

IONA-HOPE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Minutes of the Vestry
March 26, 2024

Interim Rector

The Rev. Coleen Tully

Vestry Members:

Paula Paquette - Senior Warden,

Alison Kinch - Junior Warden

Rob Ricca (absent)

Patty Ingram

Steve Walsh

John Mitchell (on phone)

Debbie Prather

Marcia Leidig

Linda Griffin

Joe Mulino - **Treasurer** (absent)

Thom Price - **Assistant to the Treasurer**

Victoria Lines - **Clerk to the Vestry**

GUESTS:

Consultant to the Vestry – Fr. Doug Lind

Margaret Carr – Media Director

Eileen Carrara – Thrift Store Manager

Ken & Donna Owens

Opening Prayers & Concerns:

Interim Rector Rev. Coleen Tully opened the meeting at 3:30 p.m. with prayer. Prayers offered were for celebrations, others, ourselves, and other numerous concerns.

Discussion:

Paula and Alison discussed that the Vestry meetings should be kept to one hour, per Canon Norman's request.

Approval of Minutes:

Vestry Meeting Minutes for February 27, 2024.

Motion to approve, Linda. Second, Patty. All in favor.

Interim Rector's Report: Rev. Coleen

Request for help sorting through Margaret's office.

We're blessed to be moving from the Prayer of Transition to the Prayer of Good Discernment following Holy Week.

Supply Clergy secured for the month of May and June.

Thrift Store Report: Eileen Carrara

Grants are currently being accepted until May 15th.

Everything is going well and sales are good.

Staff and volunteer appreciation party scheduled for Saturday, May 15th @ 3 p.m.

Eileen expressed deep appreciation to Ken and Donna Owens for all the hard work and care put into making the floors beautiful.

Finance Report: Joe Mulino

Reports were sent out. There was an increase \$45,000 in revenue that came in March that was not noted on the February report.

Group Ministries and other topics:

Community Garden:

Marcia is now the Vestry liaison.

Currently investigating options to bring the pump into good working order. Informational meeting upcoming Sunday, April 14th after worship at 10:45 a.m.

Welcome Ministry:

Linda is now the Vestry liaison to the Circle of Care. She will attend meetings beginning in May.

L.I.F.E:

Steve Walsh discussed L.I.F.E. and upcoming Nehemiah action meeting April 9th at 6:00 p.m.

This year's topic is Mental Health.

Office Staffing:

More volunteers coming onboard: Marnie, Wanda, Andie, Sandy, and Lorraine. Special thanks to Patty and Margaret for their support.

Junior Warden's Report: Alison Kinch

We were notified by Lee County that we are out of compliance with the required backflow testing. The company that has done it before is no longer in business. Florida Plumbers will be on site this week to do the testing and submit the results to Lee County. In following up with them this week, the backflow prevention device is non-functional and needs to be replaced. Cost is \$1,060. This needs to be done.

Hallet has been scheduled to come in to replace some of the Sanctuary lighting.

Alison is working with Conditioned Air about a maintenance contract for all of our units

One of the split A/C units in the Gathering Place needs to be looked at.

Font update – Alison has been in contact with Bill Towers at Precast Keystone regarding the disassembly of the font. He advised that their Project Manager (Jaime) will be in touch. Waiting patiently. Parishioners have offered to pay for the repair. (although I do not have an estimate yet).

Gathering Place update:

All work has been satisfactorily completed, gutters are installed. The steps have been removed. Plantings will be added to the mulched area to make it more attractive.

The second A/C unit is scheduled for Wednesday March 27th

Insurance submission – Copies of the IT and electrical work invoices were submitted to the insurance company.

The Fire Extinguishers had not been tested since April 2022. Fyr Fighters completed the inspection and re-charging last week. Hunter (the tech) also found some non-compliance.

Alison requests approval to spend \$980 to bring our lighting into compliance.

Senior Report: Paula Paquette

Paula reported that Supply Clergy for May and June has been filled.

Motion was made to host a farewell celebration for Mother Coleen on Sunday, April 21st following 9:30 service.

Motion to approve, Linda. Second, Steve. All in favor.

Debbie Prather discussed Broadway Palm upcoming season will be September 2024 thru August 2025.

Vestry Consultant: Fr. Doug Lind

Father Lind expressed that he doesn't have anything to add at this time.

Meeting ended at 4:30 pm with closing prayer by Mother Coleen.

Respectfully submitted,
Victoria Lines, Clerk of the Vestry

