

## **Immaculate Conception Church Restoration Building Committee**

Minutes for November 16, 2011

**Voting members in attendance:** Father Jose, Ramon Torres, Martin Romero, Del Chavez and Brandon Jaramillo

**Archbishop's Preservation Commission Representative:** none

**Finance Council Representatives:** Jerry Thompson

**Other Participants:** none

The meeting was called to order. Father gave the opening prayer. A motion by Del to accept the minutes of November 2, 2011 was made seconded by Martin. All voted to accept minutes.

First on the agenda was Martin bringing the committee up to date on the walk-through that was held on Sunday, November 13, 2011. Of those who attended, the conclusion was that the quality of work is good. The committee was satisfied with the work we got from the contractor. Crocker Ltd., has done more than expected in terms of what was written in the contract. According to Martin the job on this particular phase of the restoration project is complete other than a few minor items.

Discussion moved to the color of the stucco (Cottonwood.) Brandon mentioned that the earthen mud plaster will get lighter while the stucco will get deeper in color. The consensus among those present was to wait six months to be able to fully evaluate bringing uniformity (as close as we can get it) to the entire church building. As a committee, we agreed to allow for all materials to fully "cure-out" within the coming months before any changes needed to be made. Brandon discussed a "fogging" process that may have to be considered to seek this evenness of color. It was mentioned by Ramon that our objective in making sure the church building is structurally sound has been achieved. The goal of preserving the church building to last another century has been fulfilled.

The meeting moved on to the gutters. After much discussion about the ½ round that was preferred-- but unfortunately- does not come in a seamless system it was agreed that we would go with a 6" K Style seamless gutter and down spouts. It was noted that four contractors were approached to bid and only two contractors' submitted proposals for review. ER Water Systems was selected to complete the gutter work. It was also discussed that the scaffolding was no longer available and that ER Water Systems would have to install gutters without

bringing harm to the plastered walls. Martin mentioned that he would not be able to be the lead on this. The committee felt a member should be a point of contact for ER Water Systems. Brandon volunteered to help in this manner. Ramon and Jerry also volunteered to help when and if need arrived. Brandon was charged to 1) review the contract, 2) check and get copies of insurance and certificates, 3) receive workers compensation documentation and 4) to reiterate to the contractor that no leaning ladders are to be used when installing the gutters. Willie Martinez (252-2284) from ER Water Systems is the point of contact for this project. It was also suggested that Dora Gomez receive a copy of the accepted proposal for the Finance Committee's review.

Discussion turned to the rebuilding of the towers. Martin mentioned that Crocker Ltd wants to do this work. An informal bid of 100K was discussed not including design, architectural drawings or structural engineering specifications. Per Brandon, the structural engineering is the hard part. Brandon agreed to do some research in finding structural engineering firms who may be able to provide us with the necessary work needed to start the process of rebuilding the towers. Brandon will be in contact with John Huchmala from the Archdioceses seeking suggestions for possible structural engineers who have had experience with historic properties.

On other items discussed, Ramon requested that we have another Saturday work session to 1) work on drainage on both the east and north walls of the church and to move and save the sand and dirt piles for later use. No date was set.

Jerry wanted to inform the Building Restoration Committee that Casa Colorada needs help with bat mitigation. It was brought to the attention of the committee that the insulation at the Casa Colorada church needs to be discarded due to the bat infestation. Work needs to be completed now that the bats are gone for the winter. Several suggestions, in dealing with this problem, were offered by committee members. It was advised, that Jerry have parishioners from Casa Colorada meet with the Building Restoration Committee with a plan on how to get this job completed and what is needed from the Tome parish and its parishioners in getting this work completed.

Finishing the meeting, it was advised that we consider how to re-communicate to the parishioners the processes taken place and what to expect in the continued work of restoring the church. A suggestion was made to develop poster board renderings to be placed in the church showing what the next phase in building the Church towers would look like. Carlos has had experience in this and would be approached to see if such renderings can be made by him for display.

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, November 30, 2011-- 6:00 pm at the Parish Hall.

A motioned to adjourn seconded by Del, Father gave a closing prayer. Meeting adjourned.