

Immaculate Conception Church Restoration Building Committee

Minutes for September 22, 2010 Meeting

Voting members in attendance: Ramon Torres, Carlos Sanchez, Angelo Torres, Rick Trujillo, Brandon Jaramillo and Del Chavez

Archbishop's Preservation Commission Representative: Antonio Martinez

Finance Council Representative: Jerry Thompson

Other Participants: Daniel Castillo, Deacon Lorenzo Castillo, John Kirkpatrick

The meeting was called to order and the minutes for the meeting of August 25, 2010 were discussed and accepted.

The meeting commenced with Old Business-- Chairman Torres began by discussing the September 9, 2010 work day on the north side of the church. Over fifty people attended the work day. Individuals who attended ranged from teenage to honored seniors in their 80's. Chairman Torres expressed his gratitude for all who came. A list was developed but contact information was missing. It was suggested that we capture this information during our next "work day." This amazing attendance was encouraging for future work days. Deacon Lorenzo mentioned people came after mass wanting to know the date for the next work day.

Martin asked Del to report his conversation with Marina Ochoa from the Archdioceses Archive Department regarding historical information on the placement of the existing foundation on the north wall. No information about the foundation was to be found in the Archdiocese archives.

Discussion took place regarding (north bell tower) mitigation of moisture intrusion. According to Chairman Torres the bell towers were brought down in the early 70's and "existing" tower reinforcements were put into place. This good will work has to be addressed because of the moisture retention in and around the "tower." It was strongly suggested that further study be taken to measure the moisture content and develop a plan to mitigate deterioration of what is left of the north tower.

Parish Communications -- Chairman Torres shared with the committee that our efforts during the annual Fiesta worked well. Participants were able to receive information on the steps being taken in restoring the church. Del has been working with Marianne Holmes to place information on the web site about the restoration process. Currently parishioners can find committee minutes on the church's website. It was suggested that the volunteers who came to help be named and thanked on the website for their efforts during the September 9th 2010

workday. Brandon's Q & A sheet has been forwarded to Marianne Holmes to be placed as a document on the restoration website page.

Jerry reported that the Finance Council has approved the committee's request to allow the Building Committee to spend up to \$500 on one particular item with a \$1500 cap on multiple items needed for restoration purposes. Items to include but not limited are tools, materials, machinery rentals etc. Chairman Torres will collect all receipts deliver them to Mary Ann Baca and reimburse committee members for their out of pocket expenses. This should be done at least once a month to maintain appropriate spending records. Jerry also reported that the Finance Council has looked at the church's liability insurance and feel comfortable with the coverage level. Jerry and Mary Ann Baca will review the policy and if need be the Finance Council may consider a rider to the existing policy to increase the coverage limits. It was agreed that together the (Finance and Restoration) committees are exercising due diligence in making sure that appropriate coverage's are in place.

Again, Father Hernandez was not informed of our meeting. It was decided that Chairman Torres will notify Father and the Parish Office of when our committee meetings will take place.

As the meeting continued torrential rains occurred. It was an opportunity for the committee to see firsthand the effects of large amounts of rainfall gathering on the north side of the church. It was witnessed that the gutters were not working as they should. Jerry volunteered to go back to the contractor who installed the gutters and request that they be repaired. John shared with the committee a preliminary drainage layout draft directing water away from the building. He will be completing field measuring-- trying to avoid the septic tank- on the north-west side of the classrooms directing water further north from all buildings.

Discussion continued about the future use of the classrooms and the cost of maintaining them in the future. The classrooms were built in the 70's and need major repair. It was quickly determined that this was not the decision or work of this committee and that our focus was the restoration and structural integrity of the church. It was decided that our efforts are to focus on the north wall until work is completed.

The next steps (work) on the north wall (as discussed) are as follows; (1) getting the gutters to run efficiently, (2) develop plans and work schedule for an efficient drain field, (3) deal with bell tower drainage and structural integrity and 4) experiment with different ratios of raw (natural) materials to stucco the lower exposed portion of the north wall.

Next Building Restoration Committee meeting will be held October 6, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned.

