

Building and Grounds Report February 2022

Committee Members:

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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:

Last meeting brought new design concepts that came out of many conversations between Fr. Dan and Grant Scott, as well as, the committee. Designs continue to be shaped by purpose, materials and bringing natural outdoors into the space.

2. Solar Panel Array/Green Energy Initiative:

The project manager from Solar Liberty has had some difficulties connecting with the Town Clerk of West Clarksville for permitting for the project . She was able to reach the person on 1/30 and now the application is being processed. There is approval from the Electric Company for tapping into the system. The new timeframe for construction and final turn on is Late March of 2022.

3. High Speed Internet Expansion to ALL Buildings in Main Core area of the Mountain:

The committee has been working and consulting with Michael Brooks from Denali Solutions to build a system that would push the high speed wi-fi to the Chapel, Other House, and La Paz. There was a meeting on 1/28 with Michael Brooks for final approval of design and installation. The timeline for this expansion will be completed the first full week of April so that it can be used for a possible live broadcast of Easter Sunday Mass. All installation will be completed before Holy Week.

4. St. Joe's Entrance

Grant Scott spent a couple of days on the Mountain at 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.

5. Chapel Parking Lot Design

For those who were at the last meeting you noticed that the Chapel parking lot was expanded and graded. There was also a beautiful new sign created and designed by Fr. Dan and Br. Joe. More discussion has been around the design and flow of the lot, as well as, the entrance design. A concept of a peninsula at the opening to create flow and welcoming space into the chapel lot is being discussed. Grant will continue to work through designs with the committee.

6. Sky Lighting in the Shed

This project is being placed on hold until the Spring or Summer of 2022. The sheets also have holes in them through aging. 6 panels will be replaced over the May 14th weekend.

Paul Aroune