

Saint Barnabas on the Desert
Memorial Acceptance and Fine Arts Committee

March 10, 2025

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

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

Minutes of February 3rd: The minutes for the Feb. 3, 2025 meeting were approved as written.

Financial Report: The R. Day and Sylvia Brown memorials are to be removed from the report. The Altar Guild will be asked if they can contribute funds towards the chalice repair work.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tours: Judee had a tour on February 23rd with 2 people.

Buildings and Grounds: A summer renovation of the courtyard area is being planned with a \$200k budget.

Christmas: Grace took apart one of the 15 yd. long tree bows. Kathy or Marga will steam and iron the bows to restore them, as the red material is still very nice.

Lent/Easter: Ash Wednesday is March 5th and Easter is April 20th. Marilyn hung the Stations of the Cross. Ken Young will provide the lilies on April 17th. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Marilyn will ask Chris to remove the lilies on April 27th.

OLD BUSINESS

Green set commission: Grace reported that Jenny is moving right along with creating the set.

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

Saint Barnabas history book: Marga uses a spreadsheet to keep track of the history chronology, as there are sometimes date discrepancies between various research materials. Marga interviewed Rev. Jennifer, with an emphasis on the liturgy. She also interviewed Tina Connor. Marga also recommended that the St. Barnabas booklet be updated.

Did You Know articles: An article on the church crosses is in the works.

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.

Ode to Joy disposition sub-committee: Tom machined the keyhole connectors for 3 sets of hangers and bought the wood for the hangers. Tom plotted out the cut lines for the first three pieces to be hung. Grace has all the brown linen to make the side edging for the hangings.

Retirement gift from Ode to Joy: We will select an appropriately sized piece once the cutting is underway. The #19 piece that was selected may be too large.

Written work instructions for the holidays: No report.

Inventory management initiative: Donna reported that she and Marian met with Manny on February 6th to start work on the design of the MAFA logo. The webmaster, John Chandler, provided an initial estimate of \$5000 to do all of the website work. Manny said he could cover 30% of the cost from his budget and Donna believes she and Marian can do some of the work themselves to further lower the project cost.

Barnabas Legacy Society: Roswell Bookbinding could make new Memorial and Gifts books and possibly a new Saint Barnabas Legacy Society book. The committee isn't in favor of having a rack for the books in the narthex.

Music and sermon stand for the sanctuary: Peggy contacted a woodworker, identified by John, about possibly making a new stand. She will contact him again to get more details.

Replacement value inventory estimate request: No report.

Choir railing: John Martin of B&G has a plan to install railing along the front of the choir steps this summer and asked for MAFA's input. Jim Hatfield made drawings of various views of choir railing and railing with modesty panels installed, which were shown to the committee. The committee had no recommendations to make at this time.

Pew numbers: Grace will investigate the purpose of the pew numbers. If they are not being used, they can be removed.

NEW BUSINESS

Rail to the Altar: This may be a request from a single person. Not much else is known at this point.

CHAIR REPORT

Peggy wrote the annual report for the committee. Peggy also sent out the 2024 Financial Summary report. Changes are noted above.

The next meeting is April 7th, 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.