

# **IONA-HOPE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

## **Minutes of the Vestry**

**November 28, 2023**

**Interim Rector:** Rev. Coleen Tully

### **Vestry Members:**

Paula Paquette, Sr. Warden,

Alison Kinch, Jr. Warden

Kathie Hart

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

Andrea Jergen

Consultant to the Vestry - Fr. Doug Lind

### **Opening Concerns & Prayers:**

Interim Rector Rev. Coleen Tully opened the meeting at 4:30 P.M. with prayer. Prayers for the Church. Prayers are invited for celebrations, intercessions, ourselves, others. Prayers were offered for numerous concerns.

### **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 had a record Sales in November of 41,000. The sign is bringing in a lot of new business. They do need donations, so if anyone has things to donate, please do. December 4 at 5:30 PM is the Volunteers Christmas Party at the store. The Vestry is welcome to attend, and Eileen would like them to if they are available.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Vestry Meeting Minutes October 31, 2023. Paula asked if there were any questions or comments, there were none. Kathie moved minutes be approved, Rob 2nd, all agreed.

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

Mother Coleen was asked about having a once-a-month Recovery Church Service. Eucharist would be given with water and unfermented grape juice. A day of the week or time has not been decided on yet.

John and Jan Gamble have requested spots in our Column Barium, and Mother Coleen asked if the Vestry thought we could just give them the spots or give them a discount due to their Service to the church. Rob made a motion to give John and Jan Gamble spots in the Column Barium without charge, all agreed.

Philadelphia 11 movie. The Philadelphia 11 were the first women to be ordained in the Episcopal church. A documentary was done on it. It will be shown at Iona Hope on February 21, 2024. Mother Coleen will get us the time.

Believe Out Loud. We are a Believe Out Loud Congregation. There are only 4 in the state of Florida. Patrick Hunt sent a list of places he felt the Church could advertise that we are a Believe Out Loud Church. The four groups that Patrick sent are on Facebook and Alison said we, Iona Hope would have to join their Facebook pages in order to post on them. Alison asked if it was ok for her to do that, and it was agreed she could. She will work with Patrick to decide what all they would post on those sites.

There is a Small Groups Leaders meeting tomorrow. (Wednesday, November 29 @2pm.).

There are a lot of things coming up.

Kathy Ulm funeral is 9:00am Thursday November 30.

Quiet Day is December 2

Blue Christmas is December 19

They will be working on the Office area and The Gathering place beginning Dec. 11. Everything needs to be out of the Gathering Place by Dec. 10. They will start packing everything up at 10:00am on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Alison will take point for organizing.

Vestry Retreat: Discussing a date to have it, it was suggested they wait until February so the new Members can come. February 9 was suggested with a backup date of February 8.

The All Parish Meeting is January 28. All Report need to be by the 2nd week in January so the Book can be put together.

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

We are showing a loss due to having repair and maintenance costs of \$107,000. We still have \$12,000 remaining on the Air Conditioner, but we will put that off until January.

The good news is thanks to Steve and all the Vestry, we are way ahead in Pledging than we have ever been. We have \$263,900 pledged so far.

### **Calendar:**

Circle of Care - Father Swift is having another 10 week class for Pastoral Care, starting in January.

LIFE – Steve - Steve will be having a meeting on Dec. 7 with Paul Lange. He is waiting to hear when and where the Study Groups will be. He will let us know.

**Vestry Consultant: Father Lind** Father Lind suggested since the Vestry Retreat is going to be pushed back to February, the Vestry look at what the direction of the Retreat should be, especially with 3 new Vestry members.

He also mentioned he has been working with Boards of Churches for 60 years and he is so impressed with how this Vestry works.

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

Alison is aware and working the following: The outside lights, The Font, and the blinds behind the Alter.

**Senior Report: Paula Paquette**

We have a mission Statement, a Vision Statement, and a Core Values Statement. Paula believes we should add a Operating Values Statement also.

The Vestry needs to approve the Letter, the Brochure, and the Ministry Profile, and then it will be sent to the Canon for final approval. After review and discussion, Alison made a motion to approve, Steve 2nd the motion, and all agreed. Paula will send them to the Canon. The Search Team will start their work as soon as the Canon approves the documents.

There is a Vestry opening due to Kathy Ulm's passing. The Vestry will need someone to fill her spot for the remaining time term. A Vestry opening outside of 30 days from the Annal Meeting can be voted on by the Vestry itself. John Mitchell was planning to run for the Vestry in January, and his name was recommended to fill Kathy's spot. Kathie Hart made a Motion to invite John to fill Kathy Ulm's spot on the Vestry, Rob 2nd and everyone approved. Paula will contact John.

Next Vestry is December 19, 2023 @ 4:30

Closing prayer by Mother Coleen.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Linda Griffin, Clerk of the Vestry**



