

*Saint Barnabas on the Desert*  
*Memorial Acceptance and Fine Arts Committee*

February 9, 2026

**Members present:** Peggy Iacobelli, Marian Green, Marilyn Black, Judee Morrison, Tom Baker, Ann Goodman, Donna Piscopo, John Thornton, Grace Chen and Nancy Harvey.

**Call to order:** Nancy read a prayer from *Forward Day by Day* by Phillip Brooks.

**Minutes of January 12:** The minutes for the January 12, 2026 meeting were approved as written.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Tours:** Judee's planned upcoming tours will be on Mar. 15<sup>th</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Grace reported that Robert Heyde is in contact with John Martin regarding the choir railing project.

**Christmas:** Grace will complete the report after getting some more information about the poinsettias. Judee provided additional information for the report.

**Lent/Easter:** Ash Wednesday is Feb 18<sup>th</sup>. Marilyn will install the Stations of the Cross the day before. Phoenix Flower will provide Marilyn with the lilies, which will arrive on April 2nd.

#### OLD BUSINESS

**Chapel kneeler storage:** Peggy looked for a space in the music building, but there didn't seem to be any space available. Lots of pianos, though.

**Saint Barnabas history book:** No report.

**Did You Know articles:** Marga prepared an article on the Stations of the Cross and Peggy made some revisions.

**Website tour:** Peggy received the video back from Momentum360 and the music John prepared worked out nicely. There are still issues with the video, however.

**Ode to Joy disposition sub-committee:** Four sets of walnut hangers are ready for hanging and 5 pieces, with edging sewn on, are also ready for hanging.

**Retirement gift from Ode to Joy:** Tom provided Peggy with pictures showing 5 possible pieces, with their sizes, from which the gift piece can be selected.

**Written work instructions for the holidays and inventory management initiative:** They are close to completing the MAFA logo.

**Music and sermon stand for the sanctuary:** Kent contacted Steve Mosley and he will be unable to work on it until after June.

**Adult coloring book:** No report

**Conservation project:** No report.

**Red Chasuble:** Peggy has some gold thread to use for repairing the damaged top stitching.

**Altar finish:** Nancy will research refinishing mid-century furniture. John suggested Jonathan Wayne at Red Modern Furniture as someone who has refinished Ditson furniture.

**Memorial book:** Two new hand-made books should be back from Phoenix Book Restoration in February. These will provide space for an additional 40-50 new pages to be added in the future.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Nancy Harvey's memorabilia:** Nancy brought her collection of Saint Barnabas and Ditson memorabilia to be sorted through to see what should be saved for historical records. Nancy also gave members art pieces by Lee Porzio.

**CHAIR REPORT**

Peggy is waiting on the financial report in order to finish the Annual Report.

The March meeting will be March 2<sup>nd</sup>, not March 9<sup>th</sup>. Location is to be determined.

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.