

# Immaculate Conception Church Restoration Building Committee

Minutes for December 1, 2010 Meeting

**Voting members in attendance:** Father Hernandez, Ramon Torres, Martin Romero, Del Chavez, Carlos Sanchez, Angelo Torres and Rick Trujillo

**Archbishop's Preservation Commission Representative:** Antonio Martinez

**Finance Council Representative:** Jerry Thompson

**Other Participants:** Deacon Lorenzo Castillo, Daniel Castillo

The meeting was called to order and the minutes for the meeting of November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 were discussed and accepted.

The meeting commenced with the status of the gutter warranty. John (at the last committee meeting) offered to contact Randy Silva to determine when and if repairs will be completed. John was not in attendance and Del offered to contact John to determine if contact had been made with Randy and if so what transpired from the conversation.

Discussion turned to fact finding work on the south wall. On November 20, 2010 committee members Ramon, Carlos, Rick and Angelo made some wonderful discoveries with regard to the structural integrity of the south wall. Rick shared incredible pictures of what was discovered. Angelo showed the committee on the eraser board (via a schematic) what was found when a section of concrete was removed. The following was discovered; boulders of all sizes, a concrete footing, plastic material (under the concrete) and a contra-pared. The good news was that there was no adobe behind the contra pared. The adobe on the south wall was about 12" to 14" above the ground. No significant moisture was found and it was determined that the contra pared does not have to be removed. It was noted that the moisture problem under the south side portal needs to be addressed. The committee members along with Antonio believed the south wall was structurally sound. It was also determined that the plaster on the south wall will eventually have to be removed in the same manner as what was done on the north wall.

Chairman Torres turned the discussion to the status of the interior (south side) wall. In the fact finding process a 3' by 4' cutout was made to the bulging wall. It was discovered that several plaster materials were found i.e., gypsum "globs", gypsum plaster, "rubber" filler material and the original mud plaster. Eventually all of these materials will have to be removed and replaced with a breathable natural plaster. The open area was covered-up with a Masonite sheet.

The committee then discussed where to go from here. As a committee we all felt that the north and south walls are structurally sound. After much discussion the committee felt a level

of urgency to do exploratory/fact finding work on the east side wall. Discussion on how to handle the east wall was lead by Antonio. He shared different scenarios that may exist with the deteriorating adobe and recommendations to remedy this. It was shared that the north and south walls of the Sanctuary are cracking. It was recommended that we place a monitor to determine/measure (during this winter) the movement of the separation/cracks. Antonio, Ramon, Rick, Angelo, Carlos, Jerry and Daniel agreed to meet Saturday, December 4, 2010 at 9:00 am to commence the fact finding process and determine the structural integrity of the east wall. The same fact finding procedures will take place-- as what was done- on the south side wall.

Meeting adjourned.