

Buildings and Grounds Committee Report

September Board Meeting

1. The Land-
 - a. Tree removal- Brother Joe reports that all of the trees that were considered dangerous have been taken down.
 - b. There is clean up that remains. This will be handled over time with volunteers.
2. Building Exteriors-
 - a. Roofs- As reported last quarter there are no signs of any issues or need for immediate replacement. Brother Joe has noted that several buildings have roofs that are approaching the end of their expected life. So, the B&G committee will assist the staff with procuring replacement quotes for the roofs on the House of Peace and The Other House. This will allow the staff to prepare the next operating budget to include one or more of these roofs.
 - b. Siding- Generally the siding has weathered as expected. There were a few spots where minor repairs are needed.
 - c. Windows and doors- Most of the windows and doors are in very good condition. Several of the buildings have had new doors and windows installed in the last 3-5 years.
 - d. Handrails- La Paz needs to have repairs to make one set sturdier. There are other buildings that need additional balusters to be code-compliant.
 - e. The Taylor House- speaking with Brother Joe, we recognize that the building needs some larger improvements. It's been suggested that we decide what the long-term plan for this building might be. If we intend to re-purpose it, but without the need to totally replace it, we should create a plan to make major improvements to it. The first area would be to make sure that the "Building Envelope" is solid, secure, and watertight. Again, the intent is to include the anticipated expenses on this year's or next year's operating budget.
3. Building Interiors-
 - a. Ceilings and Walls- The House of peace walls have cracks in the drywall at the seams of the Stress Skin panels. We are discussing possible remedies.
 - b. Several cabins have dated appliances and cabinetry. But the cabinetry is in good condition. No plans to make changes.
 - c. Most of the stove tops are propane-fired. B&G had recommended replacement of the stoves tops with electric units, but are deferring to the Core Community's opinion that they should remain for now. In those discussions we learned that there are two electric stove tops that should be replaced. Joe and Martha will begin that process.
 - d. In our last report, we noted that the two stoves in The House of Peace need to be replaced. We have discussed changing to electric rather than propane. No decision has been made at this time. But this remains a top priority.
4. Furniture-
 - a. The chairs and tables are dated. If budget allows, we would recommend that we begin replacing them.