

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

December 11, 2023

**Members present:** Peggy Iacobelli, Mary Lou Luvisa, Grace Chen, John Thornton, Jack Wilson, Marian Green, Marilyn Black, Tom Baker, Donna Piscopo, Judee Morrison and Nancy Harvey.

**Consecration in the chapel:** The committee met in the chapel with Fr. Jim before the meeting to consecrate both the torchier holder and the Advent candle wreath.

**Visit from Fr. Jim:** The rector thanked the committee for its work over the years he has been at Saint Barnabas. The committee also thanked him for his service.

**Call to order:** Nancy read an Advent prayer.

**Minutes of November 13:** The minutes for the November 13, 2023 meeting were approved with the change in wording from hanging, to suspended, in the description of the warehouse storage of *Ode to Joy*.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Tours:** Judee had a tour on November 19th. She anticipates having more in mid-January, mid-March and mid-May.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Jack talked to a door contractor about the Learning Center doors. He noted that the doors were themselves a memorial constructed by Allen Ditson and that they were functional and did not need replacing. He asked the committee to vote on painting the outside of the doors. The committee approved painting the doors the color that Allen had originally painted them. It was agreed that the lower perforated steel panels should remain rusted, as this was part of Allen's design. Jack will work on reversing or replacing the copper panels behind the steel design panels. This should then complete this project.

**Thanksgiving:** The team of Donna, Marilyn, Mary Lou, Marian and Irene created the thanksgiving decorations again this year. They decorated on the 19<sup>th</sup> after the 10:15 service. Jim Piscopo made an Amish-style cart using some of the mesquite wood for use in front of the altar and added some cotton straight from the fields.

**Christmas:** Grace reported that the red poinsettias will arrive on the 19<sup>th</sup> and be unwrapped by Grace and John. Grace has worked out a plan for storing the flowers and pots in the Learning Center until they are ready to be transported to the altar on carts and placed at 4 pm. The trees will arrive on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Kathy will do the bows on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. No flowers will be put in the chapel.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Retired chapel kneeler needlepoint framing and chapel kneeler storage:** No report

**Saint Barnabas history book:** Marga would like to interview someone who saw *Ode to Joy* on Easter in 1964.

**Did You Know articles:** No report.

**Green set commission:** Phyllis Rector will have Jenny at JB Liturgical Designs make a vestment. The committee will then examine this work to determine if we can then use JB for making the green set.

**Website tour:** Peggy and Judee cleaned up the sanctuary in preparation for the drone fly-in, which was completed on December 1<sup>st</sup>. The fly-over of the campus was delayed until December 6<sup>th</sup>. The fly-in and fly-over included the sanctuary, chapel, music building and overall campus. The narrative will next need to be written.

***Ode to Joy* disposition sub-committee:** The rollout in Hutton Hall was a success, as both objectives were met. First, the condition was seen to be essentially unchanged from the day it was first rolled in the sanctuary in January 2010, with the exception of the grey fabric of the Resurrected Person. Second, multiple complete sets of high-resolution images were taken which will allow the sub-committee to make the selection of where to cut out the many available pieces for sale. These image sets will also serve as an archive for future use. Everyone there was excited to see all of the many previously unseen small shapes and stitching patterns that Lee Porzio had made. *Ode to Joy* was re-rolled and returned to the music building after all the fun. The subcommittee also discussed ways of conducting the sale of pieces and how to determine which pieces to cut out and how to do it.

**Ditson processional cross reproduction:** No report.

**Ciborium and chalice repairs:** The cross was repaired on the ciborium. The stones will be replaced on the chalice during Lent.

**Membership:** Virginia Pratt Agar had expressed an interest in joining the committee. Peggy spoke with Fr. Jim about this. Virginia was extended an invitation from Peggy, but she hasn't heard back from her yet.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **CHAIR REPORT**

The next meeting is January 8<sup>th</sup>, with the location 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.