

Iona-Hope Episcopal Church
Annual Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2020

Call to Order: 10:52 am

Invocation: Father Ray Buchanan

Father Ray declares that we are in our annual meeting.

Appointment of Secretary:

Father Ray appoints Paula Paquette as Secretary of the Annual Meeting. Minutes will be brought to the Vestry meeting in February for their review and approval of the minutes.

Establishment of Quorum:

Father Ray declares that we have a Quorum.

Explanation of Voting:

Father Ray reported that three people rotate off of Vestry this year. Two have opted to stand for re-election (Bob Earl and Ray Zentis). Steve Walsh has chosen not to run for election to the Vestry again. Alison Kinch has agreed to stand for election. We do not open the meeting for nominations due to the canonical requirements for certifying a member of the Vestry (member of the church, pledging members, etc.).

Presentations of All Nominees:

Vestry:

Bob Earl, Ray Zentis and Alison Kinch stood to be introduced. There is a slate of three standing for election this year. Motion by Bob Giarla, second, many voiced a second, to vote by acclamation for the slate of officers. All in favor.

Convention Delegates:

Father Ray reported that we have not yet recruited candidates to stand for election to be candidates for delegates this year. Father Ray asks for people to consider if they are interested in representing the church at convention. Please let the Senior Warden or Father Ray know if you are interested. Father Ray expressed his gratitude to Steve Walsh for serving on the Vestry. He has been a wonderful Vestry member.

~~Appointment of Tellers for the Vestry Election, if necessary:~~

(Canon VIII, Section 2 of the Canons of the Dioceses of Southwest Florida is applicable related to voting and was discussed above.) ~~Tellers are not needed.~~

Report of the Treasurer (2019) – Deb Prather

Treasurer Deb thanks everyone for their amazing support of the church, the generosity. We will be operating on a balanced spending plan for 2020. This will be easier to monitor and to see where the church is going throughout the year. Treasurer Deb is truly grateful to Marnie Ike who is an exceptional Financial Secretary. Also, she expresses gratitude to Bob Hunt and the weekly counters. Thank you also to the Stewardship Team for an exceptional campaign this year. Thank you to the Thrift Shop, the volunteers, and Eileen, the manager.

The Thrift Shop is having a difficult year. Big Lots closed. Foot traffic is down. We need to pay attention to the shop, encourage them, etc., especially in this difficult time.

Report of the Treasurer (2019-20 Budget) – Deb Prather

See above for comments on the 2020 budget. [There is a balanced spending plan for 2020.]

Stewardship Report – Patrick Hunt

Stewardship Chair Patrick expressed a huge thank you to everyone for their support, generosity, interest in the church. Time and talent are much appreciated as well as financial contributions. Let us continue to fill each other with joy as we work together on the success of our church. Let's continue to make 2020 a great year!

Senior Warden Report – Joe Mulino

Senior Warden Joe requested that Gail Hamlett step forward, representing the Tuesday Morning Ladies' Breakfast Group. Last spring, they spoke and thought it would be a nice idea to collect and donate money to the building fund. They put a mason jar on the table every week and they collected money for nine months. Gail presented a check from the group for \$496.00. Everyone is thankful for this generosity.

Senior Warden Joe expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve as Senior Warden this past year. He looks forward to the opportunity to serve again next year.

Junior Warden Report – Ray Zentis

Junior Warden Ray said it has been an honor and a lot of fun to serve as Junior Warden. One of the projects he is heading is a security evaluation of the church. We received input from the Office of the Lee County Sheriff. They have a program for evaluating churches and other entities. The group will be looking at security during services, security of the facilities after hours, etc. Father Ray commented that the committee is charged with safety as well as security. It is not just an active shooter security program. The evaluation of safety and security will pertain to first aid, facilities, etc., a myriad of matters.

New Facility Presentation – Father Ray Gamble

Trust is a very powerful thing. Father Ray as well as the parish entrusted Father John with supervision of facilities renovations. And the project is going well and has gone well. There have been delays, but, all in all, everything has been well on track. Highlights at this time in the construction project. We are using the existing kitchen cabinets rather than purchasing new ones. This is a great savings. There has been a discovery of rust and rot of the beams underneath the old units. We will be evaluating what to do about this with the remaining units. Completion is expected for April 2, 2020.

*Dismissal - 11:11 am
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*