

Saint Barnabas on the Desert
Memorial Acceptance and Fine Arts Committee

May 12, 2025

Members present: Peggy Iacobelli, John Thornton, Tom Baker, Donna Piscopo, Marilyn Black, Grace Chen, Jack Wilson, Marga Fritze and Nancy Harvey.

Call to order: Nancy read a prayer from *Forward Day by Day* to open the meeting.

Minutes of April 7: The minutes for the April 7, 2025 meeting were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tours: Judee's tour will be May 18th.

Buildings and Grounds: Jack reported the contract for the summer renovation of the courtyard area is signed. The project will be split into two phases, the first will be to remove the fountain and repurpose that area and the second will be to redo the area under the steel structure.

Lent and Easter: Marilyn reported that the Stations of the Cross were put up early. The lilies were received on April 17th and placed in the pots on the floor on the 19th. The Stations of the Cross were removed on the 19th. The 4 remaining lilies were removed on the 28th.

OLD BUSINESS

Green set commission: Grace showed the new green set from Jenny. This included deacon stoles, priest stoles, a burse and veil, chasable and hangings. Everyone was quite pleased at the quality of the work, the durability of the fabric and the design. A motion was passed to accept the green set. They may be blessed on June 1st or 8th.

Christmas bow: Grace disassembled a bow and ironed it, with success. Several people will help complete the remaining bows.

Retired chapel kneeler needlepoint framing and chapel kneeler storage: Framing of the third needlepoint was completed and placed in the chapel. Peggy will talk to Chris about moving the kneeler storage unit to the music building.

Saint Barnabas history book: Marga believes the move from the Quonset hut to the church building was necessitated by the large number of communicants (640) as the hut would typically hold 300 people. Marga interviewed Peggy and Mark Huff. Sky Larsen would also like to be interviewed. Marga also returned to Pat Rile a 1956 framed document showing the change of St. Barnabas from a mission to a church. It had been given to Pat for his Sr. Warden service and was found at the White Dove shop.

Did You Know articles: No report

Website tour: Peggy is working on photographing and creating a write-up on the Gwen Harris sculpture for the tour.

Ode to Joy disposition sub-committee: *Ode to Joy* was unrolled 20 ft. in the music building. John cut out 10 pieces total, 5 according to the plan and 5 bonus ones. There was very little unused material left over. John sewed the brown linen folded edge pieces Grace made to the vertical edges of each piece, using the floor as a table surface for the sewing machine.

Retirement gift from Ode to Joy: No report

Written work instructions for the holidays and inventory management initiative: Donna reported that the \$5K for the web designer John Chandler is not available, so for now the information will be collected and placed on a separate web site. Donna, Marian, Marilyn and John will be working on this project.

Music and sermon stand for the sanctuary: Peggy will search for a woodworker this summer.

Replacement value inventory estimate request: Quita has what she needs for now. However, the \$3M estimate is considered too low.

Choir railing: This is a request from the choir. John Martin of B&G has a plan to install metal railing along the front of the choir steps this summer and asked for MAFA's input. Tom provided the name of Bryan Hughes in Prescott at artsmithing.com. He does high quality railing for residential applications. Jack will look into this.

Adult coloring book: No report

Conservation project: No report

Pew numbers: Grace removed all of the pew numbers.

NEW BUSINESS

Red set failing: We will address this next. Maybe this is another job for JB Liturgical.

CHAIR REPORT

Robin Oden will be joining the committee.

The next meeting is possibly September 8th, in the Other Cup, unless something comes up in June that needs attention.

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.