

Saint Barnabas on the Desert
Memorial Acceptance and Fine Arts Committee

October 14, 2024

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

Call to order: Nancy read an Irish blessing prayer.

Minutes of September 10th: The minutes for the September 10, 2024 meetings were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tours: Judee had a tour on Sept. 29th with 8 people, including Ann Goodman. The next tour is planned for Nov. 10th.

Buildings and Grounds: No report.

Thanksgiving: Donna reports that they have a plan. Mary Lou will be helping with the decorating.

Christmas: Grace will order 10 each 3 bloom and 36 each 4 bloom poinsettias.

OLD BUSINESS

Green set commission: Nancy and Grace showed storyboards with 5 different designs of Jenny Berk of JB Liturgical Vestments. Each person provided their responses to each design and Nancy recorded them. Designs 2 and 4 were the clear favorites. The designs were also viewed in the sanctuary to compare the colors to the colors there. Nancy will ask Jenny if she could intensify the designs of the chasuble and hangings of design group 4.

Retired chapel kneeler needlepoint framing and chapel kneeler storage: Peggy has the third unused kneeler needlepoint, which needs to be repaired before being framed.

Saint Barnabas history book: Marga showed some recently acquired gems from Faith Long's records. These included a magazine article on the Ditsons and a dedication program from Nov. 12, 1961. The book is coming along, aided by information in the recently uncovered Bishop's letter. Marga will begin the interview process with Dorothy Lincoln Smith.

Did You Know articles: Marga talked with Manny to discuss communication plans for her articles.

Website tour: Peggy exchanged questions with Momentum 360 about using a longer length music piece, and adding additional still photos to the tour.

Ode to Joy disposition sub-committee: The subcommittee will meet with Martha on October 18th to discuss Martha's concerns about the proposed method of hanging the pieces on the walls.

Retirement gift from Ode to Joy: No report.

Ditson processional cross reproduction: No report.

Ciborium and chalice repairs: Marian asked Karen about the status of the repairs, but hasn't heard back yet.

Sedilla cushion: Waiting to hear when the consecration date will be.

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. This will also provide an historical record of the decorating activities.

Inventory management initiative: Donna and Marian proposed a well-conceived plan that will provide a web-based record keeping central location for all MAFA documents. This would be a single location for policies, forms, a live calendar, an inventory, historical reports, a periodic scheduled maintenance

timeline and the holiday decorating documents. On the web page one would also find general information about MAFA: MAFA's vendors, repair forms for liturgical furnishing maintenance, the memorial gift acceptance policy, committee member information, annual reports and the meeting prayers. Donna stressed that this will require help from everyone for it to be successful. This is an ambitious project with great potential. The charter of the initiative is to provide a blueprint of MAFA projects by creating and maintaining a web-based historical record of memorial gifts for Saint Barnabas.

CHAIR REPORT

The next meeting is November 11th, 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.