

Upper East Association
August 20, 2009
Minutes

Board Members Present: Bob Kennedy, Fred Sweeney, Beth Perry, Nancy Lieberman, Joseph Moticha.

Guests: Father McManus, Dan Mellon

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Fred Sweeney introduced Father Richard McManus, Executive Director at the Mission, and Dan Mellon, Development. Fred gave a brief history of the Upper East to bring our guests up to date with happenings in our neighborhood.

Fr. McManus gave a brief history of the mission, the 'mission of the Mission' and the future of the Santa Barbara Mission.

For over 100 years, the Mission was also a Seminary. During the last 40 years, it was an infirmary, treating retired/ailing brothers.

Today, there are 13 Franciscan Brothers living at the Mission; The Mission serves over 1000 families.

The Old Mission of Santa Barbara is the only mission the Franciscans have never left.

The Old Mission does not receive any government monies or grants. Contrary to popular belief, it does not receive any monies from the archdiocese of Los Angeles.

In order to sustain the Old Mission, it will be necessary to raise monies. Possible sources are tourist revenue and the retreat center. Mr. Dan Mellon is aiding in the development.

The mission of the Mission as stated by Fr. McManus:

The Upper East is the Mission 'home'
The Mission is a living Mission
Preservation of the Mission buildings/property
Continue to serve as a vital arm of the local church
Development/Marketing of the Retreat Center

Fr. McManus addressed the issue of noise/traffic/litter at Serra Hall. As of October 14th, The Knights of Columbus will no longer be in control of renting the building and the Parish will take over the use of Serra Hall.

We thanked Fr. McManus and Dan for their time and welcomed their involvement as a vital part of the Upper East. Fred Sweeney will be our contact for any development issues. Bob Kennedy offered his help with marketing.

Meet the Candidates – October 5, 2009, 6-9 pm, Old Mission Retreat Center

Fred Sweeney will be Moderator
Joan and Lisa will work on questions for candidates
Joseph will be responsible for directional/parking signs

Plan Santa Barbara –

A motion was made and seconded in approval of the Position Statement of the Upper East Association that Fred distributed for review, to present to the Planning Commission.

Newsletter Distribution –

Weekend of September 19th.
Informal meeting September 17th at Fred's, 10 E. Quinto, to pick-up Newsletters and review distribution areas.
Beth will produce Newsletter. Joan will help with folding/stuffing.