

Saint Barnabas on the Desert
Memorial Acceptance and Fine Arts Committee

January 9, 2023

Members present: Peggy Iacobelli, Nancy Harvey, Mary Lou Luvisa, Donna Piscopo, Grace Chen, John Thornton, Marian Green, Daryl Weil, Irene Wood, Judee Morrison and Tom Baker.

Call to order: Nancy opened the meeting with a prayer by Phillips Brooks.

Minutes of December 12, 2022: The minutes for December 12, 2022 were approved, as written.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tours: Judee has no tours on the immediate horizon.

Christmas: Grace was praised for her excellent management of the decorating. She sent out a report on what was done. The poinsettias were received on the 15th and placed on carts in the HVAC room. Due to the heat, they had to be moved to Hutton Hall. They recovered nicely. The altar decorations were removed by the staff for the Amahl play and replaced. This year Christmas is on Monday.

Buildings and Grounds: The ciborium light that was out was coaxed into turning on, again. The loose flagstone on the altar steps has been fixed. Peggy would like to see the lights that are out in the sanctuary be addressed by B&G.

Lent and Easter: Peggy said that she hopes Marilyn will oversee these again this year. Easter is April 9th.

OLD BUSINESS

Chapel kneeler storage: Peggy had the idea of installing the framed needlepoints on new doors to cover the kneeler storage space to the south of the entrance door. It is desired that the rolling shelves that now hold some of the kneelers be moved out of the chapel. Peggy will ask Katie about the possibility of moving the shelves based on the need for all the kneelers to be always kept in the chapel. It is felt that the chapel is accumulating too much stuff for a consecrated space.

Retired chapel kneeler needlepoint framing: Joanne will report on this in February.

MAFA Arts (History) book: Vestry approval will be needed before proceeding.

Did You Know articles: No report.

Green set commission: At this point, the plan is to continue to seek fabric artists.

Website tour: Peggy will meet with Amy to discuss this. John and Tom noted that there are now readily available software tools to provide 3D-interactive video capability for a tour.

Ode to Joy disposition: Peggy discussed this with Fr. Jim to determine the date for the viewing in Hutton Hall. No date has been set yet. Peggy formed a subcommittee to work on this project, given that it will take considerable planning to decide on which symbols could be harvested, how they would be distributed, etc. Judee, Tom, John, and Nancy will be on the subcommittee. Donna let us know that it must be out of the Bridging Arizona warehouse before December.

Green chasuble repair: Judee showed the chasuble that Nicolle Truelove repaired. The result was most excellent! The \$861 cost will be covered by the Dudley Thomas, R. Day, and Stan Carlyss memorials.

NEW BUSINESS

Children's torchier: Peggy has a small torchier with a bell on it, made by Allen Ditson. John will make a leather piece to fit on it to silence the bell. Tom will repair the metalwork and wood.

Chapel torchier rack: Tom suggested that a rack for the four retired torchiers and the torchier with the bell be made to replace the wall hook now in use in the chapel.

Ditson processional cross: John showed the software-enhanced image that he made of the metal portion of the Ditson processional cross. He plans on making a laser-cut design using mahogany that will be a lighter weight alternative to the existing processional crosses.

CHAIR REPORT

Peggy wrote and sent out the committee's annual report.

Peggy related an email message from Fr. Jim expressing his appreciation of MAFA's contributions on the Christmas decorating.

Peggy calculated that the \$10,000 that was moved from the MAFA fund to the foundation's account would be valued at \$22,000 today, with 4% compounded interest. There is about \$15,000 in the MAFA memorials fund.

The next meeting is February 13th at 3 pm, possibly at Wildflowers.

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.