

Saint Barnabas on the Desert
Memorial Acceptance and Fine Arts Committee

November 11, 2024

Members present: Peggy Iacobelli, Marilyn Black, Tom Baker, Marga Fritze, Marian Green, Donna Piscopo, Grace Chen, Judee Morrison, Jack Wilson and Nancy Harvey.

Call to order: Nancy read two prayers, one by Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Minutes of October 14th: The minutes for the Oct. 14, 2024 meetings were approved.

Fr. Dan visit: The committee welcomed Fr. Dan, who added very helpful insights, experience and knowledge to the discussions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tours: Judee had a tour on Nov. 10th with 7 people: 2 visitors, 3 newcomers and 2 teenagers.

Buildings and Grounds: Jack reported that the music building outer stain glass protective windows will be checked for weatherstrip damage when the lights are being changed. We also discussed the architectural renderings by Brian Krob showing the walls of Hutton Hall with arches, 8 pieces of *Ode to Joy* hanging in the arch openings and also a new ceiling. The discussion was focused on the arrangement and number of the acoustic tiles, the number of *Ode to Joy* hangings shown and the sight line for the projector. Jack also talked about the problems of the fountain in front of the sanctuary. Buildings and Grounds is looking at ideas for redoing the space now occupied by the metal structure and the fountain.

Thanksgiving: Donna reports that she, Marilyn and Marian have a plan and will be doing the decorating on the 23rd.

Christmas: Grace ordered 60 of the 6 in. poinsettias. The poinsettias and trees will arrive on the 21st. The flowers will be placed along the choir railing until after the children's program is completed.

OLD BUSINESS

Green set commission: Nancy and Grace showed a storyboard with the pieces of design 4 by Jenny Berk, which was chosen from the submitted designs by consensus after the last meeting. Four versions of the chasuble were provided and design A was chosen to go with the other pieces of design 4. This chasuble has the ocotillo design in the center on the front and rays on the back and is not lined. The prices are: chasuble \$780, 4 priest stoles \$1700, 4 deacon stoles \$1800, 2 hangings \$680, burse \$250 and veil \$320, for a total of \$5530. Peggy found enough smaller memorials that will cover the entire cost. A motion was approved to commission JB Liturgical Vestments to make the new green set for \$5530. Grace will make measurements of the existing green set and the fit for the deacons and priests to improve on the green set's problems with deacon stoles hanging too low and priest's stoles being too short. Fr. Dan noted that the chasuble needs to have enough weight to hang straight. Judee will see if Nicole can repair the green set chasuble.

Retired chapel kneeler needlepoint framing and chapel kneeler storage: Peggy gave the third, now repaired, kneeler needlepoint to Tom to frame. Martha also went over to the chapel to see the needlepoints, as she had done conservation work on them years ago.

Saint Barnabas history book: Marga reported that the book is coming along quickly now, aided by information in the recently uncovered Bishop's letter. The table of contents is completed. All of the scanning is now complete. Marga will begin the interview process with Dorothy Lincoln Smith next Sunday. It is hoped that announcing the book will spur interest in people doing a 30 min. interview.

Did You Know articles: Marga has 4 articles in the works.

Website tour: Peggy has been reviewing the video to find improvements before contacting Momentum 360 with the list of changes to make.

Ode to Joy disposition sub-committee: The subcommittee met with Martha on October 18th. She provided some very helpful advice and we are in agreement with her on how to proceed with cutting, securing and hanging the pieces. We met again to further discuss the tasks of cutting and sewing as we implement the suggestions she has made. Martha submitted an invoice of \$225 for her time. It was felt that she should instead receive \$300. Tom will contact Dee to have a check sent.

Retirement gift from Ode to Joy: No report.

Children's chapel cross: John and Tom talked to Sarah about the need for a cross and stand. She still has the cross John made and the cross-stand Tom made, so this task is completed.

Ciborium and chalice repairs: Marian asked Karen about the status of the repairs. The chalice was returned on Oct. 18th and it looks very nice. The ciborium is expected back in 3 weeks.

Sedilla cushion: Waiting to hear when the consecration date will be. Irene and Peggy will want to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

Written work instructions for the holidays: Donna and Marian are proposing that we prepare documents that provide written instructions for MAFA's holiday decorating. Fr. Dan noted that this type of document is commonly called a liturgical customary.

Inventory management initiative: Marian showed a document she has generated that will be used for future record keeping of items sent out for repairs. She said that it would be an editable pdf file. This would solve the problem of not having a good transfer record of valuable items. Donna also proposed that we have a MAFA logo on our documents.

Barnabas Legacy Society: Phyllis Rector would like to have a book in the narthex for the Legacy Society, similar to the Memorials and Gifts book. She also is asking MAFA to consider having a rack in the narthex to hold the books, along with the Capital Campaigns book. Fr. Dan will talk to Phyllis about this project.

Music and sermon stand for the sanctuary: Peggy would like to see a nicer stand to replace the existing stand for the sanctuary.

CHAIR REPORT

Robin Oden decided not to join MAFA, as she is starting a new job. Maybe she would like to help with decorating? Judee will ask her.

The next meeting is December 9th, in the Other Cup. The February meeting will be February 3rd.

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.