

IONA-HOPE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Minutes of the Vestry

September 26, 2023

Interim Rector: Rev. Coleen Tully

Vestry Members:

Paula Paquette, Sr. Warden,

Alison Kinch, Jr. Warden

Kathie Hart

Kathy Ulm

Rob Ricca

Patty Ingram

Steve Walsh

Linda Griffin, Clerk to the Vestry

Joe Mulino, Treasurer

Guests/Persons of Interest:

Eileen Carrara

Fr. Doug Lind/absent

Opening Concerns & Prayers:

Interim Rector Rev. Coleen Tully opened the meeting at 4:30 P.M. with prayer. Prayers are invited for celebrations, intercessions, ourselves, others. Prayers were offered for numerous concerns.

Rev. Coleen led with the Inhale/Exhale Meditation.

Approval of Minutes:

Vestry Meeting Minutes August 22, 2023. Paula asked if there were any questions or comments, there were none. Kathy moved minutes be approved, Rob second, all agreed. Linda G. Will send the minutes to Linda B once the minutes have been approved by the Vestry.

Interim Rector Report: Rev. Coleen Tully

Discussion on the running of the Vestry. Mother Coleen told us that she had been a Priest in 3 different churches in Minnesota and in all three the Senior Warden had always led the Vestry Meetings. Senior Warden Paula will continue to set the agenda and lead the meetings.

Mother Coleen then mentioned the differences in the Church, asking for ideas on how to bridge the chasm. This brought up a lot of great ideas.

Kathie suggested the idea of having someone lead a Church wide meeting and discuss the issues. Joe suggested we call it a "Healing Discussion". Father Lind or John Danner were brought up as potential Facilitators.

Mother Coleen will speak to both Father Lind & John Danner about this. All agreed this is especially important and needs to be addressed before the new Rector comes in.

Mother Coleen also mentioned that Patty and her family are moving up north this spring, and we will need more help in the office. There has been some discussion on this and Joe has already added money for a part-time office person into the budget. More on this in the Finance Report.

Parish wide Pot Luck, November 5th, at the Church. All welcome. This will also be the kick off of Stewardship.

Finance Report - Joe Mulino

Proposed 3 % Payroll increase for 2024 for all Staff including Eileen at the Thrift Store. He has been working with John Edgar at the Diocese, and he sent him a spread sheet to work with. A final Budget does not have to be approved until the December Vestry meeting, and Joe will be working on this for the next 3 months.

Joe is proposing that he add 25,000. To the budget for a Administrative Assistant.

Joe asked for the approval from the Vestry for the 3% increase for the Staff. All agreed.

Joe also mentioned that the Thrift Store has never had a "Store Budget". He will be sitting down with Eileen and they will develop a Store Budget.

Joe let us know that so far only Wanda Adler has [volunteered](#) for Steward Ship. Other names were mentioned, and they will be asked.

Store Report: Eileen Carrara

Store sales are about the same as they were this time last year. Eileen has been in Contact with the people at All Souls. They have some amazing Reach Out programs there and Eileen has asked the Vestry for approval for a grant to All Souls. The motion was made, Rob 1st, Patty 2nd it and all agreed.

Junior Warden's Report: Alison Kinch

Please see Junior Warden's report attached.

Senior Report - Paula Paquette

Paula is proposing a large plaque be made and put in the Church, that has the names of all the Clergy who have served Iona Hope.

We need to tell people about all the different ways to give and contribute to the church. Paula would like to work with Mother Coleen on a "Where are Your Gifts" Pamphlet. This pamphlet will outline the numerous opportunities for giving.

Reminder the Bishop will be here for John Adler's funeral.

Mother Coleen lead us in the Closing Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Griffin, Clerk of the Vestry

Junior Warden Report for Meeting, September 26,2023

The roof on the Gathering Place has been replaced. Still waiting on additional work to be completed. Ryan is currently dealing with the insurance company about the door.

Hallet has replaced (on Thursday) lights in the Sanctuary. Thank you Coleen for letting them in and helping out.

A big "Thank you" to Jim & Vicki Foster for working on the landscaping on the East side of the building.

Respectfully submitted

Alison Kinch, Junior Warden.

