

Iona-Hope Episcopal Church
Minutes of the Vestry
July 25, 2023

Attendees:

Vestry Members:

Paula Paquette, Senior Warden ✓

Alison Kinch, Junior Warden ✓

Rob Ricca ✓

Kathie Hart ✓

Steve Walsh ✓

Patty Ingram ✓

Kathleen Ulm ✓

Guests - Persons of Interest:

Eileen Carrara, Thrift Shop Manager

Joe Mulino, Treasurer ✓

Thom Price, Assistant to the Treasurer

Douglass Lind, Consultant *excused*

Opening Concerns and Prayers –

Opening prayer by Kathie Hart, for transition. Prayers are invited for celebrations, intercessions, ourselves, others. Prayers were offered for numerous concerns.

INFORMATION

Approval of Minutes – Motion, Rob Ricca, second, Patty Ingram, to approve previous minutes of June 27, 2023. Spelling correction, Thom Price.

Group Ministries – Self help groups, liaison Kathleen Ulm. Problem with trash following Sunday coffee hour. Trash was not taken out after Sunday. There was some odor. We need to remind everyone about this. Steve Walsh, LIFE justice ministries. We are cooperating with the St. Michael and All Angels. They are having house meetings. Steve will coordinate our participation and we hope that Iona-Hope does get involved. The action, of course, will be upcoming. Money for affordable housing had not been used. 30 to 40 keep on keeping on people showed up to the city council meeting. It will be started on.

Announcements/Calendar Items/Activities – 20th was final day for handing in applications for search team. Canon Richard Norman will be attending service on August 6. It will be a meeting about search process. Refreshments will be in church 10:30 to 11:00 and then the program will be by him at 11:00 am. We can receive questions from people from the livestream. YouTube will be video also for people to watch later. Canon will pew sit prior to the meeting. Paula Paquette will email Ardis Uberti and Bob Earl to bring the coffee over to church on the that day.

Welcome Ministries – We are making more welcome packets. We are looking to order more small wooden crosses.

Stewardship conference at DaySpring. We have four attending – Joe Mulino, Alison Kinch, Kathleen Ulm, and Thom Price will attend for us.

Commissioning of the Search Team – Yes, this will happen.

Prayer Service – Probably after the 9:30 service, for starting the search process, for launching Holy Cow!, and invite people to stay after to get their survey completed. We want to create this community event. We also need to do thank you's for clergy end of August and welcome for Mother Coleen Tully the first weekend of September. The second weekend

of September, on the 10th, will be commissioning of search team and prayer service/launching Holy Cow!.

DISCUSSION

Thrift Store Update

Eileen Carrara, Manager

Sign company contract finalized today. Will be ready in about eight weeks. Bank balance is \$234,000 today. A CD may be advisable. Not sure if all grant checks were sent out.

The church has moved \$20,000 into a money market type of account. There are good products at Mid West One. We will assess this next month. We might use a deposit account at Mid West to set aside grant funds. This would be a good way to separate out those grantings.

The Thrift Shop is still getting ready to send out clothing items to indigenous persons. Recommend we not exceed like \$2500 or \$3000 in postage as this is how much the other grantees receive.

Vestry Consultation

Doug Lind, consultant

Excused.

Junior Warden Report

Alison Kinch, Junior Warden

Repairs will be commencing soon. Keys for the office rekeyed are being distributed.

Senior Warden Report

Paula Paquette, Senior Warden

No further report than the items above.

Clergy – All is well. Thanks so much to our clergy who have filled in this summer.

We are scheduled for the Rt. Rev. Douglas F. Scharf to make an official visitation November 17, 2024. Presumably, he will visit us also in the fall of 2024 for a celebration of new ministry.

Search Team

Rob Ricca

Ten applications were received. They will be reviewed by the four person review committee. Their recommendation will be brought to Vestry in August and Vestry will vote on it.

Discussed Holy Cow! being done mid-August to mid-September. September 10 will be the culmination of Holy Cow! Then, we will create our brochure and OTM profile mid-September to mid-October. Search team will then be formed and starting its work. The brochure and the OTM need to be reflective of the results of Holy Cow! Holy Cow! is what the parish expresses it wants for the future.

Finance Committee Changes

Not discussed at this time.

New Capital Campaign

Not discussed at this time.

Strategic Planning

Not discussed at this time.

Mardi Gras

Not discussed at this time.

DECISIONS

Finance Committee, Joe Mulino, Treasurer

\$20,000 was deposited to Mid West One in a money market. We are prepared to access line of credit, if needed. Some people who have pledged have not even come close to paying or meeting their pledges. Where we are with pledges for this year is probably where we are. We have collected \$192,000 this year which is somewhat lower than the same time this year. We are savings some monies on clergy costs as we do not have a full-time Rector. We may need to contact people who have pledged and see what their intentions are. New signature cards and resolution for our banking accounts are being done. Senior Warden will sign next week. Others are signing this evening.

Blue chairs – can extra ones be sold to generate revenue? Yes. Another church? We will reach out to St. Michael and All Angels. Kathie Hart will contact them.

Welcome Thom Price, Assistant to the Treasurer, to his first meeting.

Closing Prayer – Kathie Hart

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Vestry agenda completed 5:28 pm.

Adjournment

*Respectfully submitted,
Paula Paquette, Acting Clerk*