

Saint Barnabas on the Desert
Memorial Acceptance and Fine Arts Committee

October 11, 2021

Members Present: Peggy Iacobelli, Nancy Harvey, Marga Fritze, Donna Piscopo, Tammy Underwood, Irene Wood, Joanne Berg, Marilyn Black, Tom Baker

Call to Order: Nancy opened the meeting with a prayer by Julie Palmer from Prayerscapes.

Minutes of May 10, 2021: The May 10, 2021 minutes were not approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Tour: Irene reported that Judee's tour in September included a visit to the carillon and also a demonstration of its operation.

OLD BUSINESS:

Thanksgiving: Since hungry mice ate the wheat in the MAFA closet, new wheat is to be purchased.

Marilyn will go to Askern and Sons in Phoenix to see if they have wheat available. Donna will look for some gourds for the altar and ask the staff about the plan for the Advent greens for the altar.

Christmas: The donation form needs to go into the Messenger in November. It is believed that Grace will be taking over as chair for 2021. White poinsettias will be the choice for this year. Tammy wants to try and have up-lighting on the altar trees. Marilyn will look for battery powered lights to use for this.

Prayer Station: The rug was installed on May 19, thus completing the prayer station. The rug was custom fit to the shape of the table. The prayer station needs to be consecrated.

Retired processional banner and chapel kneeler framing: Marga and Joanne determined that the edges of the different pieces need to be trimmed to make them all a uniform size. The finished, framed needlepoints will be hung vertically on the West wall of the chapel, opposite the organ.

MAFA arts book: Marga reported that she found an original letter from Fowler McCormick and some original artwork from Lee Porzio.

Did You Know articles: November 12, 1961 was the dedication date for the sanctuary.

Green set commission: Peggy noted that a new set needs to be under consideration, as the green set is nearing the end of its life span. The silk Juliet Hemingray piece would serve as a temporary backup in case the green set becomes un-useable.

Ciborium: Joanne would like to have Hinckley Lighting work on this. Tom provided a summary of a plan to replace the ciborium light ring with a new LED light one: 1) develop a specification with the form, fit and function desired for the new ring, 2) find a vendor who can manufacture the ring to our specification, and 3) install the new ring by transferring the 48 brass wires from the cross to the new ring and then attaching it to the ceiling using the existing connection points.

NEW BUSINESS:

Website coverage of the liturgical furnishings around the campus: Scott Johnson sent an email to Peggy asking about the possibility of adding information about the organ, liturgical furnishings, and other interesting items to the Saint Barnabas web site. Peggy mentioned her continuing interest in having a virtual tour available. In any case, someone versed in the art of creating content would need to do the work.

Staff input from MAFA: Joanne expressed concern about the need for the staff to be more aware of seeking out and benefitting from MAFA's experience and institutional knowledge when making decisions on the campus, including activities like painting or renovation. An increase in communications between MAFA and the staff in decision making would be beneficial to the church. MAFA wants to take on things when asked, but needs to be asked.

Front Door Planters: Judee and Joanne went to Kornegay Design in Phoenix and Judee picked out some nice concrete planters. Kornegay will deliver, but not install. These will be given in memory of Dave Morrison.

Baptismal Bowl: Peggy took the baptismal bowl to Zapffe Silverplating. He polished it for \$180, which Peggy paid for.

CHAIR REPORT:

Financial report: Peggy reported that the account has only grown by 23 cents.
The next meeting will be November 15 at 4 pm.

Let it be known that these minutes are intended to convey the spirit of the meeting, and not meant to be a literal documentation of the proceedings.