

**Building and Grounds Report  
April 2021**

Committee Members:

Paul Aroune	Mike Sullivan	Jim Plukas	Rob Buckla	Mike Fenn	Sarino Tropeano
Jim Pluka	Brother Joe	Grant Scott			

The committee has conferenced three times since the last board meeting. The committee continues to focus on the list of items that was set during the April 2018 committee overnight, current needs of the facilities, as well as, how does the committee fit into the future planning for The Mountain.

**1. Chapel Entrance Update:**

Process continues to move forward with Grant Scott preparing concepts based on information from last meeting up at The Mountain.

**2. Solar Panel Array/Green Energy Initiative:**

After a very productive conversation at the last board meeting the Board has approved a placement and has committed to the project and approved moving forward as long as we can find a friend who is in the position to purchase with an LLP and take advantage of the tax breaks that go along with such a project to bring the final cost to \$32,000.

An update on donor/mortgager of the project. Mike and Fr. Dan had a good conversation with the donor. He was going to talk to his own tax guys to understand the tax credit as well as the tax avoidance from the depreciation. We hope to hear back from in the next week.

**3. St. Joe's Entrance**

Grant Scott spent a couple of days on the Mountain at the during March and looked at concepts for a roof to cover the porch on St Joe's . The committee continues to discuss this, as well as, other concepts to bring a covered porch to St. Joe's to protect the newly installed entrance door from the elements and to provide a shaded area for those staying in the hermitage to enjoy while the Southern Sun beats down on the cabin.

**4. Steps to Chapel from Mountain Road**

The committee discussed the aging and rotting oof the steps and concern that they may not hold up. Paul spent a day down with Br. Joe looking at this project and it appears that just the top landscape timbers in certain areas have rotted enough for replacement. We will be doing this job on May 14 & 15<sup>th</sup>.

**5. Ice back-up on roof outside back door of House of Peace**

The committee discussed, at length, what was occurring over the back door of the HOP during winter months which was beginning to have water come down through the door jam and making a dangerous exit/entrance into the house. Grant Scott and Paul spent time looking at the problem with Br. Joe and will be re-routing the gutter run to the outside of the house away from the currently run line down the roof to the gutter right above the door. We believe this will reduce/remove the problem for winters to come. This project will be done over the May 14<sup>th</sup> weekend.

**6. Sky Lighting in the Shed**

During the walkthrough with Paul in March Br. Joe brought to light leaking occurring in the roof "sky-lights" of the shed which bring natural light into the space through fiberglass sheets that are attached to openings in the steel roof. The leaking is from those sheets releasing from the "plastic pushing that insulates where the sheet connects to the roof. The sheets also have holes in them through aging.6 panels will be replaced over the May 14<sup>th</sup> weekend.

**7. Potential B&G Work Weekend/overnight this May**

The committee is possibly set to have an overnight for those who can attend to work on the projects listed in this report, walk the land to inspect facilities and build relationships through the process of "living the life" together during the weekend.

Paul Aroune