

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC SAN ANTONIO MISSION ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024

The Board of Directors of the Friends of Historic San Antonio Mission (FHSAM) held four quarterly business meetings during 2024. The meetings were held online using “Zoom” teleconferences.

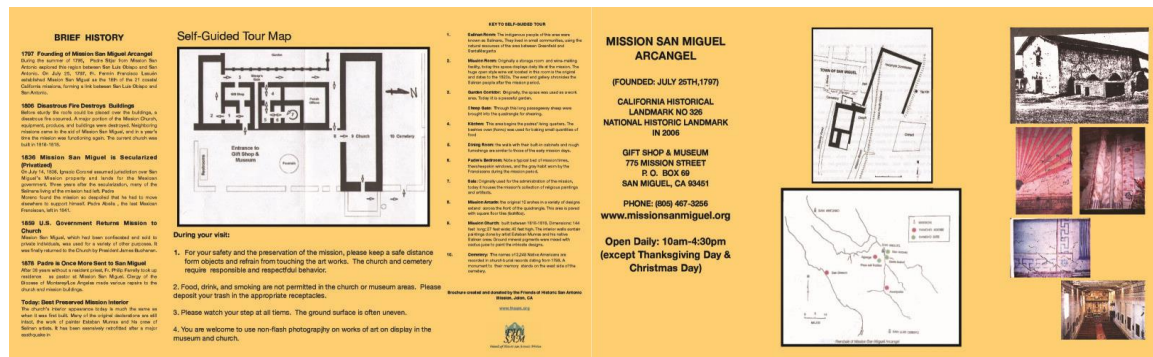
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following individuals served as directors during 2024: Joe Claus, John Grafton, Dominic Gregorio, Robert Hoover, Linda Hylkema, Debbie Jewell, Karen Jernigan, Carol Kenyon, Jessica Kusz, Marilyn Merlino, Dennis Palm, and Howard Strohn. Officers during 2024 were: Dominic Gregorio, president, Debbie Jewell, secretary, and Carol Kenyon, treasurer.

ACTIVITIES IN 2024

FHSAM published our two newsletters in 2024. Our website, including natural history, cultural, and historical educational information, was maintained and updated in 2024, including posting of our newsletters and brochures.

Robert Hoover, our longest serving Director, developed an interpretive brochure in 2024 for Mission San Miguel. The electronic version of the Mission San Miguel brochure was provided free of charge to the Mission San Miguel Gift Shop/Museum. Also, 1000 brochures were printed and provided free of charge to Mission San Miguel.



Mission San Miguel Interpretive Brochure

The FHSAM is working to outreach more via social media. In 2024 two of our members, Joe Claus and John Grafton, produced an educational YouTube video on the carreta. See https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PH_Eq9ZW0b4. A link has also been posted on our website.

FHSAM was one of the sponsors for the 2024 Mission Days event at Mission San Antonio. Mission Days is one of only two events that are designed to support the Mission's day-to-day operations and the only annual event highlighting the

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history of the Mission. Meals for forty docents in historical costume were paid for by FHSAM. Guided tours of the mission were provided during the event by San Luis Obispo Docents. FHSAM had a table at Mission Days, providing information about the mission, its history, and our organization.

One of our board members, Karen Jernigan, continued to coordinate in 2024 with Mission Walkers on the leg of their journeys between Missions San Miguel and Soledad, with overnight stays at Mission San Antonio.

The California Mission Walkers held their first conference at our beautiful Mission San Antonio De Padua celebrating people who have walked between California's 21 missions. Held October 4 & 5, 2024, the event included 150 participants and included workshops and gatherings.

Board Member Carol Kenyon spoke about Mission art and culture, and Joan Steele spoke about the history and significance of the missions. Board Member Karen Jernigan and her husband, John, helped with facilitating the event along with organizer Steven Woody and representatives from throughout California where missions are located.



Mission Walkers Conference October 2024

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In April 2024, Mission San Antonio contracted with David Maki of Archaeo-Physics LLC to conduct a non-invasive geophysical survey of the Mission's historic vineyard area (approximately 8 acres). The Friends of Historic San Antonio Mission contributed \$27,000 toward this important project. Mission San Antonio is uniquely positioned to be able to document the historic irrigation system used in the vineyard; this documentation is not possible at other Missions due to the barrage of disruptive land use following the end of the Mission era. The final report (due soon) will include a compilation of LiDAR (light detection & ranging), GPR (ground-penetrating radar), EMI Surveys (Electromagnetic Induction), and Magnetic Field Gradient Surveys. It is the Mission's intent to disseminate the results in a manner that future visitors of all ages can comprehend and visualize. It is one more step in improving Mission San Antonio's authentic historic interpretation.

EXPENSES:

For 2024, FHSAM had total expenditures of **\$ 31,647.00**.

CONTRIBUTIONS AND INTEREST INCOME:

FHSAM received donations and had interest income during 2024 totaling **\$1,721.84**. Donations were made by individual contributors who received the two newsletters, some of whom also visited the Mission, and/or attended Mission Days.

ASSETS:

The total assets of FHSAM as of the close of business at the end of December 2024 were **\$34,661.74**. For more information, please see the 2024 Annual Financial Report.