

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

MARSHA PRICE Florence Diede, Gayle Carter

Electrical/Fire Suppression

We have continued replacing the old style electric ballasts with new style throughout the building. In addition, the fire suppression system and fire extinguisher systems are receiving regular maintenance.

Sewer/Plumbing/drainage

The main drain line was cleared through to the street. In addition, about 20 ft. of old copper sewer lines were leaking and we replaced with PVC.

There is a French drain outside the front door area of the parking lot. It had become filled with sand and debris and therefore, when it rains the entry to front door is blocked by water. A sewer company was hired to blow out the entire French drain. We will continue with regular maintenance to prevent further problems.

Carpet

Carpet in the nap room was replaced. We chose carpet squares to replace it with. It is a bit more expensive initially, but in the future, as areas are ruined, that section can be repaired. Also, there had been a problem in the past with the vacuum ripping the seams. The squares are bound on all sides to prevent this.

The outdoor nursery playground carpet is tearing up. Since it was late in the season, it won't be replaced until spring. Carpet tiles have also been selected for that area and will be installed in the spring

Paint

A painter was hired to paint 2 of the classrooms, great room, kitchen, dining room, laundry room, and entry.

We did the entire area with the same paint color so it all flows much better. Previously, each room was a different color! We will have Bob the painter come by a couple times a year for touchup.

Another painter was hired to paint the exterior of the building. She was hoping to get the woodwork scraped, repaired and done before winter weather. Unfortunately, she was ill for 3 weeks and did not get to start. We will begin as soon as the weather clears.

Garage

We had two issues with the garage this year. First, there was a break-in. Someone used a crow bar to destroy the code pad entry lock on the man door. We were able to repair the damage to the door, replace the lock system and also replace part of the frame. The police were called, but no suspects were arrested. Fortunately, it doesn't appear that the thieves took anything. All the cabinet doors upstairs were opened and ransacked. The police suspected that they

were looking for bank account numbers. At the time, we have about \$10,000 worth of books etc. stored in the garage.

There was also an issue with both the man door and overhead doors not opening. We had to hire a locksmith to pry open the overhead to gain entry. The batteries in the code pad on the passage door were dead and the breaker for the overhead was tripped. Quite a coincidence!

Automobile crash

In March, one of the daycare mothers crashed her car into the southwest corner of our building. It was a great learning experience for our committee and President Hogg. Marsha Price, chairman of Building and Grounds, was out of the country. We found that the chain of events was handled very smoothly. Other committee members Florence Diede and Gayle Carter were both unavailable, so our President stepped up and met with the staff, analyzed the situation, called in a structural engineer, secured the area, and dealt with the insurance company. We spent months hiring a construction company and overseeing the process. Fortunately the damage was in an office, so the children's areas were unaffected. We learned a lot!