

Saint Barnabas on the Desert
Memorial Acceptance and Fine Arts Committee

May 6, 2024

Members present: Peggy Iacobelli, Mary Lou Luvisa, John Thornton, Marilyn Black, Tom Baker, Marga Fritze, Marian Green, Donna Piscopo, Jack Wilson, and Nancy Harvey.

Call to order: Nancy read a prayer from *Day by Day*.

Minutes of March 4, April 8: The minutes for the April 8 and March 4, 2024 meetings were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tours: Judee has a tour planned for May 19th.

Buildings and Grounds: Jack and Tom met with Chris and also Leon of Principal Door to discuss the Learning Center doors. The plan is for Principal to make new doors and install the artwork behind glass on both the top and bottom panels of the doors. The doors will be painted the original color and the rusted art will be cleaned and prepared to look similar to the art in the top panels. Leon will provide a quote in two weeks, which will include making the doors ADA compliant. Jack also talked about removing the oak tree in front of the doors, which was given as a memorial to Willard. The empty space could then be used for a planter or mosaic art.

OLD BUSINESS

Retired chapel kneeler needlepoint framing and chapel kneeler storage: The kneeler needlepoints are in the bookstore.

Saint Barnabas history book: Marga has prepared a list of people she wants to interview. She asked if anyone knew of someone who can do good quality filming of the interviews. The interviews would be held in an off-site studio. She may do the interviews first without videoing them. She also talked to Joan Silberschlag about being interviewed.

Did You Know articles: Marga met with Manny to discuss communication plans for her articles. She is preparing two articles: one on the Porzio watercolor of the flower stands and one on the church crosses.

Green set commission: Nancy and Grace have sent out a request for a bid on the green set to Jenny Berk of JB Liturgical Vestments. The set will include: a chasuble, deacon stoles, four priest's vestments, two hangings and a burse and veil. Nancy and Grace provided 30 photos and also measurements of the lecterns and hangings that Jenny requested. Jenny said that she will be able to start working on the quote in a few weeks after meeting her current commitments.

Website tour: Peggy is now reviewing the video by Momentum 360 slide by slide. The in-frame info button will be an icon of the sanctuary cross.

Ode to Joy disposition sub-committee: A meeting was held with Martha Winslow Grimm on April 26 to hear her inputs on the cutting and framing operations. Martha provided her inputs from a conservator's viewpoint. She suggested mounting the pieces to corrugated archival material (Coroplast) using stitches across the top and letting them hang behind a matte in a frame. Tom showed his drawings for a frame that clamps the fabric around the periphery, similar to the method used for the banners in the prayer station. The next step is to review the selections more closely and unroll the piece and cut out a small section in the lower right corner to practice the cutting and framing process.

Retirement gift from Ode to Joy: No report.

Ditson processional cross reproduction: John discussed the concept with Sarah. She would like a stand for the cross, so it can be placed on the altar in the chapel.

Ciborium and chalice repairs: Marian and Peggy met with Blix and Karen Owens to discuss the ciborium and chalice repairs. Karen prepared a document that specified the pieces going out for repair, as they are of high value. \$2000 is available for repairs and \$5400 is approved for repairs to the ciborium and chalice. Blix took the pieces to repair and the stones with him.

NEW BUSINESS

Ron Steege artwork: This is currently in the sanctuary conference room. Mary Lou suggested that it be placed in the hallway across from the office. The Stark painting there now would then be moved further down the hallway. The Stark painting may be listed – Jim Piscopo will check to see.

MAFA storage in the bookstore: Kathy Ritt asked if MAFA could consider other places to store the materials as they take up four shelves and a file cabinet and space is limited. Peggy led the clean up of the shelf space. John took a Ditson prototype chair to sell to Jonathan Wayne for \$250.

CHAIR REPORT

The next meeting is either June 3rd or September 9th, 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.