

Building and Grounds Committee Report
Tuesday, October 21, 2008
Present: Bill Duff, Brian Riesberg, Ann Merschman,
Craig Rahm, and Brenda Scholten
Next Meeting – Tuesday, November 18, 2008

- Committee is kicking off again after taking a year (or so) break during the building construction
- Looking for committee chairperson as well as new members – add will be placed in bulletin
- Parish Center – 2 heating/cooling units (one for the gym and one for the 7 other rooms). Appears to be mechanical/control issues between the two systems. In the spring and fall when one area is cool the other is hot or vice a versa. Considering diagnostic test to determine root of problem.
- Gym – heat exchanger is going bad. Will need to be replaced within the next 1-2 years. Other heat exchanger was replaced two years ago and the cost was approximately \$80k.
- BOE representative shared concerns that had been voiced about the heating/cooling systems in the school classrooms. A number of comfort and energy usage concerns have been expressed by staff and parents. Brian Riesberg explained that the HVAC units do things that affect comfort and can sometimes appear like a waste of energy. The units always pull in fresh air to make the room air healthier (i.e. eject CO₂, airborne viruses etc.) and they sometimes operate in a dehumidifier-mode (by alternating the heating and cooling) to keep room humidity low. Brian would be happy to provide further details to those who have additional questions. In addition, Buildings and Grounds will be looking into ways to improve the HVAC performance without adversely affecting classroom air quality.
- Ann brought up several other items and each was discussed briefly:
 - Parish Clean-up Day – Nov 1st
 - Planter on Douglas – plastic trim to be replaced with brick and hostas moved over next to the school
 - Trees by kindergarten rooms – roots are showing and need more dirt. Would like to put in _ circle with brick – potential scout project
 - Signage on Church grounds – Ann will take pictures; further discussion later
 - Women’s bathroom – could table or hooks be added? Keep in mind that the room still needs to be handicap accessible
 - Deck outside of Father Joe’s Office – needs stained; Bill will call Phi Nguyen (sp??) for an estimate
 - Rock by Parish Center is thinning – buckthorn trees also look straggly and should maybe be removed
 - Ann would like to form a weekly “weeders” group to help keep the grounds looking nice