

IONA-HOPE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Minutes of the Vestry

August 22, 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

Guests/Persons of Interest:

Eileen Carrara

Fr. Doug Lind

Opening Concerns & Prayers:

There will be an Executive session following the Vestry Meeting. Senior Warden Paula Paquette opened the meeting at 4:30 P.M. with prayer. Prayers are invited for celebrations, intercessions, ourselves, others. Prayers were offered for numerous concerns.

The meeting was opened by Paula with the Inhale/Exhale Meditation.

Approval of Minutes:

Vestry Meeting Minutes for July 25, 2023. Paula asked if there were any questions or comments, there were none. Rob moved minutes be approved, Kathy second, all agreed. Linda G. Will send the minutes to Linda B once the minutes have been approved by the Vestry.

Group Ministries, Liaisons', Calendar items:

Steve discussed L.I.F.E. Justice Ministry. Steve was able to attend 2 meetings with Mother Susie and Dottie Morrison from Saint Michaels, they have a plan to use House Meetings. Steve has sent out some information motion to some people in closing people who had been Team Leaders, and he has not heard back from anyone yet. The House Meetings are where people discuss various ideas of what they think the issue should be, and in October it is decided. The FM's Council has voted to go with the group who want to build Low Income housing at the former News Press Building. Members of L.I.F.E. attended the Council meetings and strongly encouraged the City Council to vote in that direction. Steve will send the information to us along with the schedule of the House Meetings for L.I.F.E.

Kathy Ulm mentioned that the Self Help Group will be celebrating their Anniversary this at 7:30. They have been doing this for 33 years. Kathy also mentioned that this group and 2 others had not had their rent paid, but Patty said this had been taken care of now.

Store Report: Eileen Carrara

Store sales are down quite a bit, but doing as well as last August. We shipped 21 boxes of heavy winter clothing to St Joseph's Indian School in SD. We did spend \$1,600 for the shipping but considering how big and heavy the boxes were we felt it was a very reasonable price. They called Eileen and were so grateful. Eileen is hoping to send them Winter clothes every year. The Store receives so much more winter clothes then there is a demand for her in Florida. The Building Management took care of the Store's Air Conditioning issues. The Store Cleaning people have told Eileen that the floors in the Store are Asbestos and the top finish has worn down. Maybe reseal? Since it is inside the Store we would be responsible for it. They will continue to look at this. We have been approached by All Souls in N. Fort Myers asking about the possibility of helping with their out reach programs. They use to get a grant from Sanabel, but they are unable to do that this year. Eileen will contact them to see just what they need and what we maybe able to do for them.

Vestry Consultant: Fr. Doug Lind

Since Mother Colleen will be here beginning Sept. 1st, Fr. Lind recommended that Paula meet with her to go over things with her. Encouraged the Vestry to be Welcoming and offer Support, Trust and Leadership. He reminded us that we are always in his prayers.

Junior Warden's Report: Alison Kinch

Please see Junior Warden's report attached.

Senior Report - Paula Paquette

Summer Schedule for Clergy has been working very well. Mother Tully will be here September 1st and will be helping us move forward.

This Saturday night will be Father McConnell's last Service. Kathy will be there and present him with the Thank you Letter, the card and flowers for his wife Caroline. Sunday morning is Fr. Gamble's last Service. The same thing will be done for Fr. Gamble and his wife Jan. Father Swift will be out of town but will be back on the 3rd, and then he will receive his Thank you. There also are gift bags that will be given to them. The Vestry will meet with Mother Colleen on Friday the 1st to welcome her.

Paula asked if we wanted to order Contribution Envelopes. It was decided that we had done just fine without them last year and we could save \$372 dollars.

Paula asked who would like to learn to place ashes in the Columbarium? Everyone volunteered. Bob Hunt will train.

We looked over the Job description for Mother Tully. Fr. Lind asked about the fact there is no mention of Administrative duties for her. Paula said that is correct that we wanted her to focus on a Loving Community and to reach out to our retired Clergy who have not only expended their time and energy as Supply Clergy, but they have also loved this community. Paula hopes that Mother Tully takes some of her time to reach out to them.

Personnel Committee - Kathie Hart

Kathie will be the Vestry Liaison to the Personnel Committee as we have discussed many times to be checking in on people. In Mother Tully's Job description, we have it that she will be checking in with the Committee quarterly. We need to figure out how to get people to volunteer for the Committee. the Committee is to check on the clergy and the Staff, and the retired Clergy. Kathie is working on how the Committee is formed. The objective is to have 1 person dedicated to one staff member, so if there are any concerns or issues they can be dealt with up front. Fr. Lind told Kathie he would help with this. Kathie asked for all ideas and suggestions to be sent to her. The Committee will be open to everyone who is interested in joining. Steve suggested we see if there is anyone in the Church who has Personnel experience that would be interested.

Kathie and Kathy will be cleaning up Mother Tully's office. Alison and Linda B will be setting up her computer access.

Confirmation/New Member Class.

Holy Cow – Holy Cow CAT has received the 1st 5 Star Rating from Canon Richard Norman. He said it was the Best ever. The CAT will close September 17.

When do we want to set up the meeting for The Interpretation. Paula suggested Vestry and Writers attend. The writers have to compile the Results of the CAT. The Profile is the Brochure. Find out how long they need the data in order to make the Interpretation. Patty will call and get that information then a date will be set.

Website redesign – Patty

Patty and Alison have been working on it and it is not far from Launch. They hope for October 1.

Picnic Planning? Patty asked why don't we have a Fall Picnic? Maybe a Potluck at the church? Parish Potluck. Beginning of November?

Finance Report - Joe Mulino

The financials are somewhat deceiving. It shows us in a positive, which we are until we get the bill for the roof. We have been very good at keeping our costs down which has been helping. Pledges are way behind. We have pledges for \$256,902, and to date we have only received about \$193,000. Now we look forward to our 2024 Stewardship Campaign. We would like to start the Campaign November 1.

The meeting ended at 5:50 PM with closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Griffin, Clerk of the Vestry

Junior Warden Report for Meeting August 22,2023

Kingdom Roofing are working on the roof of the Gathering Place. It should be completed this week. They will then move on to the list of repairs that need to be done.

The pump on the baptismal font was replaced, and a surge protector installed.

A toilet in the Gathering Place needed to have a handle and flapper replaced – completed.

The signage by Gladiolus will be updated after Sunday service. The a/c controller will be programmed to accommodate the new service schedule once Mr. Coleen Tully arrives.

Respectfully submitted

Alison Kinch, Junior Warden.

