

IONA-HOPE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Minutes of the Vestry
January 18, 2023

Vestry Members:

Paula Paquette, Sr. Warden,

Alison Kinch, Jr. Warden

Ray Zentis

Bob Earl

Kathie Hart

Kathy Ulm

Rob Ricca

Joe Mulino, Treasurer

Bella Tousignant, Assistant to Treasurer

Linda Griffin, Clerk to the Vestry

Guests/Persons of Interest:

Fr. Doug Lind, Vestry Consultant

Steve Walsh

Opening Concerns & Prayers: Paula

Paula opened the meeting at 5:00 P.M. with An Order of Worship for the Evening Vestry Meeting. All present were asked for any prayers/celebrations.

Information:

Allison is looking for people who are interested in starting the choir up again.

Anyone interested in the Prayor Shawl Ministries should speak with Connie Walsh.

Approval of Minutes:

Paula asked if there was any questions, there was none.

Motion made to approve December 2022 Minutes, and seconded and approved as submitted.

Group Ministries:

Pet Ministries, Kathy Ulm is in charge, and they still have some dog food left if anyone knows where it could be used.

Calendar Items:

Kathy Ulm - Morning Prayer on Wednesday mornings

February 19 – Church Picnic at Lakes Park. Kathie Hart needs help

Broadway Palms - Bella and Trisha setting things up

Care Givers Connect - 1st Thursday every month (time?)

Breakfast every Thursday at Sunflower Café

Kathie Hart - “Center Discipline Experience”

Steve Baluch - Spanish Ministries

Kathie Hart - “Community of Hope”

Senior Warden Report - Paula Paquette

The Church is very anxious.

“Self Differentiated Leadership”, create new ways to lead. Paula will send to Linda G to put into Teams.

Vestry Consultation- Fr. Doug Lind

Fr. Doug Lind is concerned over Split church.

Rule of Saint Benedict must read

Each of us is meant to be beneficial to everyone else

Lots of communication and a non-anxious presence

Thrift Store Update – Joe Mulino

Eileen was unable to attend. As of last night \$23,000 so far this month.

Truck insurance deposited into store account. (Damage from IAN)

Want a bigger sign on the building, will be talking to the building owners.

Need a new computer for the store, motion made to purchase, seconded and approved by all.

\$326,174 in total sales for 2022. Wow...

Clergy Search:

Canon Richard Norman - Clergy Deployment Matters

Paula and Allison to meet with Bishop Douglass Sharf

Annual Meeting- January 29

Alison is going to Saturday night Service to encourage people to come to the Annual meeting after the Sunday 9:30 Service. Paula will go to the 8am Service.

Check by laws concerning notice.

Will vote on voting for Vestry members by written ballot

Stabilize Vestry, did we want to go to 9 members or stay at 7 until new Rector comes in. motion made to stay at 7 for now, seconded and approved

Finance/Finance Committee/Budget - **Joe Mulino**

Joe advised as of today, we are way behind on pledges. Line of Credit is available, rather not use this unless necessary. There have been many issues, Covid, Hurricane Ian, some parishioners have left, some have died, some have moved. Who is, is not, pledging, why? A month of stewardship was lost due to Ian. We cannot call a priest to succeed Fr. Ray without financial security. Motion was made to accept Budget as stated, seconded and approved

Junior Warden Report - **Alison Kinch**

Recovery is ongoing.

2 Air conditioner in office, k1 needs to be replaced other needs repair

(Addendum to Junior Warden Report is attached hereto)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with closing prayers at 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Griffin, Clerk of the Vestry

Junior Warden Report Jan 18 2023

Gathering Space – Air Conditioning. According to Coastal, there is one unit that needs to be replaced and one that needs repair. They (Coastal) has quoted approx. \$1300 for the repair and we are waiting on their quote for a replacement unit. The contract with coastal ended at the end of 2022. I am going to get quotes from other companies to replace the defective units. Linda currently has a portable a/c unit in her office.

Hurricane Ian

Lots of waiting!

Hallett for a quote for the outside lights.

Insurance to assist with contractors

Jeffrey R has been a BIG help with the trees

Storage cleanout (behind the musicians) was completed. Thanks to Kathie H and Narrie M. We continue to work on other hot spots.

Grounds clean-up day. We need to get this done by the end of Feb / beginning of March.

Pressure washing needs to be done

Need to get the church looking good for Easter (April 6)

We received a letter from the condo association next door. They were concerned about the homeless man who had taken over our patio area and was causing a nuisance in their neighborhood. The Sherriff's department was called, and they removed the man from our property. Thank you to Ken I and Patty I cleaned up the patio area and the back parking. This person is known to the Sherriff's deputies, and they need to be called if he shows up again.

Respectfully submitted.

Alison Kinch