

# **IONA-HOPE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

## **Minutes of the Vestry**

**April 25, 2023**

### **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

Absent: Bella Tousignant, Assistant Treasurer

### **Guests/Persons of Interest:**

Ken and Donna Owens

Robin and Jane Mills

Andi Jerger

Fr. Doug Lind, Vestry Consultant

### **Opening Concerns & Prayers:**

Senior Warden Paula Paquette out of town but on the phone, so Junior Warden Alison Kinch opened the meeting at 5:00 P.M. with Inhale Exhale exercise. All present were asked for any prayers/celebrations.

Steve and Connie Walsh are leaving to go up North May 3<sup>rd</sup>, we pray for their safe trip.

Prayers for Bella and Trish.

Prayers for all LGBTQ.

Prayers for Ethan, and prayers for Emerson.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

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Paula asked if there were any questions or comments, there was none. Rob moved minutes be approved, Patty second, all agreed.

### **Group Ministries:**

Steve had a call from Paul at Life. We are still paying members but Steve believes he was the last one to Chair and that was prior to Covid. He will have a call with him tomorrow and we should look at it and see if we want to reboot the program.

Patty mentioned that we have gift cards we can give if we have people in need.

Paula mentioned the Food Pantry liaison email and believes we should participate and send a representative. Julie the Nurse has always been our representative but she is up North now. Patty mentioned Vicky Dawson might be interested and she will reach out to her.

### **Calendar Items:**

Vacation times were discussed.

Welcome Committee - Ken Ingram sent out a list of Greeters and Ushers. The Greeters will start remaining at the doors during the Service, and the doors will start being locked during the Service for safety reasons.

Service of Remembrance – Paula had gone to a Memorial Service at All Souls in N. Fort Myers, and gave Kathie a bulletin from it. It was general instead of specific. Circle of Care meets this Monday and Kathie will discuss with Fr. Swift about having a Memorial Service, maybe at the end of May. There have been quite a few people who have passed, and we have not had a chance to celebrate and honor them.

### **Thrift Store Report: Joe filled in for Eileen**

Sales are doing great! With people going North things have slowed down some. Quite a few of the volunteers have also gone North so volunteers are needed.

### **Other:**

Patty suggested we add special prayers for LGTBQ to the Prayers of the People. Everyone agreed.

### **Vestry Consultant – Fr. Doug Lind**

Fr. Lind reminded us that the church's Ecclesiastic Authority allows Fr. Lind to be the Vestry's Consultant. Junior Warden Alison told him they were working on that and would let everyone know as soon as it can be made public. Once they have the path to the Interim, they can start setting up next steps and agree that Communication to the whole church is important.

### **Junior Warden's Report: Alison Kinch**

Please see Junior Warden's report attached.

## **Senior Report - Paula Paquette**

Paula read a very lovely Thank You letter from Fr. Ray to the Vestry. Paula has been arranging the Clergy schedule. Please see the attached schedule at the end of these meetings minutes.

Search Process - We need to start Holy Cow right away. We need someone to set up our account and start filling it out.

The question was asked, can we get some examples of Questions for the Holy Cow and get the registration going? Paula will talk to Canon Norman and see if we can get more information and then we can fill out registration. The first part is The Parish does a lot of inputting into the Holy Cow process and we will have the interpretive report, then we will need someone with exceptional writing skills. It will not take a huge amount of time to discern and distill the information into two documents. One is the Ministry Profile, the other is our Profile Brochure. We need someone who can write and do good PR documents to do those 2 things after we complete Holy Cow. Kathie, Kathy, and Steve volunteered for this.

The next part is we hope to put out in August the applications for people who would like to serve on the Search Team. We will pull out the application that Canon Norman has made available, we will advertise in Constant Contact, and we should be considering names for that by September and start them working October/November.

They said there should be 7 - 9 members on the team, and then we will need a Liaison from the Vestry to be checking in with the Search Team as to progress during the Fall and Winter. The Position would be advertised maybe January and the Search Team do its thing.

## **Finance Report - Joe Mulino**

We received the Insurance payments. As far as Stewardship goes, we have not received additional pledges. We stand with 77 individuals and families pledging and to date that \$266, 074. Far short of what we normally have. We know that some extra payments came in for April. The Thrift Store is doing great 40k for the last few months but are concerned about the summer months. They are in a good location so we will see.

Meeting ended at 6:25pm with closing prayer.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Linda Griffin, Clerk of the Vestry**

## Junior Warden Report for Meeting April 25, 2023

We are still waiting on Kingdom Restoration to give us a start date for the roof. The latest update is that they have most of the materials ordered and will be starting soon. The door to the office is also top priority.

The controller for the irrigation system needs to be repaired. The breaker at the site is fried and needs to be replaced before the irrigation company can determine if the controller needs to be replaced as well.

The large plate for the St. Francis Garden is here. I have several name plates on order. I will make a form so that they can be ordered. Note that the current price is \$16, plus \$4 shipping I suggest that we sell the plates for \$25. This will be a pass through for the animal ministry account.

There is mulch by the shed. I will tidy some of the beds before I leave, and will do some more planting once rain is more predictable. Anyone willing and able to weed, trim or spread mulch is more than welcome to do so. We can always get more mulch from Chapman's mulch.

Respectfully submitted

Alison Kinch, Junior Warden.

## Supply Schedule May 2023

May 3 Wednesday 9:30 am The Rev. Colleen Tully

May 6 Saturday 5:00 pm The Rev. Colleen Tully

May 7 Sunday 8:00 am The Rev. Colleen Tully

May 7 Sunday 9:30 am The Rev. Colleen Tully

May 10 Wednesday 9:30 am Lay persons, lay-led Morning Prayer

May 13 Saturday 5:00 pm The Rev. James McConnell

May 14 Sunday 8:00 am The Rev. John Swift

May 14 Sunday 9:30 am The Rev. John Gamble

May 17 Wednesday 9:30 am Lay persons, lay-led Morning Prayer

May 20 Saturday 5:00 pm The Rev. James McConnell

May 21 Sunday 8:00 am The Rev. John Swift

May 21 Sunday 9:30 am The Rev. John Gamble

May 24 Wednesday 9:30 am Lay persons, lay-led Morning Prayer

May 27 Saturday 5:00 pm The Rev. James McConnell

May 28 Sunday 8:00 am The Rev. John Swift

May 28 Sunday 9:30 am The Rev. John Gamble

May 31 Wednesday 9:30 am Lay persons, lay-led Morning Prayer

June, July and August

Wednesday's - Lay lead morning prayers

Saturday 5 pm Service - Fr. McConnell

Sundays – Combine 8:00 and 9:30 Services- Fr. Swift and Fr. Gamble to switch off.

Working to have Intrim by September.