Thursday, April 18 at 4:00 pm**