

IONA-HOPE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Minutes of the Vestry

June 27, 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

Opening Concerns & Prayers:

Senior Warden Paula Paquette opened the meeting at 4:30 P.M. with prayer. Paula asked for any prayers/celebrations.

Paula's Mom and Dad

Prayers for Donna

Prayers for Barbara Belmont

Prayers for Andi Jerger's partner Lee

Prayers for Bella & Trish

Prayers for Lin & Emily

Approval of Minutes:

Vestry Meeting Minutes for May 23, 2023

Paula asked if there were any questions or comments, there were none. Rob moved minutes be approved, Kathy second, all agreed.

Group Ministries:

Asking for more people for the Minister of Ceremony, Altar Guild, Booth Operators, Greeters and Ushers.

Steve discussed L.I.F.E. Justice Ministry. He had been asked about potential joint Ministry with St. Michaels for 6 months to a year. This will continue to be looked into. Paula asked if Paul from L.I.F.E. could come and give us (the whole Parish) a presentation. There will be more information coming on this.

Paula would like to start a once a month Q & A meeting on Wednesdays, beginning this Fall. This time could be used for any variety of subjects.

Service of Remembrance was held and was beautiful. Thanks to all who were involved.

Store Report: Eileen Carrara

Sales are doing great! The Thrift Store received 11 applications for grants this year. After careful review 9 of the 11 were approved. One application came in too late and the other did not meet our criteria. At the bottom of these minutes, see information on the 9 grants approved at the store Manager's Meeting on June 16, 2023. The total amount allocated for grants, based on revenue at the end of 2022, was \$45,000. The first grant, in the amount of \$20,000. Went to Iona Hope's Administrative Offices for air conditioning. The total amount approved for the attached grants is \$23,500. We are retaining \$1,500. To be used for postage when we ship the heavy winter clothing to St. Joseph's Indian School in SD. Rob made the motion to approve grants, Patty seconded, all approved.

Vestry Consultant: Fr. Doug Lind

Fr. Lind has been approached by a few members of our Parish who have concerns about communications from the Vestry. Paula explained the many ways the Vestry has been communicating with the Parish including Constant Contact, Vestry Report, messages in the Bulletin and Weekly emails. Steve suggested we have someone come in and go through the process with the whole Parish, so they understand we are following the process. Paula suggested and Fr. Lind concurred that perhaps Canon Norman could come.

Fr. Lind also let the Vestry know there is some discussion going around about what happened at Iona Hope and he suggested that the Vestry discuss how they want to answer the questions that a potential new Rector might have about it.

Search Committee: Rob Ricca

The Search Committee will consist of 7 permanent people and 1 alternate. 10 people have asked and been given Applications, but so far only 2 have turned in the applications. The deadline is July 20, and Rob will be putting reminders out to people to get their applications in. Rob also asked if we knew anyone we thought would be great to let him know. There will be a committee formed to review the applications.

Junior Warden's Report: Alison Kinch

Please see Junior Warden's report attached.

Senior Report - Paula Paquette

Summer Schedule for Clergy has been working very well. Mother Tully will be here September 1st and will be helping us move forward.

Holy Cow – We have Questions. We need to identify the who, when, and how. Patty will send out the link. It will be sent out to the whole Parish, and from this information we will develop our Church Profile. Please be praying during this time of transition.

Finance Report - Joe Mulino

Giving Statements for the period ending in June will be going out.

The Price will be Joe's new assistant.

The meeting ended at 5:50 PM with closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Griffin, Clerk of the Vestry

Junior Warden Report for Meeting June 27,2023

We are still waiting on Kingdom Restoration to give us a start date for the roof. We have a new contact (Derek) who is taking on Ryan's projects while he is on medical leave. The latest information is July 5th. I will schedule a meeting with Derek in the next week or so.

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 July 5th.

The large plate for the St. Francis Garden and several name plates installed.

Kathie has been working on the mulch and weed control. Thank you for your help!

Ryan's Pressure Washing cleaned the columbarium. Cost was \$150. This should be done annually, with touch up done before important services etc.

Leaking toilet needs a valve replaced. Tony Torres fixed it on May 24

Respectfully submitted

Alison Kinch, Junior Warden.

Thrift Store Grants:

OUR MOTHER'S HOME OF SW FL

They provide a safe and nurturing environment for young mom's(11-21) and their babies, who are in foster care. They empower these young mothers to break the generational cycle for themselves and their children.

NEED: The building they have been housed in for 23 years is in need of significant repairs.

Amount Requested: \$5,000.

Amount Approved: \$3,000.

JEWISH FEDERATION OF LEE & CHARLOTTE COUNTIES

They have a food pantry that is open to everyone and serves between 150-250 households a month, with 25% visiting twice a month. Since Hurricane Ian the need has become greater.

NEED: Food pantry supplies

Amount Requested: \$5,000.

Amount Approved \$4,000.

SAVE OUR STRAYS FELINE RESCUE

This is a small organization of volunteers, totally dependent on private donations and small fund raisers, such as yard sales and an annual silent auction.

NEED: Food and other essential items lost in the hurricane; veterinary bills for spaying and neutering; and shots and tests.

Amount Requested: \$3,000.

Amount Approved: \$2,000.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA CONCERT BAND

This grant was submitted through the effort of IHEC parishioner, John Winters.

This organization of local skilled musicians donates their time to sponsor free concerts monthly, November thru April. Concerts are held in the auditorium of So. Ft. Myers High School.

NEED: Venue Expenses

Amount Requested: \$2,000.

Amount Approved: \$1,000.

FOR JAMAICA

This grant was submitted through the effort of one of our volunteers who, also volunteers for this charity.

The mission of this organization is to provide new beds and mattresses for residents in orphanages throughout Jamaica. The mission began in 2006 when a 14 year old visiting the island, challenged his parents to do something about the deplorable bedding conditions in one of the orphanages. Currently, the mission has made and delivered bedding to over 19 orphanages and places of safety. They are committed to serving the more than 60 such facilities on the island.

NEED: Beds and Bedding, which are made on the island. The cost of the wooden frame (made from solid pine) is \$250.00 and the foam mattress covered in hospital ticking is \$100.00 for a total cost of \$350. Per bed.

Amount Requested: Whatever we could.

Amount Approved: \$3,500. For 10 beds.

GLADIOLUS FOOD PANTRY

NEED: Supplies for Pantry

Amount Requested: \$20,000

Amount Approved: \$4,000.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

Matlacha Pine Island Chapter

This application was submitted through the effort of one of our parishoners and TS volunteers.

Although CERT is a federally sponsored program, this Team is an independent chapter solely funded by the Matlacha Pine Island Fire Control District.

NEED: Equipment and to fund on-going training and certification of volunteer team members.

Amount Requested: \$11,655. Amount Approved: \$2,000.

AFTER THE RAIN OF S.W. FLORIDA

Their mission is to provide safe housing for adult women recovering from substance abuse and domestic violence.

Amount Requested: \$3,000

Amount Approved: \$2,000

BEST BUDDIES IN S.W. FLORIDA

This organization is a volunteer mentoring movement to create opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, leadership development and inclusive living for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Requested: \$2,500.

Approved: \$2,000.