

# **Iona Hope Episcopal Church**

## **Annual Parish Meeting**

**January 29, 2023**

**Senior Warden Paula Paquette presiding.**

Invocation, Father James McConnell

Annual Meeting called to order at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday January 29, 2023

Linda Griffin, Clerk of the Vestry taking Meeting minutes.

Joe Mulino passed out the "Annual Parish Meeting" booklets.

First point of business is the Voting for The Vestry. We have 4 running for 3 seats. Ray Zentis will not be running again. Thank you, Ray for your service.

A paper ballot for this vote is suggested, and a vote is required for the paper ballot.

Motion Made by Neil, Jan Mills 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion was passed.

There are paper Ballots in the Annual Parish Meeting booklets.

Voting will stay open for 30 minutes, if the votes have all been counted prior to the 30 minutes time allowed voting can be closed early if voted own.

Running are Alison Kinch, current Junior Warden, Bob Earl, Patty Ingram, and Steve Walsh.

Votes have all been counted prior to the 30 minute time frame, Joe Mulino made a motion that we close voting and Gordon 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all agreed end.

Next point of business is the Convention in October.

We have 2 people who have volunteered to be delegates, Kathie Hart and Kathy Ulm. We need 3 Delegates and 1 alternate. Bob Hunt volunteered to be the 3rd Delegate , and Bob Earl volunteered to be the alternate.

Next point of Business is the Report of the Treasurer, Joe Mulino

All reports are in the Annual Parish Meeting booklet. It has been a very challenging year for Ionia Hope and our Community. We did however finish the year in the black with a net profit of \$34,344.

On a somber note, our Stewardship Campaign for 2023 is currently far below our goal of \$365,000. If you have your pledge taken out of your bank account, you have to give them permission every year to have it taken out. There are 12 people who need to renew, Linda Babcock will send email to them to remind them to fill out the permission.

Bright spot is our One More Time Thrift Store. Revenue for the Year totaled \$325,682.resulting in a net profit of \$43,956.41.

2023 budget mirrors last years budget, we expect to remain stable on expenses.

Vestry approved 2023 budget on 1/18/23.

It was suggested to start passing the offering plate during Services.

Offering envelopes to have been ordered.

#### Results of Voting

Patty Engram and Steve Walsh will be joining the Vestry, and Alison Kinch was re-elected to the Vestry. Congratulations to all 3.

Father McConnell called the entire Vestry up front for the installation of the new members.

#### Senior Warden Report – Paula Paquette

Senior Warden Paula Paquette summited a written report which is included in the Annual Parish Meeting Booklet. Senior Warden Paula Paquette wanted to thank all of the people who do so much for our church.

Senior Warden Paula Paquette and Junior Warden Alison Kinch will meet with

Rev. Douglas Sharp, our Bishop, on February 21 to discuss the next steps for identifying a Interim Priest in charge to begin with us on May 1, or sometime soon there after.

#### Junior Wardens Report –Alison Kinch

Junior Warden Alison Kinch summited a written report which is included in the Annual Parish Meeting Booklet. Junior Warden Alison Kinch wanted to thank everyone who has helped her this year, and thank everyone for voting for her again.

Closing,Senior Warden Paula Paquette thanked everyone for coming and asked for a motion for the Annual Parish Meeting to be closed.Joe Mulino made the motion and Donna Reno seconded, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Griffin, Clerk of the Vestry

