

Saint Barnabas on the Desert
Memorial Acceptance and Fine Arts Committee

February 3, 2025

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

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

Minutes of January 13th: The minutes for the Jan. 13, 2025 meeting were approved as written.

New member: Kent Levine was officially welcomed as a new member.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tours: No tours in January.

Buildings and Grounds: A summer renovation of the courtyard area is being planned.

Christmas: Grace talked about getting new red bows. The ribbon will be 2 ½ in. wide and red with no pattern. Kathy Ritt will help make them and Grace will order the ribbon with funds from the flower fund.

Lent/Easter: Ash Wednesday is March 5th and Easter is April 20th. Marilyn will hang the Stations of the Cross. Ken Young will provide the lilies. Marian and Grace will help with the decorating. Marilyn will ask Chris to remove the lilies on April 27th.

OLD BUSINESS

Green set commission: The check for the green set was received by JB Liturgical Vestments. Katie provided the names of the deacons of St. Barnabas - past, present and future, as Nancy is giving the set in thanksgiving for them. Grace made measurements so the pieces can accommodate the size differences of the clergy, especially for the deacon stoles.

Retired chapel kneeler needlepoint framing and chapel kneeler storage: Framing the third needlepoint is ongoing.

Saint Barnabas history book: Kent said that Charles Buschold was the first person interred in the Memorial Garden in June 1976.

Did You Know articles: No report.

Website tour: Peggy has had difficulty getting Momentum 360 to continue the work on the video.

Ode to Joy disposition sub-committee: John showed a practice piece applied to a stretched canvas and with backing material applied to the linen for strength. Grace made another 24 ft. of 1 in. wide edge bindings from brown linen.

Retirement gift from Ode to Joy: Piece #19 had been selected.

Sedilla cushion: The cushion was consecrated on January 19th. An article was written and submitted with details of the memorial.

Written work instructions for the holidays: No report.

Inventory management initiative: Donna reported that she and Marian will meet with Manny on February 6th to work on the design of the MAFA logo.

Barnabas Legacy Society: Ann Hott and Katie provided Tom with the name of Roswell Bookbinding for making new Memorial and Gifts books and possibly a new Legacy Society book.

Music and sermon stand for the sanctuary: John found an interesting wood stand on Etsy and Peggy contacted the woodworker about possibly making a new stand.

Replacement value inventory estimate request: Quita has requested an itemized, appraised value of the liturgical furnishings. There is now only an umbrella policy covering the items.

NEW BUSINESS

Choir railing: John Martin of B&G advised Tom of plans to install railing along the front of the choir steps this summer and asked for MAFA's input. Peggy suggested that we would like to see a rendering of how it might look.

Pew numbers: The unattractive pew number stickers need to be replaced with nicer ones, such as the ones Peggy found.

CHAIR REPORT

Peggy wrote an annual report and circulated it, asking for inputs from the committee.

The next meeting is March 10th, 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.