

Saint Barnabas on the Desert
Memorial Acceptance and Fine Arts Committee

April 7, 2025

Members present: Peggy Iacobelli, Kent Levine, John Thornton, Tom Baker, Marian Green, Judee Morrison, Grace Chen, Jack Wilson, Marga Fritze and Nancy Harvey.

Call to order: Nancy read a prayer to open the meeting.

Minutes of March 10th: The minutes for the March 10, 2025 meeting were approved with the correction that Marilyn also attended the Feb. 6th meeting with Manny.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tours: Judee's next tour will be May 4th.

Buildings and Grounds: Jack reported summer renovation of the courtyard area is being planned. The project will be split into two phases, the first will be to remove the fountain and repurpose that area and the second will be to redo the area under the steel structure. The committee asked Jack if the B&G committee could provide the architect's drawings for viewing. Jack showed design drawings for choir rail panels that Sharon Hatfield did.

Lent/Easter: Easter is April 20th. Ken Young will provide the lilies before noon on April 17th. They will be stored in the HVAC room. On the 19th at 9 am the Stations of the Cross will be taken down and the potted lilies will be placed along the choir risers. Saturday, after the service, the lilies will be placed around the altar. Marian will remove the lilies and pots on Monday or Tuesday, after April 27th.

OLD BUSINESS

Green set commission: Grace reported that Jenny is probably moving right along with the work and she didn't want to inquire too often about how it's going.

Retired chapel kneeler needlepoint framing and chapel kneeler storage: Framing of the third needlepoint is ongoing. They won't be hung anytime soon, however, due to the wall cracking problem in the chapel.

Saint Barnabas history book: Marga interviewed Peggy and Mark Huff. She also showed a 1956 framed document showing that St. Barnabas has changed from a mission to a church. It had been given to Pat Rile for his Sr. Warden service and was found at the White Dove shop. She will offer it back to Pat.

Did You Know articles: Marga has an idea of having a video of Michael explaining the operation of the organ.

Website tour: Peggy is looking to add additional choir music to the video. She will be using the St. Barnabas choir CD recording for the additional music. She reviewed the video frame by frame and has a list of final edits to make. Kent also reviewed the video and provided inputs.

Ode to Joy disposition sub-committee: More of the brown linen for the edging of the hangings was purchased at a JoAnn store before they close for good.

Retirement gift from Ode to Joy: No report

Written work instructions for the holidays: No report.

Inventory management initiative: Marian reported that Donna talked with Manny about how much of the cost he could cover from his budget. Due to budget cuts, it may not be the 30% originally projected. Marian talked with Quita about using the office scanners to copy documents.

Music and sermon stand for the sanctuary: There are two woodworkers identified to make the stand. One said that his stand can not be made adjustable for height.

Replacement value inventory estimate request: No report.

Choir railing: This is a request from the choir. John Martin of B&G has a plan to install metal railing along the front of the choir steps this summer and asked for MAFA's input. Several ideas were discussed, including an acrylic design and a thin, flat steel rail as commonly seen in French churches.

Pew numbers: Grace started removing the numbers on the pews.

Rail to the Altar: This is a request from the clergy. Peggy noted that anti-skid tape has been added to the steps behind the altar to improve the footing.

NEW BUSINESS

Adult coloring book: Marga showed some adult coloring books and indicated that this might be another way for parishioners to learn about the liturgical furnishings.

Conservation project: Marga thought an intern might be a help in digitizing material.

1616 Bible display case in the library. Chris asked Tom to repair the glass on the Bible display case. This was completed and the case was refinished. However, neither of the Bibles in the display case are the 1616 Bible, they are family Bibles from 1816 and 1853.

CHAIR REPORT

Peggy wrote the annual report for the committee and submitted it to the vestry

The next meeting is May 12th, in the Other Cup.

Let it be known that these minutes are intended to convey the spirit of the meeting and are not meant to be a literal documentation of the proceedings.