

**MINUTES OF INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTRE, WICHITA, KANSAS
29th SEPTEMBER to 3rd OCTOBER, 2008**

ATTENDEES

Executive Committee

- Steve and Claudia Schulz – Louisiana IET
Married 32 years – 4 children, 2 married, 1 granddaughter,
Involved in EE since 1978 (not continuous)
- Fr Terence Runstedler – IET Priest – Canada
Ordained 24 years EE 23 years
Chaplain of 2 hospitals, 2 Catholic and 2 Public schools
- Francis and Annette Wattie – Trinidad and Tobago – International Finance Team
Married 27 years EE 18 years
2 Children 1 Grandson
- Fr Frank Power – Antigua, Priest International Finance Team & Regional Priest for
English Speaking Caribbean.
Ordained 34 years EE 4 years
- Ronald and Ursula Sobotker – Cape Town, South Africa – International Statistics Team
Married; 15 years EE: 13 years 2 daughters
Presently Southern African Regional Couple
- Fr Rohan Smuts – Cape Town, South Africa – Priest International Statistics Team
Ordained; 9 years EE: 6 years
Presently Southern African Regional Priest
- Paco and Mali Rocha – Mexico – Outgoing Outline and Resources Team
Married: 38 years EE: 25 years 3 sons, 1 grandson, 1 granddaughter
- Fr Javier Hinojosa– Mexico, presently serving in Kenya – Outgoing Priest Outline and
Resources
Ordained: 34 years EE: 18 years
- Cesar and Gilda Tavaréz – Dominican Republic – Incoming Outline and Resources Team
Married: 32 years 3 sons, 1 grandson EE: 18 years
- Fr. Rafael Cruz – Dominican Republic - Incoming Priest Outline and Resource Team
Ordained: 29 years spent 25 years as a parish priest now attached to a Catholic University.
Also coordinator of Family Pastoral Centre in Dominican Republic.

Regional Representatives

- John and Mary Saxman – Outgoing NET, CEE, USA
Married: 46 years EE: 29 years 2 children 3 grandchildren
Expecting another grandson
- Fr Bill Hammelman – Outgoing Priest NET, CEE, USA
Ordained: 37 years EE: 30 years
- Jose and Barbara Salazar – Trinidad – Coordinators, English Speaking Caribbean, together with Fr Frank Power
Married: 45 years EE: 18 years 5 children, 8 granddaughters
- Bernard and Ginette Charbonneau – Canada – National coordinators
Married: 41 years EE: 16 years 2 sons 3 grandchildren
- Fr Steve Collins – National Priest Canada
Ordained: 33 years EE: 20 years
Hospital Chaplin / Asst Parish Priest
- Luis and Maribel Cardenas – Mexico – Regional Coordinators
Married: 25 years EE: 15 years 4 children
- Fr Manolo Castellanos – Mexico, Regional Priest
Ordained: 18 years EE: 11 years
- Fr Marco Garcia Ángeles – Puebla, Mexico, Regional Priest
Ordained: 23 years EE: 10 years (not continuous)
Presently Director of Archdiocesan Newspaper
- Herbert and Monica Rubio – Regional Team Central America and Spanish Speaking Caribbean
Married: 18 years EE: 13 years 3 sons
- Paul and Carolyn Trahan – USA host couple for meeting
Married: 28 years 1 son 26 years
Became involved in EE after experiencing their weekend
Presently local coordinators for Lake Charles, Louisiana, and also members of Lafayette, Louisiana

Day 1 – Monday 29th September

Opening Mass celebrated by Fr Tery – Mass of the Archangels

Meeting started at 7.00pm with opening prayer by Fr Tery

Steve and Claudia and Fr Tery welcomed all, especially Bill and Cindy Cook and Tom and Myra Linderman of the Wichita community who were our local host couples. Tokens of appreciation were presented to them.

The agenda was reviewed and accepted as presented

A question was asked by representatives from Spanish Speaking Caribbean on whether EE was a ministry or movement within the church. After discussion it was agreed that we were a movement that assists a ministry in the church. Fr Tery advised that from his advice received, there is no Canonical difference.

Bernard and Ginette are to send a copy of Letter from the Vatican held by Canada.

Steve, Claudia and Fr Tery are to apply to the Vatican for a new letter of approval.

Session ended at 9.45pm with closing prayer led by Steve, Claudia and Fr Tery.

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DAY 2 - Tuesday 30th September

Mass celebrated by Fr Rafael Cruz

Meeting started at 9.15am

Based on an enquiry, Steve advised that ICEE Communities who do not have a Community ID# should use 60000 when ordering from Central Supply.

The Minutes of 2007 meeting were reviewed and the following corrections made:

- ⊕ Page 3 - Delete line with Argentina.....correct
- ⊕ Page 5 - Delete Antigua, insert St Lucia
- ⊕ Page 8 - insert 'some' before Bishops in first line, last paragraph
- ⊕ Page 11- Sacramental Couple - Amend to read

“There are two kinds of marriages in the Catholic Church –Natural Bond Marriages and Sacramental Marriages.

A valid marriage of a catholic and a Non-baptized person is not a Sacramental Marriage. It is a Natural Bond Marriage, and it could be dissolved ‘in favor of the faith’.

There are some Denominations and Sects which claim to be Christian but, technically, are not; e.g. the Salvation Army claims to be Christian, but does not have baptism; Jehovah’s Witnesses and Mormons do not believe in the divinity of Christ in the same way we do; and thus, they do not intend by their baptism, what the Church intends. So their baptisms are invalid. Baptisms in churches that do not baptize in the Trinitarian Form are also invalid. A valid marriage of a Catholic and a ‘non-baptized’ person of any such religion is a Natural Bond Marriage. A couple in a Natural Bond Marriage cannot be a presenting Team.

For a Baptism to be valid, the baptizer must intend what the church intends and pray the Trinitarian Form, while at least making a small flow of water over the candidate’s head.

A marriage in the Catholic Church of a validly baptized man to a validly baptized woman is a Sacramental Marriage. Presenting Team Couples must be in a Sacramental Marriage. Both husband and wife must be validly baptized, at least one of them must be Catholic, and, they must be married according to the laws of the Catholic Church.

Steve and Claudia are to update the handbook with this definition.

The minutes were then put to the Vote. Discussions were held on eligibility to vote as it was a Committee Meeting. It was agreed that at Committee Meeting – Committee Members alone were eligible to vote. However, the input of Regional Teams is important in assisting Committee members in making decisions. Regional teams and Committee Members vote at Board meetings.

Bernard Charbonneau advised that the present handbook does not have any guidelines on Voting Rules.

Steve and Claudia are to update Handbook with voting rules.

Motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Fr Rohan and seconded by Paco Rocha. By unanimous approval, the 2007 minutes were accepted as revised. Updated minutes will be translated and distributed to all regional coordinating teams by October 31st 2008

Updated minutes are to be distributed by 31st October, 2008

REGIONAL REPORTS

1) United States – Presented by John and Mary Saxman and Fr Bill Hammelman

The United States does their Statistics differently to that which we requested as they have more than one community in a Diocese. The Report was incomplete as information from Districts 2 & 3 were not received.

OUTLINE REVISION COMMITTEE - ORC

An update was given regarding the work of the ORC:-

- ⊙ 4 topics are being emphasized – Sacrament, Intimacy, Family of Origin and Values. They are being introduced at different times on the weekend, not just when the topic is addressed.
- ⊙ Team presentations are being shortened to 10 to 15 minutes
- ⊙ Some areas already use Power Point – these are being standardized.
- ⊙ First 4 talks are almost completely revised
- ⊙ Some talks are being combined - Openness in Communication and Signs of a Closed relationship and Decisions and Plan of Life
- ⊙ Possibility of a separate talk for NFP. National Board recently spoke on possibility of producing DVD for NFP (this was well received by all)
- ⊙ Some talks are going to be written with alternatives (as with Decisions and Morality now).

The Committee is trying to avoid terms which would be outdated in a few years. They also hope to introduce ways couples could be intimate, not only sexual. They will maintain the practice of couples sharing through writing and dialogue.

The project is taking longer as members are volunteers.

Outline would be written so that the use of power point would be optional. There may also be opportunity to use role plays etc.

The aim is to complete the project rather than do it piecemeal. Because Spanish EE is also important, they are trying to get the Spanish community to write the outline and assist in translation, with sensitivity to culture being considered.

The United States Board and Community are very excited about the project and see it as a way of making talks current.

Process: - ORC and US National Board will re write their talks exchange these and then finalise them. A pilot weekend would then be held in each district to solicit input and buy in.

Discussions

- Bernard enquired about including the Theology of the Body

Ans: The teaching would be incorporated, but the exact words not used as it is felt they would be outdated in about 5 years.

- Bernard again enquired about training of couples for work shopping

Ans: Couples would be trained how to workshop anything, not just specifically the outline. A major part of the training would be how to enable people to look for experiences, rather than telling them what to say.

It was noted that changes may increase the need to recruit as some couples may retire.

- Gilda expressed concern because of the different countries.

Ans. Communities are allowed to adapt, but not change the outline. There would be built in more options for adaptation.

- Herbert expressed his approval of the shorter presentation times.

- Herbert questioned whether power point would be mandatory

Ans: Power point would be an alternative

Herbert sees this as positive as many teams in his region have been asking for power point.

Mary advised that they have young couples working with the ORC as they are more in tune with the interests of young people who tend to have a shorten attention span.

Fr Rohan advised that they discussed power point at their Regional Board Meeting in Southern Africa and most of the teams preferred the present format as they wanted to be different and also appreciated the personal contact.

Fr Tery shared that sometimes power point could be distracting and if too complicated or cute could cause problems. Introduction of power point would also add a training curve for teams. It may also require a different location in order to ensure visibility to all. Not withstanding the above, he likes the possibility.

Mary reminded us that power point would be an addition to the talk, not a replacement.

John stated that revising the outline is a challenge. They want to do as much as possible for the wellbeing of engaged couples. However, we cannot be all things to all people. They have received requests to add things to the outline that are simply impossible.

- Bernard enquired whether the Priest Outline would be the same as for a Deacon or Nun.

Ans: Due to the shortage of priest, the priest would no longer speak at the beginning and end of each talk, but would share in the middle

OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED

- ✓ A discussion then followed on Seminarians experiencing the weekend. Frs. Rohan and Tery experienced weekends as Seminarians and acknowledge the contribution of this in their present involvement.
- ✓ Mary Saxman advised that the United States Community has designed a new Logo. It does not need to be re copyrighted.
- ✓ John advised that it is becoming more difficult to solicit contributions for International. They would have to do some activity to increase contributions.
- ✓ Steve advised that we received \$6,000.00 from District 5 over the past two weeks.

The prayer before lunch was led by Luis, Maribel and Frs. Manolo and Marco.

REGIONAL REPORTS (Cont'd)

- 2) **Southern Africa / Kenya – Presented by Ronald, Ursula Sobotker and Fr Rohan Smuts**

Weekends are presented in Johannesburg, Cape Town, & Durban & Pretoria. Fr Rohan advised that they just discovered that there was a community in Pretoria which has been in existence since 1981. They found the outline in a drawer, found that it was good and have used it since then. Community consists of 2 priests and seven couples.

22 weekends presented with 233 couples. – Cape Town	3 weekends
Durban	3 weekends
Johannesburg	9 weekends
Pretoria	3 weekends

They are supporting the Kenya Community as they prepare to present their first weekend in November this year. Two teams and one priest spent 5 days in Cape Town to experience a weekend and begin their preparation to present in Nairobi.

\$2000.00 was requested to assist with expenses for first weekend.

Question for Consideration: There is need for more interaction among couples, perhaps making presentations more interactive to make it fun. We should consider encouraging the presenters and engaged couples, from time to time, to do a question or two together, before the fiancées write the dialogue.

Annette suggested they could try using one of the alternatives.

Challenges – Finances

Recruitment of team Couples

Building community

3) Canada – presented by Bernard and Ginette Charbonneau and Fr Steve Collins

Consists of 18 active Communities, with another 4 communities which are inactive.

Presented 53 weekends in 2007 - 55 in 2008

Significant achievements: - Increased communication between all levels of leadership
Local Bishop as liaison to Canadian Bishops
Website has improved awareness of EE
Bi annual newsletter rejuvenated in Edmonton
Greater awareness of importance of statistics
A few Communities are increasing their number of weekends
Increased use of power point
DVD On NFP

The DVD is available from: Robert Borys
136 St Jerome Cr
Kitchener
Canada N2C 2L2

Tel: 519 590 7761
Email: 2roistlin@rogers.com

Challenges: - The Friday Prayer is lovely, but does not reflect our patron Saint, The Holy Family. They Suggested the prayer be modified to include St Joseph.
Difficulty in recruiting new teams
Declining number of couples getting married
CEE does not have the backing of some or Diocese
Increasing number of inactive communities

Bernard, Ginette and Fr Tery are to work on a revised prayer

Outline Challenges / Suggestions

Many areas in Canada are doing 2 day weekends.
Language needs updating

New Resources Adopted ↗

Instead of a formal evaluation of the weekend they have introduced a letter to the teams on what they have gained as a couple. The results are enlightening.

Plans for the future

- ⊕ Recruiting new teams
- ⊕ Preparation of replacement regional Team as their term ends at the end of **2009**

Concerns / Questions

- I. Can a financial / registration couple be a non presenting couple?
 - i. Ans: Yes

- II. Do we have an EE DVD showing clips of the weekend format, interviewing couples etc?
 - a. Ans: Yes. **Steve and Claudia are to try and locate it.**

- III. Is there available enrichment material?
 - a. Ans: Yes. Available from Outline and resources

What do we do about groups who are not members of ICEE, but are using our material e.g past teams?

Ans: Claudia suggested, we ask them not to use our material

During discussion it was revealed that the Logo, the Saying “A wedding is a day....” and the Outline are Trade marked. The name is not.

1) English Speaking Caribbean presented by Jose and Barbara Salazar and Frank Power

Consists of: Trinidad and Tobago
Barbados
Dominica
Antigua
Grenada

Dominica celebrated their 25th Anniversary this year and Grenada would be celebrating their 25th Anniversary next year.

They were unable to achieve expansion to St Lucia, but have made a new contact and believe it is possible this coming year.

\$1,500.00 requested for expansion to St Lucia.

2) Europe – Presented by Ronald Sobotker

There are four communities in Spain. 13 weekends presented with 141 couples.

Challenge; can't expand to other countries due to lack of human resources

3) South America North – Presented by Ronald Sobotker

Consists of
Bolivia
Ecuador
Venezuela
Colombia

EE in Venezuela is no longer presenting weekends due to their political situation.

Peru: New rules from Bishops are making it difficult for EE

Colombia – Strong Community

Issues: Members of the community are questioning the leadership of the present Regional Team.

Their Bishops are asking for a document to certify the Catholic formation education of each CEE Presenting Team Couple.

- The Leaders recommended**
- a) **Married Sexual Intimacy Talk to be presented by one couple. Claudia explained the thinking behind two couple presentation (the different cycles)**
 - b) **The forgiveness talk should be done between Wedding and Betrothal followed by Plan of Life.**
 - c) **Minor change in Logo – Steve and Claudia advised that variations are acceptable**

\$2,000.00 was requested for expansion to Peru

6) **Spanish Speaking Caribbean presented by Herbert and Monica Rubio**

Consists of: Costa Rica
Cuba
El Salvador
Guatemala
Honduras
Nicaragua
Panama
Dominican Republic

48 weekends presented – 819 couples
4 communities presented enrichment weekends with 39 couples attending

Costa Rica

The refusal of the local church to accept EE weekends as a valid experience for marriage preparation affected EE to the extent that only 1 weekend was presented in 2007.

Local CEE met with priests and Bishops, and Family Pastoral. In June Family Pastoral agreed for EE to give 2 weekends with participation of members of Family Pastoral and engaged couples. In addition, 5 CEE couples would attend the Marriage Catechesis of the church programme.

The Church in Costa Rica wants the impediments, nullities, procedural norms of the sacrament of marriage and the nuptial rite added to our weekends. They also want the weekend to be given over 2 weekends to fulfill their requirement of 32 hours preparation, which is required.

The weekend would be evaluated on October 4th and 5th and November 15th and 16th.

Cuba

One weekend was presented in 2007 with 16 participants. One weekend and one enrichment were held in 2008. They have the support of the Bishop of Holguin

Community continues to need support in all areas.

El Salvador

Two weekends held for this year with another planned for November. The National coordinator, Mauricio Rodrigues had triple bypass surgery. They hope to host the 2009 Regional meeting.

Guatemala

Two weekends presented

Honduras

They are working on increasing teams

Nicaragua

The community continues to need economic support. In April there was a meeting with the Bishop of Managua and he offered to designate the CEE weekend as a valid marriage preparation programme.

Panama

There is a lack of team couples. Relationship with Marriage Encounter is not good. Hosted Regional meeting in 2008 and this helped to boost the movement.

Dominican Republic

Continues to be a strong Movement. Weekends presented in 4 dioceses.

Prayer before supper was said by Luis, Maribel, and Frs. Manolo and Marco
Regional reports continued after Supper

Day3 – Wednesday 1st October, 2008

– Mass celebrated by Fr Frank – Feast of St Therese

Regional reports continued

- 4) **Mexico – presented by Luis & Maribel Cardenas and Frs. Manolo Castellanos and Marco Garcia Angeles**

Present as a four member team as Fr Manolo was very ill and Fr Marco was asked to join in leadership. On Fr Manolo's recovery, they continued working as a team.

They expanded to the City of Rio Grande and 4 weekends have been presented. The Diocese of Vera Cruz was reactivated. They are concentrating on growing the movement in Mexico.

8) Singapore – Presented by Ronald Sobotker

Continue to present weekends in Singapore, Manila and Penang

9) India

Steve announced that while we did not receive an official report from India and Oceania, they met the Indian Coordinators earlier this year in Austin Texas and things are going well in India.

10) Oceania

A Letter was received from Oceania and all appears to be going well. New Zealand had expected to close their community, but things have improved and they have a community in Wellington.

TEAM REPORTS

TEAM A - STATISTICS AND POST WEEKEND RESOURCES

The Report was not complete as information was not received from all Regions. However there was an improvement over last year. Some regions experienced difficulty in understanding the new format.

A request was made for information to be submitted on time. Reporting Period is now – 1st July to 30th June. Reports are due by 31st August

Weekend dates for the following year should be communicated to the Statistics and Post – Weekend Resources Team so they can prepare well ahead of time to communicate the dates globally.

Communities were also asked to advise changes in leadership to ensure that our records are up to date. All information should be sent to icce.statistics@yahoo.com

**STATS; 17, 413 COUPLES EXPERIENCED CEE WEEKENDS IN 2007
10,902 HAVE EXPERIENCED FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY TO JUNE,
2008. An increase over last year.**

Information required for Statistics Form: -

General information e.g. Region, population, number and percentage of Catholics.

- ✦ Church information with regards to the number of dioceses, number of marriages and the number of Catholic Marriages.
- ✦ CEE information: How many dioceses have CEE as a marriage preparation programme and which dioceses are expansion areas.
- ✦ Weekend information: - How many couples attend the weekends and number of weekends presented during the year.
- ✦ Information regarding the faith dimension of the engaged couples that attend these weekends
- ✦ Information pertaining to couple and Priest Teams
- ✦ Post Encounter Information.
- ✦ Classification of those communities of CEE that are self sustaining or dependant or those which are active and those with the possibility of expansion.
- ✦ The history of CEE in a particular area that included the foundation of the movement and the former teams and their respective information.

Post Encounter

This workshop is mainly done in Spanish Speaking Countries and is very successful. Resources are available from the Outline Resource Team.

Ginette enquired whether the format could be sent out about three months in advance.

Ans: Fr Rohan advised that the previous format carried unnecessary information. The format was simplified. In the future the format should not change, but would be sent ahead of due date.

Carolyn asked for an explanation on the term “Diocese which are expansion areas”

Ans: Areas where there is no EE, but potential is seen for expansion

TEAM B – FINANCES

The report presented was accepted as correct.

There was discussion on the Appeal letter for the \$2. per couple who experience a weekend. Communities are to try for the \$2 or any amount which they can afford.

It was noted that the appeal letter was successful as contributions were received from communities who had contributed in a while.

Claudia is to send a copy of the USA Appeal letter to all present to adapt to use in their community

After discussion it was agreed to 1) **Change word Contribution to SUGGESTED ASSESSMENT**

2) **Separate Suggested Assessment from Donations on the financial report**

Prayer before lunch was said by Fr Rohan

TEAM C – OUTLINE AND RESOURCES Presented by Paco & Mali Rocha and Fr Javier Hinojosa

A list of the available resources has been compiled. Information can be obtained from the new Outline team.

Southern African team requested the outline and questions in French.

Bernard and Ginette are to forward to them

2009 SITE RECOMMENDATIONS AND BIDS

Presentations were done by Mexico and Guatemala in a bid to host the 2009 Board Meeting.

Costing was very similar and it was evident that communities had done everything to offer the best value. It was commendable that both communities committed to supporting the other if the bid did not go their way.

Enrichment – presented by Jose and Barbara Salazar and Fr Frank

Dinner – Out

Day Four – Thursday 2nd October

Mass of the Guardian Angels Celebrated by Fr Javier

Requests for Expansion Funds

The following were the requests received for Expansion Funds:-

Peru	\$ 2,000	
St Lucia	\$ 1,500	
Cuba	\$ 4,000	(cost of four weekends)
Nicaragua	\$ 1,000	(cost of three weekends)
Kenya	\$ 2,000	(cost to present first weekend)

This was assessed at the Committee meeting.

Financial Assistance between Communities

Some communities indicated that they would like to directly assist other deserving communities.

After much discussion, it was agreed that regions desirous of assisting other regions should inform the IET for the following reasons:-

- Proper accounting – being able to identify exactly how much was being contributed.
- Control – to ensure that one or two regions may not be over assisted, while other regions may have unfulfilled needs.
- To assist IET in determining the level of assistance needed by communities, to assist them in their fund raising activities.

There was also discussion on financial support for Regional Meetings as it was felt these were important and if Regions did not meet they would die.

While the meetings are seen as being important, due to the limited resources of ICEE, we are unable to offer financial assistance at this time. However application could be made to the IET who may be able to identify a community who may be able to assist.

Horizons

Communities were asked to highlight their good work by submitting articles to Horizons.

Articles for Horizons are to be submitted to IET for inclusion on Website.

Prayer before lunch was led by Luis, Maribel and Frs. Manolo and Marco.

Committee Meeting

The members of the Committee (only) met after lunch and the following were agreed.

South America North

Due to problems in the region, it was agreed that Steve and Claudia would send a letter to the present coordinators confirming their position. They were also to be thanked for their report and confirmed as Regional Leaders.

The region is also to be advised of the material available for Team Enrichment.

German and Sofie are also to be encouraged to contact every community in the Region.

The Archbishop of Lima requires 6 month training or certification from the leaders of ICEE certifying the suitability of Teams.

Steve and Claudia have agreed to formulate a document outlining what team training should include.

Minutes

All committee members were concerned about the length of time it took to have minutes finalised. The following was agreed –

Minutes would be circulated to all present by the fourth week after the end of the meeting.

Corrections / Comments are to be sent to the IET and Secretarial Team by one week after distribution.

Finalized minutes would be circulated after one week.

Minutes would therefore be completed by the sixth week after the meeting.

Teams are also to advise if they have no amendments.

FINANCIAL ALLOCATIONS

The following were approved by the committee for disbursement:-

Peru	\$ 1,000.00	(subject to verification of use)
St Lucia	\$ 1,000.00	(expansion)
Cuba	\$ 2,000.00	(weekend expenses)
Nicaragua	\$ 1,000.00	(expenses for 3 weekends)
Kenya	\$ 1,000.00	(first weekend expenses)

Only Nicaragua received the full amount requested.

Revised Logo produced by USA

This new logo is to be sent to all communities for their information, and if regionally accepted for implementation.

The proposed Logo from one community in Latin America is not necessarily acceptable to the whole region. Each CEE community is not free to create its own logo; however a whole region may develop a logo adapting the present components. On these conditions, any region wanting to adopt or amend the logo is free to do so.

Fr Terry is to write a letter to advise them of our decision.

SITE FOR 2009 BOARD MEETING

The bids of Guatemala and Mexico were considered.

Decision made to host meeting in Cuernavaca, Mexico October 5th – 9th 2009

Details: Lodging and Meals \$40.00 per person per night
Transport \$30.00
Entertainment – to be finalized and advised.

Assistance for Board Meeting 2009

Due to our present financial situation, the Committee was unable to approve the allocation for the 2009 meeting. It is the intention to try for the amount granted in 2006 i.e \$1,500.00 or 60% of cost of airfare, whichever is lower.

It was agreed that a final decision would be made by the IET by June and communities advised.

Statistics and Post Weekend Resources

Ronald Sobotker suggested that role of the Outline and Resource Team be redefined to include responsibility for Post Weekend Resources as well as the Weekend Resources, since they do, in fact oversee ALL available resources.

Agreed by Committee. New Names TEAM A - **Statistics and Communications**

TEAM B – **Outline and Resources**

IET are to amend Handbook to reflect changes.

Committee meeting ended at 4.30pm

Prayer service was led by Paco and Mali and Fr Javier.

Dinner was hosted by the US Board and the newly elected NET - Rick and Patti Rupert and Fr Joe Mozer were introduced.

Paco, Mali and Fr Javier were thanked for their service to the Committee and presentations made.

DAY 5 – Friday 3rd October, 2008

The Task List from the 2007 meeting was discussed. Updated Task List is available on 2007 minutes

The following items were deleted

Item #	RE:
2	Assistance with MSI talk
3	Contact with Colombia Community
4	Feedback on Outline
5	Submission of feedback
6	Contact with England Community
7	Hosting Board Meeting 2009
10	US Handbook
11	World Youth Day
12	Expansion to Miami
15	Letter to New Zealand
16	Bi-Monthly Newsletter
17	NFP Video
19	Fr. Terry at World Youth Day
21	Canadian Assistance to Cuba
22	Communication talk from Cuba
23	Cuban needs
24	Power Point to Paco and Mali
25	MSI Outline in French
26	District Travel Team
27	Kenya
29	Enrichment Outline
30	Communication
32	Power Point
33	Regional Report
34	Jamaica
35	MSI talk

The following were carried forward:

Previous Item #	Re:	New # 2008
1	Knights of Columbus	1
8	Update of Handbook	2
9	Terms of Reference	3
13	Leadership of ME	4
14	EE Song	5
18	Vatican Recognition	6
20	Couple/Priest Hand	7
28	NFP Video from South America	8
31	Online Info	9
34	Jamaica Expansion	10
43	Updated Directory	11

The new Task List is attached – see pages 22 and 23.

OTHER MATTERS...

Statistics and Communications team is to email all communities for names and addresses of Bishops who support EE so that IET could write to them.

Prayer before lunch was led by Steve, Claudia and Fr Tery.

Meeting ended with lunch and goodbyes.

Respectfully submitted

Francis, Annette and Fr Frank

TASK LIST

No.	Assignee	Task	Remarks
1	Steve & Claudia	Follow up- Knights of Columbus for article in "Columbia"	
2	Steve & Claudia	To update Handbook Re: Types of Marriages- Sacramental between Christian (Catholic)/ Non-Christian	
3	Steve & Claudia	To liaise with Committee Members re: completion of terms of reference for committee members/ Regional coordinators-include information in Handbooks(see #40)	
4	Steve & Claudia	Contact World Leadership of M.E. and Retrouville EE Song – To solicit suggestions from regions.	
5	Ginette	To contact composer of 'we are on a journey' for permission to use on weekends internationally.	
6	Steve, Claudia & Fr. Tery	To continue following up possibility of Vatican Recognition	
7	Fr. Tery	Make contact with author and receive permission re: couple/priests hand(also see #14 (b))	
8	Ronald & Ursula/Fr. Rohan	Send draft of their NFP video presentation to Outline and Resource Team	
9	Fr. Rohan/Steve	Work on the possibility of Regions updating their statistics/information online	
10	Fr. Frank	Advise Steve & Claudia of contact in Jamaica for possible expansion	
11	Ronald/Ursula/Fr. Rohan	To provide updated directory for Board Members/Regional Co ordinators.	
12	Bernard & Ginette	Send copy of Letter from Vatican	

		held by Canada	
13	Steve, Claudia & Fr. Tery	Apply to Vatican for new Letter of Approval	
14	Steve, Claudia & Fr. Tery	Update Handbook Re: Definition- Sacramental Marriage	
15	Steve, Claudia & Fr. Tery	Update Handbook Re: Voting Rules	done
16	Bernard, Ginette & Fr. Tery	Amend Friday's Prayer	
17	Steve & Claudia	Locate Video to be used in recruitment	
18	Claudia	Send copy of USA Appeal letter to Attendees	
19	Bernard & Ginette	Send copy of Outline and Questions in French to Fr. Rohan	
20	Steve, Claudia and Fr. Tery	Write German and Sofie re: SAN	
21	Steve, Claudia & Fr. Tery	Formulate document on Team	
22	Fr. Tery	Write Latin American Community on Logo	
23	IET	Advise of assistance for 2009 Meeting	
24	IET	Amend Handbook Re: Changes in Team Names	
25	Communication Team	Solicit names and addresses of Bishops who support EE and advise IET	
26	Francis and Annette	Try to find out about Copyright Re: "You have our future..." Send words to Monica and Herbert.	
27	Francis and Annette	Amend Receipts to differentiate between Suggested Assessment and Donations	
28	Francis and Annette	Amend Wording on Financial Report to Reflect- Suggested Assessment - \$2 payment Donations- Additional amounts given by Communities or Individuals	

