

St. Ann's Building and Grounds Commission Meeting  
February 27, 2007

Present: Scott Youngbauer, Dave Sheridan, Matt Buettner, Joe Ragona, Bill Bolton,  
Noreen Warren, Bob Warren, Rick Baughman

1. Documents

Scott reported that the December Building & Grounds meeting minutes and the west wind break report had been misplaced during Fr. Steve's transition.

2. Grounds

- A. Scott noted that Josh Tipsword, Eagle Scout, is currently in the planning and approval stage of the stations of the cross rebuilding process.
- B. Scott reminded the attendees that the spring cleanup date has been rescheduled for April 7, 2007, from 8 AM to 12 noon (weather permitting) with the following additional comments:
  - i. Joe noted the following:
    - Since the recommended depth of mulch has been reached or exceeded on the majority of the grounds, we will not order any additional mulch from the city of Davenport this year. In lieu of additional mulch, the existing mulch will be pulled back at tree bases and worked up in the planting beds.
    - Bill added that since we will have on-site mulch material from the West Wind-break Thinning project, we should consider renting a wood chipper to produce mulch for some of the areas on the north side of the church, where the mulch depth is short. He has contacted Avenue Rental, Bettendorf, regarding chipper rental. A 25 h.p. chipper rents for \$65.00 for a four (4) hours rental. The equipment will handle up to six (6) inch diameter material. Avenue Rental recommends that the trees dry out a minimum of one (1) week before the trees are mulched. No objections were noted.
  - ii. Since the parish has renters in the rental house, the B&G Commission will be responsible for cleaning up only the perimeter of this property (ditch, hedge row, trees, etc.)
  - iii. The cemetery commission has not been active. Any clean-up or maintenance work that the B&G Commission can complete in the cemetery would be appreciated
  - iv. Scott requested that, if possible, Bill bring a power washer with him. He would like to power wash selective areas on the north side of the church. No chemicals will be used at this time.

- v. Bob asked that grading and seeding of the new graves be added to the work day scope of work. He will furnish the grass seed.
    - vi. Joe and Bo confirmed for Scott that the plastic pipe lying along the fence line, northwest of the maintenance shed, is no longer needed and can be given away.
  - C. Joe reported that he will try to contact Tom Wilkerson regarding an update on a planting and maintenance program for the grounds and a landscape design for the Fatima shrine area. Several attendees noted that they would like to see a flowering type tree planted on each side of the entrance to the shrine.
  - D. Bob reported minor tree damage on the grounds from last weekend's ice storm.
  - E. Joe will follow up with Lori and Terry Rathje on the type of preparation and paint that should be used to repaint the concrete statues located on the grounds.
  - F. Bob and Joe noted that at some point, we may need to consider a maintenance program for cemetery stones, as we have some that are leaning and cracked. A drill, epoxy, pin system would most likely be used.
  - G. Joe expressed his opinion that the repaired Stations of the Cross should be mounted after the rebuilt enclosures have been mounted on the support posts.
  - H. Joe noted that the parking lot lamp had to be replaced recently.
- 3. Buildings
  - A. Bob and Joe gave Scott permission to have an Eagle Scout use the parish maintenance shed as a workshop for his Stations of the Cross project.
  - B. Joe stated that he would like Scott's help in replacing a stone at the Baptismal Font.
  - C. Per Scott's conversation with Loras S., Hornbuckle Heating and A/C has installed a make-up air grille in the women's restroom and Jeff Liske has added vinegar to the floor drain in this room. This seems to have solved the odor problem. It was noted that the operation of the fan has not been changed.
  - D. Bob reported no roof leaks this past week in the two areas repaired last year (namely, the main church entry and the day chapel entry). He noted that there was a roof leak along the north wall of the office, which he will investigate.
- 4. Miscellaneous Items
  - A. Buildings and Grounds commission has been scheduled to lead the Stations of the Cross on March 27 at 6:30 PM.
  - B. The tree trimming and thinning project on the west wind break was rescheduled for Saturday, March 10, at 8:00 AM with the following comments:
    - i. Matt reported that Avenue Rental has a portable stump grinder that we could rent at some time.

- ii. Scott noted that the state forester has recommended that we try to end up with a 20' x 20' tree spacing.
- iii. Dave will contact Dick Miller regarding the scheduling. Dick wants to use some of the trees for Fish Habitat at Lost Grove Lake.

5. Parish Breakfast

- A. Scott reminded everyone that the Building and Grounds commission will be sponsoring the March 25, 2007 breakfast. Volunteers will start work at 7:00 AM on that date.
- B. A group decision was reached to prepare French toast, link sausages, fruit/bananas, and drinks.
- C. Bill will pick up the bread from Wonder Bread and the sausage, eggs, and fruit mix from TPC.
- D. Food purchase will be based on an attendance of 150.