

**IONA-HOPE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**Minutes of the Vestry**  
**November 26, 2024 @ 3:30 PM**

**Rector:**

The Rev. Jenny Scott-Jones

**Vestry Members:**

Paula Paquette – Senior Warden

Alison Kinch – Junior Warden

Rob Ricca

Steve Walsh

John Mitchell (Zoom)

Debbie Prather

Marcia Leidig (absent)

Linda Griffin

Joe Mulino – **Treasurer**

Thom Price – **Assistant to the Treasurer** (Zoom)

Eileen Carrara – **Thrift Store Manager**

Margaret Carr – **Media Director**

Marnie Ike – **Parish Administrator** (Zoom)

Wanda Adler – **Office Volunteer**

Victoria Lines – **Clerk to the Vestry**

**Guests:**

Ken & Donna Owens

**Opening Prayers & Concerns:**

Mother Jenny opened the meeting at 3:30 pm with prayer.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Vestry Meeting Minutes for October 29, 2024.

Motion to approve, Steve.

Second, Rob.

All in favor.

**Thrift Store Update: Eileen Carrara**

Eileen reported that all is well and wonderful.

Sales are steady. The Thrift Store is preparing for the Black Friday sale.

A Christmas party will be held in the Store December 9th at 5:30 pm.

An invitation was extended to all of Vestry to attend.

**Finance: Joe Mulino**

The financial report and 2<sup>nd</sup> draft for the 2025 budget were emailed to Vestry prior to this meeting.

Joe incorporated the changes from the 1<sup>st</sup> draft to the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft for the 2025 budget and is requesting Vestry approval.

Motion to approve, Linda.

Second, Deb.

All in favor.

**Stewardship Pledges:**

Joe suggests extending the drive until the end of December.

He'll also make an appeal to the congregation during service announcements and Margaret will insert form into the bulletin.

**Plates and plaques:**

Marnie has researched cost of chair plates and memorial wall plaques for animals. Joe proposes a price increase for the wall plaques. The suggestion is that the new price as of December 1<sup>st</sup> should be \$35 and additional donations/contributions would be welcome.

Motion to approve, Linda.

Second, Rob.

All in favor.

**Restricted Accounts:**

Joe's suggestions were reviewed on how reduce the total in restricted accounts by \$82,000.

Vestry approval requested.

Motion to approve, Rob.

Second, Linda.

All in favor.

Gladiolus Food Pantry:

Vestry approval requested to disperse \$2,225 to the Gladiolus Food Pantry.

Motion to approve, Rob.

Second, Deb.

All in favor.

Designation of a Memorial gift:

It's been noted that \$10,000 of a Memorial gift still resides in the restricted funds. Vestry previously agreed that the gift would be placed in the restricted funds until such time as a decision would be made on how to honor the donors in something that has to do with the church.

Vestry approval requested to confirm the above decision.

Motion to approve, Steve.

Second, Alison.

All in favor.

### **Announcements/Upcoming/Programs:**

#### Services/Schedules – Mother Jenny

Blue Christmas:

December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm is a joint service of Iona-Hope and Saint Michaels.

Advent Greening of the Church:

December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 am.

Christmas Eve service:

Paper Bag Pageant event at 5:00 pm.

Candlelight service at 8:00 pm.

Christmas Day service:

Christmas service at 9:30 A.M.

The office will be officially closed Dec 24<sup>th</sup> – Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## LIFE (Lee Interfaith for Empowerment) – Steve Walsh

The proposed November Team Leader meeting did not take place.

The goal remains to have a celebration in January/February 2025.

Meanwhile, Steve will be recruiting volunteers to join and give to LIFE.

## **Reports:**

### Junior Warden's Report: Alison Kinch

The following report was provided:

“As the Junior Warden was out of town for most of the month of November, she would like to extend a huge “Thank you” to Jeffrey Roseman and Steve Walsh, and anyone else who has helped out.

I am still not caught up on everything that has been happening, so here is the abridged version, with more information to come in December.

Font update Keystone has fabricated the new base pieces that were damaged during disassembly. I will coordinate with Hallett to complete the rebuild.

The parking lot lights are being obstructed by the trees.

I have a quote from Timber Tree for \$1600 to do this. Other options are being investigated

Cameras – have been charged. Four of them have been installed and are being monitored.

Scott from Kingdom Roofing has indicated that there needs to be guttering put in along the office wall where the office entry door is located, otherwise it will cause more problems in future years. He has also worked through all of the invoices and payments from the insurance company and will be sending them to me and to Marnie along with the proposal for the guttering. Not yet received.”

### Senior Warden's Report: Paula Paquette

Paula expressed that she's looking forward to further discussion on how to invite people in doing musical/educational programs or spiritual retreat programs, etc.

Discussions will ensue after the Holidays.

Rector Report: The Rev. Jenny Scott-Jones

New Vestry members:

Three slots are available. Two positions are open for re-election.  
Nominations should be in by December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Monitoring cameras:

Vestry volunteers needed to take a turn monitoring one month at a time.

Meeting ended at 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Victoria Lines, Clerk of the Vestry