

# IONA-HOPE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## Minutes of the Vestry

October 31, 2023

**Interim Rector:** Rev. Coleen Tully

**Vestry Members:**

Paula Paquette, Sr. Warden,

Alison Kinch, Jr. Warden

Kathie Hart

Kathy Ulm - Telecom

Rob Ricca

Patty Ingram

Steve Walsh

Linda Griffin, Clerk to the Vestry

Joe Mulino, Treasurer

Thom Price, Asst. Treasurer

**Guests/Persons of Interest:**

Eileen Carrara

Ken and Donna Owen

Susan Crawford

Fr. Doug Lind/absent

**Opening Concerns & Prayers:**

Interim Rector Rev. Coleen Tully opened the meeting at 3:00 P.M. with prayer. Prayers for the Church. Prayers are invited for celebrations, intercessions, ourselves, others. Prayers were offered for numerous concerns. Kathy Ulm is calling in from the hospital.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Vestry Meeting Minutes September 26, 2023. Paula asked if there were any questions or comments, there were none. Rob moved minutes be approved, Steve 2nd, all agreed.

### **Interim Rector Report: Rev. Coleen Tully**

Mother Coleen would like for us to look into Recycling, and order paper products not plastic. Kathie believes we need to educate the parish on being Environmental Stewards. Paula made a motion to make Environmental Stewardship a part of the Stewardship drive and have the Environment Stewardship group write up a brief policy and present it to Vestry so it can be approved and adopted. All approved.

On November 19, at 4 PM, there will be a Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at the Edison Congregational Church. Mother Coleen would like us to support this Service.

Mother Coleen talked to Rob about starting a monthly Potluck here in the Adler Gathering Center. Rob will take the lead in this. Mother Coleen would like the Vestry to be involved in this.

Mother Coleen believes we really need to have a Parish Nurse. She did speak to someone who is a nurse and she turned her down. She has spent time with Julie and discussed everything with her. Mother Coleen believes if we get a good Job Description for this, we could get her to come back. A lot of discussion ensued, and in the end the Vestry supports Mother Coleen and her decision.

Mother Coleen reminded everyone about the Vestry Retreat November 17, 10:00 -2:00. Doug Lind and John Danner will be there.

Parish wide Potluck, November 5th, at the Church. All welcome. This will also be the kickoff of Stewardship.

### **Finance Report: Joe Mulino**

Joe went over the 2024 Budget Working Copy with the Vestry. Joe asked

the Vestry to Approve the Working Copy as the final Budget for 2024 that he will present to the Parish at the Parish Meeting the 1st of the year. Patty made a motion to except the 2024 Budget Working Copy as the Final Budget, Kathie 2nd, all approved.

Stewardship Letter will be going out tomorrow. The theme this year is "Growing in Faith Together." We agreed to bring back the Stewardship Meetings.

### **Calendar:**

Potluck - November 5

Vestry Retreat – November 17, 10:00am – 2:00pm

LIFE Justice Ministry – Steve.

On the 24th the Assembly met, and the decision was made, and the focus will be on Mental health this year. There is a Study group starting up, and they are looking for Volunteers. Steve will send out the information.

### **Store Report: Eileen Carrara**

The Thrift Store is doing extremely well. Better than last year, and they are on track to have a record year. They did get their new sign up. (It is awesome). Eileen would like to put out 2 boxes at the front of the Store. One to collect food and one to collect toys, and then distribute them to All Souls and anyone else who would need them. Eileen asked the Vestry for their Approval. All thought it was a great idea.

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

Please see Junior Warden's report attached.

### **Senior Report - Paula Paquette**

At Convention the Bishop gave an address and mentioned four themes towards developing beautiful, beloved Community. Discipleship, Leadership, Embracing Diversity, and Transforming Community. Iona Hope has this basis. We are one of only 4 "Believe out Loud" Episcopal Churches in Florida. Patrick Hunt has sent his Message out that he gave, and it will be posted to our Website. We have been discussing how we can get that message out.

Office of Transition Ministry (OTM), was drafted and was beautiful. If the

words get counted and the group approves it, we can send it to Canon Norman for his final approval. John and Carey Mitchell have said they will do the design/create our Brochure.

Website Design and Postings – Alison and Patty have been posting pictures and will continue.

The meeting ended at 4:50pm with a closing Prayer from Mother Coleen.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Linda Griffin, Clerk of the Vestry**

Junior Warden Report for Meeting, October 31, 2023

Not much has happened since the last meeting due to the Junior Warden being on vacation, then contracting Covid.

The blinds in the Sanctuary need to be fixed, as they don't open / close correctly. If anyone knows of a company that repairs electric blinds, please let me know.

A huge “thank you” to Kathie Hart and Patty Ingram for cleaning up the grounds prior to John Adler’s memorial service. Particular thanks to Patty for cleaning the windows.

Hurricane issues are ongoing.

Respectfully submitted

Alison Kinch, Junior Warden.

