

Saint Barnabas on the Desert
Memorial Acceptance and Fine Arts Committee

November 13, 2023

Members present: Peggy Iacobelli, Irene Wood, Mary Lou Luvisa, Marga Fritze, Grace Chen, John Thornton, Jack Wilson, Marian Green, Marilyn Black, Tom Baker, Donna Piscopo, Judee Morrison and Tammy Underwood.

Call to order: Peggy read her MAFA prayer. Peggy told the committee about the very serious injuries Nancy suffered and that her son Thomas is helping her during recovery after surgery. Best wishes from the committee to Nancy.

Minutes of October 9, 2023: The minutes for the October 9, 2023 meeting were approved as written.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tours: Judee plans on having a tour on November 19th.

Buildings and Grounds: Jack reported that the B & G committee's plans for doing preventative work on the seals around the Sarah Hall clerestory windows in the music building has been pushed into next year. Jack also talked about the need for finding a door contractor to replace the learning center doors while the Ditson panels are out for plating and having the doors painted to their original Ditson color.

Thanksgiving: The team of Donna, Marilyn, Mary Lou, Marian and Irene are creating the thanksgiving decorations again this year. They will decorate on the 19th after the 10:15 service. Jim Piscopo is working on building an Amish-style cart using some of the mesquite wood for use in front of the altar.

Christmas: Grace reported that she contacted Ken Young and got the order in for red poinsettias. They will arrive on the 19th and be unwrapped by Grace and possibly John. Grace ordered 10 of the 3 and 36 of the 4 bloom plants this year, and no 6 bloom plants. None will be placed around the trees outside the sanctuary doors. The bows on the trees will be red and the trees will arrive on the 21st.

OLD BUSINESS

Retired chapel kneeler needlepoint framing and chapel kneeler storage: No report

Saint Barnabas history book: Marga talked about wanting to start interviews of people at the church, setting up an interview room and videoing the interviews for an archive. She would like to do this before March and recruit people with a notice in the bulletin. Marga also talked about working on a piece on the mesquite tree for the *Arizona Republic*.

Did You Know articles: Marga talked about doing a *Did You Know* article on the mesquite tree.

Green set commission: Given the positive response to the pictures shown of vestments by JB Liturgical Designs in Tennessee, Peggy will contact Jenny and ask for a quote. There was some discussion about the length of the chasuble, as the existing set is too long for some of the clergy to use. Peggy will ask Jenny about this.

Website tour: Peggy secured December 1st as the date for the drone fly-in and fly-over of the campus. The sanctuary will need to be tidied up on the 29th and 30th before the fly-in video can be done. The fly-in and fly-over will include the sanctuary, chapel, music building and overall campus. John read some of the commercial drone requirements for Paradise Valley that they will need to consider.

Ode to Joy disposition sub-committee: The project moved forward with two tasks completed. A meeting was held with Quita and Rosario to review with them the overall plan of the project and how the staff would be involved. They set the dates of December 7-9 for the first roll-out of *Ode to Joy* in Hutton Hall so we can gauge its condition and photograph it for the sale catalog. Secondly, *Ode to Joy* was transported from the Bridging Arizona warehouse, where it has been hanging since 2015, to the

music building, where it is now stored next to the music library bookshelves. This was accomplished with a great deal of help from Jim Piscopo and Felipe at the warehouse.

Chapel torchier holder: The rack was installed in the chapel. Irene will find out about a consecration date.

Ditson processional cross reproduction: No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Ciborium and chalice repairs: Karen Owens showed Peggy the broken cross on the lid and the gem stones that have fallen out of their settings. Erin Fischer has the name of the jeweler who can make the repairs.

Membership: Peggy reported that she sent a letter to Daryl Weil to ask her if she might be interested in returning to the committee and she said she wasn't interested at this time. Peggy also heard that Virginia Pratt Agar has expressed an interest in joining the committee. Peggy will speak with Fr. Jim about this.

CHAIR REPORT

MAFA did not have a table at the Missions Fair and it wasn't clear if it would have been helpful. The next meeting is December 11th, with the location to be determined. Fr. Jim will be attending.

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.