

Building and Grounds Committee

The Building and Grounds Committee is a standing committee of the Finance Council. It is the responsibility of this committee to assure that the parish facilities (Church complex, storage shed and rectory) are properly maintained.

The members of this committee review the facilities frequently looking for any potential or existing problems that need correcting. When they identify a problem they notify the Pastor and Finance Council of the issue. They consult with other parishioners with expertise in the problem area and/or bring in professionals for consultation. Once the extent of the problem is determined, they work with whoever is appropriate to develop a plan, determine costs and/or get bids for the project. They then present the proposed solution to the pastor and Finance Council for approval.

Upon approval, they become project managers, either getting material and volunteers gathered to accomplish the project or working with contractors to make sure the project goes smoothly and the work is done properly and efficiently until it is completed.

Some of the recent projects that have been completed or are in process in the parish that have been coordinated by this committee are

- Building a new rectory and demolishing of the old one
- Building the addition to the church and the demolishing of Stephen Hall
- Demolishing of the parish garage and replacing it with a storage facility.
- Paving the parking lot
- Landscaping the facility

- Repairing the church steeple
- The storm window project to provide protection for the stained glass windows and dramatically improve energy efficiency
- The stained glass restoration project
- Replacing the old energy inefficient lights in the church with new LED lights that should use approximately 90% less energy than the old ones and allow us to properly insulate the ceiling of the church.

Upcoming projects include

- adding insulation above the church and sacristy and above the old ceiling lights in the church
- repairing the church chimney,
- repairing or replacing the sacristy ceiling

Members of this very active committee are the dynamite (TNT) duo of Tom Mickelson and Tim Stenger (small pun intended).

Now you know why you have seen them in the past few months looking up with their noses in the air or huddled in discussion in the corner!

When you have a chance, thank these gentlemen for their dedication to keeping our facilities beautiful and functional for us and our children's use.

When they call you for help, please do the best you can to give them a hand. After all, it is for all of us.

Finance Updates

As of December 31st (end of the second quarter of our fiscal year)

Income and Expense Second Quarter

Total Income	\$168,765.33*
Total Expense	<u>\$126,900.21</u>
Net Income	\$41,865.12

Total income was positively impacted primarily by

- The October Window fund raiser with net proceeds of \$20,600 applied to the window fund.
- The Call to Need portion of the Window Fund Raiser generated over \$7,400 for the Stained Glass Restoration Fund.
- A Building Fund Pledge of \$10,000

*Contributions received on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day were included in the January 3, 2016 contributions deposit.

Balance Sheet

Building fund	\$23,952.28
Window fund (Storm Windows)	\$12,700.54
Window Restoration Fund (Stained Glass)	\$8,238
Building Loan balance	\$172,865.30

The Finance Council has recommended and Father has authorized a pre-payment of \$14,000 be made towards the building loan principal. This will reduce the loan balance to \$158,865.

Your monthly contributions to the building fund continue to make the monthly building loan payment and contributed \$4,000 towards the pre-payment. Thank you.

The storm window replacement project is planned to be completed this spring. The cost of this is approximately \$22,000. Please continue your generous contributions to the window fund to cover the current estimated short fall of \$9,300.

Status of Sponsored Stain Glass Restoration Windows

*Funds donated for a specific window are reserved in a special liability account and do not show in the Window Restoration Fund Balance.

Sponsored Windows paid in full:	4
Sponsored Windows Committed	2
Windows Remaining	19

Work is expected to begin this month on possibly three of the paid windows. One of the paid windows has not had the storm window upgrade and cannot be done at this time.

A status board identifying each window and its status is in the back of the church for your review.

As you can see, there is still a good selection of windows awaiting a sponsor. Now would be a good time to contact Tim Stenger 847-2912 or Tom Mickelson 346-3292 to get your window.