

MMG Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2008

7PM

Attendance: Victor Mokarzel, John Mendoza, Marcelino Gonzales, Henry Saenz, Tim Gjerde, Vicent Estrada, Benny Perez, Andy Maldonado and Leo De La Garza.

Welcome to new member Tim Gjerde...we joined us in a brief meal (pizza and cookies to celebrate).

Topics discussed and any decisions voted on:

1.

Reviewed Storage building and visited the site. It is coming along very well. Alfonso from grupo juvenile will be able to complete the wall portion of the building by next Sunday. Again all the blocks are being donated by George Salinas. We bought the corner blocks and cement for the project. Receipts still outstanding. We discussed the door options and will get ideas once the walls are completed and the roof is done. We really would like a maintenance-free building so the upper portion of the walls will have metal siding or Hardy-Board planks. We are reviewing the type of windows to use (small narrow) to get natural lighting into the building....we may consider glass blocks. More later. We will set a weekend date to get an MMG crew to finish the structure....however September is a busy month. After I get the roof trusses figured out and ordered we will set the date for completing this project.

2.

Financial statement reviewed. Thanks to Natalie at the office for providing the statement on short notice. We have a fund balance of \$6,232 at this point. We have in recent weeks deducted expenses for cement, rebar and labor cost to start the Storage Project...total amount deducted so far has been \$1,1535.70. Not bad and we still have over six thousand in our account for lawn equipment and additional building costs. We are doing very well.

3.

BBQ Pit for the Church idea was discussed. Vicent's brother in law is selling his commercial pit for \$2,500 and may go down on this price. Henry Saenz, and Vicent will take a look at the pit and take pictures. I asked Henry to invite Frank Pena to look at the pit. Our budget priorities are completion of the storage building and buying lawn equipment and but maybe if another ministry would partner up with us and buy the pit we could afford it? Maybe ACTS? Henry will report on this project at the next meeting.

4.

Jamaica Security discussed.....we are all committed to this project but I need a project manager to take the lead and build the team for this project...some of us are already committed to other Jamaica responsibilities. I will either appoint someone or wait and see if someone will step up. We are being asked to take money at the door as well. We have to complete the Ethics and Integrity workshop for anyone to help with volunteer duties. Look at the diocese website for locations. We have almost all MMG members already certified. More at the next meeting.

5.

Spiritual Cinema night: Saw two short films (12 and 10 minutes long) and had a brief discussion. After a brief moment of technical difficulties we were able to view the films....it was still somewhat complicated. The TV at OLG is too old and does not accommodate a DVD player without a converter box. Thanks for the Church for providing the TV to view our films. We need to consider buying a new TV for the Church ...big screen? Next project after the pit.

6.

Next meeting : September 9, 2008 at OLG. Please schedule time to attend.