

IONA-HOPE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Minutes of the Vestry

May 23, 2023

Vestry Members:

Paula Paquette, Sr. Warden,

Alison Kinch, Jr. Warden

Kathie Hart

Kathy Ulm

Rob Ricca

Patty Ingram

Steve Walsh

Linda Griffin, Clerk to the Vestry

Joe Mulino, Treasurer

Absent: Bella Tousignant, Assistant Treasurer

Guests/Persons of Interest:

Eileen Carrara

Fr. Doug Lind, Vestry Consultant, was unable to attend tonight.

Opening Concerns & Prayers:

Senior Warden Paula Paquette opened the meeting at 5:00 P.M. Kathie Hart led us in the Inhale Exhale exercise. All present were asked for any prayers/celebrations.

Prayers for RuthAnn & Jim North

Prayers for Barbara Belmont

Prayers for Bill Shaw

Prayers for Bella & Trish

Prayers for Lin & Emily

Approval of Minutes:

Vestry Meeting Minutes for April 25, 2023

Paula asked if there were any questions or comments, there was none.

Kathie moved minutes be approved, Rob second, all agreed.

Group Ministries:

Asking for more people for the Minister of Ceremony, Altar Guild, Booth Operators, Greeters and Ushers. Kathie suggested we have a time perhaps during coffee hour to have people talk about the different jobs and what they do. There is training available for each one.

It was requested that Wednesday's Service be canceled until September because no one is attending. There will be an announcement put out about it.

Kathie let us know that at the last Circle of Care meeting, they discussed the Service of Remembrance Celebration.

They talked about having it on Wednesday June 21 which is the Summer Solstice. Fr. McConnell and Fr. Swift said they would be happy to help. It was agreed the time should be at 5 pm. The Service will be streamed.

Kathie asked us all when was the last time we used the Church Library? We all responded with What Church Library? That was what she thought. A lot of the books are moldy, and the shelves are broken. The only one who uses it is Steve for his Spanish Class. Kathie asked if she could get rid of them. We will keep the Book of Prayers, the Bible's, and the Spanish material. The broken shelves can be replaced with some shelves from the other office.

Calendar Items Upcoming:

Baptism this coming Sunday.
Need more Ushers and Greeters.

Store Report: Eileen Carrara

Sales are doing great! They have done more sales in the first 5 months of this year than the entire last year. They are concerned about things slowing down, however. Eileen is looking for new ways to promote the store. They have only received 8 requests for grants so far, so Eileen is extending the deadline until June 2. The Thrift Store would like to extend their outreach. They have learned that Indigenous Americans in South Dakota are in dire need of warm clothing. In particular the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe. Kathie said she was familiar with them because she had worked there. They promote Education. They have a great program. The store receives a ton of winter clothes from people who move down here from the North and Eileen has been keeping them in the warehouse. Eileen feels that the store is doing so well that they can afford to box the clothes and pay for the postage to send them to this group. She just needs the Vestry to approve this. Kathie made the motion and Patty 2nd, all agreed.

Vestry Consultant – Fr. Doug Lind

Fr. Lind is out of town.

Junior Warden's Report: Alison Kinch

Please see Junior Warden's report attached.

Senior Report - Paula Paquette

Father Gamble spoke with Paula and mentioned that a few people had told him that they know nothing about what is going on at church. Paula mentioned all the different forms of communication Vestry is doing to get the information out there to everyone. Other ideas were discussed and agreed upon to help increase communication.

Clergy search process, Holy Cow – Kathie

There needs to be two modules picked out to use on Holy Cow. Kathie suggests “Strategic Planning” and “Critical Abilities”. She also suggests a small group of 3 or 4 people to just sit down and get it done. It was agreed that the small group will produce the 5 questions for Modules.

Search Team Inquiries – Rob

Rob printed out 15 applications. On the application it has the requirements for the people on the committee. It was agreed that the number on the committee be limited to 7 members. It was also agreed that a requirement is you cannot be on this Search Committee if you have previously been on one. There will be a Constant Contact message sent out to the Parish letting them know that applications are available and if interested contact Rob or the office. Once all applications are in the Vestry will go over them and make the decisions.

Finance Report - Joe Mulino

Joe is looking for a new assistant.

They have the payment for the rent for the Thrift Store all straightened out. The rent will be paid after the 1st of the month. There is 3 more years on the lease.

Closing issues or prayers. It was agreed by all to meet every month over the summer.

Meeting ended at 6:25pm with closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Griffin, Clerk of the Vestry

Junior Warden Report for Meeting May 23,2023

We are still waiting on Kingdom Restoration to give us a start date for the roof. I was told that they planned on starting May 17th, but this did not happen. Unfortunately our contact (Ryan) is on medical leave at this time. Patty is making contact with them to see what is going on. Updated to include the proposed start date of June 14th.

The controller for the irrigation system needs to be repaired. The breaker at the site has been replaced, and now irrigation company can determine if the controller needs to be replaced as well. Visit scheduled for June 15th

The outlet in the Gathering Place and the outlet by Linda's desk were also replaced.

The large plate for the St. Francis Garden and several name plates are here. I will start installing them when I get back in June.

Kathie has been working on the mulch and weed control.

Pressure washing of the church and gathering place was done on May 22 by Ryan's Pressure Washing. Fr. John Gamble has asked that the columbarium be professionally cleaned. We are getting an estimate.

Leaking toilet needs a valve replaced. Water has been turned off and the plumber will be contacted. Tony Torres will be in to fix it on May 24

In discussion, Eileen requested assistance with a/c at the Thrift Shop. I suggested that she contact Neil Tousley for input.

Respectfully submitted

Alison Kinch, Junior Warden.