

IONA-HOPE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Minutes of the Vestry
March 28, 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:

Ken and Donna Owens

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. with Inhale Exhale exercise. All present were asked for any prayers/celebrations.

Senior Warden Paula let us know Debbie Prather's son left Paula a VM letting her know they may have a table for 6 for the Grand Dame Luncheon, so we can look at that. He also said his father is taking care and they expect him to pass in the next couple of days. We will keep the family in our prayers.

Prayers for the Hurst family, the Rueben's, the families in Tennessee that lost children and loved ones, Alison's in-laws who are leaving Florida, Kathie's family as the scatter the ashes of her sister-in-law who passed in August.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Group Ministries:

Report on the Parish Picnic - Kathie

59 people came, they received \$640., \$686 was spent, the difference was made up by a parisher. People had a great time, and they discussed things to do different next year.

Thank you for Fr. McConnell - Patty got the food, and Kathie got the cake. Fr. McConnell was very touched. He will be Suppling a lot in April and May.

Way of Love Lenton - Kathie

The classes went very well, we will be ending up after Easter.

Community of Hope - Kathy

They just finished up a 10 week training for Pastoral Services for Lay People. Fr. John Swift lead the training. They will be Commissioned on Sunday at the 9:30 Service. Alison will add them to the Web site.

Welcoming Ministries - Please add Nichole Astolfi to prayer list.

Service of Hope - Community of Hope becomes Circle of Care, and they meet on Monthly.

Thrift Store Report: Eileen Carrara

Sales are doing great! TheShopping Plaza where the Thrift store is located is under new management as of April 1, it is SHR Property Management located in Fort Myers. The person who picks up for the store is increasing his fee \$5 per hour. Volunteer Luncheon on March 26 was great!

Vestry Consultant – Fr. Doug Lind

Fr. Lind is having tests done at the Mayo Clinic and was unable to be here tonight. Question was asked if we could invite him to be Supply. Paula thinks he might be available.

Paula will look into having the Rev. Danner licensed also.

Junior Warden's Report: Alison Kinch

Please see Junior Warden's report attached.

Senior Report - Paula Paquette

The Cannon to the Ordinary (CTO) will be speaking to the Bishop at earliest available time to identify another option for Interim. He received our emails about maybe going slower. The other Interim was a going to be a longer term interim so Paula believes that the length of the Interim will depend on who steps forward and what their availability will be. Paula thinks we should look at the Holy Cow web site when we meet in April. Paula

will pen a letter to the Parishioners giving a update. Paula believes the Vestry will be interviewing the potential Interim's, and there will need to be a Letter of Agreement.

Supply will be provided beginning April 17 through the end of May Fr. Swift, Fr. McConnell, Fr. Gamble, and Mother Tulley.

Celebration for Father Ray - April 16.

Joe suggested we give Fr. Ray a cash gift. Fr. Ray used very little of the Sabbatical fund that was available to him. Joe suggested we take \$10,000 out of the left over funds and give this as a gift for Fr. Ray. motion was made by Paula, seconded by Patty, and all agreed.

Supply is already funded, we have plenty of money for the Supply and Interim.

Luncheon following after 9:30 service. Just our church. Eileen will research catering brunch. Alison will put together Power Point of photos.

Paula will ask the Bishop's office to see if they would send something from them.

Vestry to take Fr. Ray to dinner. Rob and Joe will set it up.

Finance Report - Joe Mulino

We did have a loss for the month but we hopefully can wipe that out with the substantial donation that came in. There is \$8400 coming in as a over pay on Insurance.

81 total pledges for \$273,000.

Rent went up \$173 for the thrift store. There is a excess in the store accounts, recommended we don't touch this.

Grants for store are due May 15.

Paula asked if there was any thing else?

Kathie is going to the Water and the Word conference. The Bishop will be there.

Meeting ended at 6:25pm with closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Griffin, Clerk to the Vestry

Junior Warden Report for meeting on March 28, 2023

The Good News –

Part of the new air conditioning system was installed in the office March 27. The contractor found that the wall to which the second unit is attached needs to be repaired before they can install. Ryan (Kingdom Restoration) is coming in on Thursday to see if he can get this added to the insurance claim. If not, we will try to get Jesse (?) to bid on it, or maybe another contractor.

We are getting a new roof in the Gathering Place. Ryan from Kingdom Restoration worked with the insurance company to make this happen. It could not be “just repaired” as there is nothing to tie the new material in to. The new roof will be graded and have a 10 year warranty.

A note about Hurricane Ian and the deductibles. There are separate deductibles for the Gathering Place and the Sanctuary (and the outside?). As we have met the deductible for the Gathering Place, (\$13,562) everything in there will be covered. This will include the office door, the outside steps, the TV, and other miscellaneous outside damage.

The deductible for the Sanctuary is much higher at \$43,934.58 and we likely will not meet it. You may recall that the Diocese was going to help with this, however, that narrative has changed. It is likely that we will end up paying for the Sanctuary repairs out of pocket, with maybe some relief eventually.

Work Day – Narrie, Kathie, Patty and Alison worked on Tuesday and Wednesday to get the area around the labyrinth cleaned up. As there were no other volunteers, the patio area will be done over the next week or so. The columbarium and some of the north wall was power washed.