

Iona-Hope Episcopal Church
Minutes of the Vestry
October 8, 2019

Attendees:

The Reverend Ray Buchanan

Vestry Members:

Joe Mulino, Senior Warden

Ray Zentis, Junior Warden

Steve Walsh

Bob Earl

Margo Farrara

Andi Jerger

Debbie Prather, Treasurer, Member

Patricia Ingram

Ken and Donna Owens, Church Staff

John Gamble

Paula Paquette, Clerk of the Vestry

Guest: Douglass Lind, Consultant

(Excused, with regrets, Robin Mills)

Opening Concerns and Prayers: Father Ray

Motion Steve Walsh, Second Joe Mulino, to approve previous minutes as presented. All in favor.

Evelyn Reynolds, after the last meeting, submitted her resignation from the Vestry.

Patty Ingram, expressed interest to come onto the Vestry to serve the unexpired term.

Motion Ray Zentis, Second Bob Earl to approve. All in favor.

Group Ministries Reports

Deb Prather reported on LIFE. Gail Hamlett had two successful house meetings. Deb Prather held one. Alex is a new leader with LIFE. He is highly motivated and enjoying the work he has done so far. Another house meeting is upcoming at the church at 3:30 pm this Saturday.

Announcements

BCI is scheduled to be here soon for the HVAC issue. Will be resolved soon.

Blessing of the Animals, 60 people, 49 animals were here. Well attended.

Six Wags will take place on October 26 at the church.

Pledge cards handed out for Vestry to complete tonight.

Vestry operating principles handed out.

New Facilities

Father John Gamble, executive summary concerning building projects, new facilities. Two letters received from Lee County. Received via Victor Latavish. All three of fire issues were resolved by county reading the drawings given them. Wanted a letter from GC providing the safeguard details for the construction. Compass Construction submitted a letter. Victor will meet with Compass Construction tomorrow to come up with whatever safety plan they need. Another issue is accessibility for the bathrooms. They are looking for access to a handicapped accessible bathroom. Conference call with Diana Brown at Lee County.

Several options were discussed. Bathroom near offices, remove wall, and call it a family restroom is one option. But, then, we would need to concern about the total number of fixtures available for the facility. So, we can argue, or say it's not feasible, or just make the change to the bathroom and be in compliance. We might not have enough toilets for the total occupancy. The code will be checked to make sure this is not an issue of over-reaching. Ms. Brown is a review committee member for Lee County. This is the review for the addition of the modular. Victor Lativish requests we not contact anyone at the County yet until he reviews some code and other items related to the plans. All of this space here is grandfathered as well as exits, etc. But these things do happen in the course of the permitting reviews. This does not seem to be typical.

Motion Bob Earl. If Victor Latavish's effort to grandfather this accessible bathroom item is not successful, that we move forward with changing over the two bathrooms into a family restroom to address this issue. Second Joe Mulino. All in favor.

Senior Warden Report, Joe Mulino

Mardi Gras. Rob Ricca is preparing a sponsorship letter so that people can request sponsorships for the Mardi Gras. Please distribute them widely. Goal is to have sponsorships cover all costs. Hope Kids Care will benefit from all of the proceeds. Their brochures can be distributed also.

Father Doug Lind, Consultant

Working with Vestry on Vestry development. He will meet with all Vestry members one on one.

Columbarium No update. Decision needed soon on granite.

Junior Warden Report, Ray Zentis

Safety Team will be recruited and developed, parish nurse and others to be included.

Ushers will be trained to respond to emergencies. Door security will be looked at. FEMA provides some info on safety planning for houses of worship. There is an AED in the church. Perhaps training is needed. We might could use a trauma kit to have on hand. Church safety is a huge topic. Churches are looking at this concern in all sorts of ways.

Finance Committee, Deb Prather

Financial statement for this past month. Please note the Thrift Shop is doing a wonderful job despite some lower traffic at the shopping center. They are slightly above sales from last year. They are constantly having sales and being proactive. Eileen is the manager. Contributions pledged is @\$21,000 down from last year. Contributions not pledged is @\$11,000 above budget. Please see report for exact figures. Overall, NET revenue is \$1,735 to the plus. Stewardship report from Steve and Patrick is presented by the Treasurer also. In-gathering is November 30 and December 1 for the campaign for this year. Goal is \$365,000 for stewardship for this year. Recommend we acquire some new promotional banners and materials with the rebate from the Diocese. Motion Bob Earl, that the rebate which has been received from the Diocese is used to develop new welcome banners and other promotional materials. Rebate is about \$2,700. Second Andi Jerger. All in favor.

Junior Warden Report, Ray Zentis

Facilities seem to be in order.

Vestry agenda completed. 5:40 pm

Evening prayer continued.

Adjournment