

**IONA-HOPE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**Minutes of the Vestry**  
**June 25, 2024 @ 3:30 PM**

ZOOM ONLY MEETING

**Vestry Members:**

Paula Paquette – Senior Warden  
Alison Kinch – Junior Warden (absent)  
Rob Ricca  
Steve Walsh  
John Mitchell  
Debbie Prather  
Marcia Leidig  
Linda Griffin

Joe Mulino – **Treasurer**  
Thom Price – **Assistant to the Treasurer** (absent)  
Fr. Doug Lind – **Consultant to the Vestry** (absent)  
Eileen Carrara – **Thrift Store Manager**  
Margaret Carr – **Media Director**  
Victoria Lines – **Clerk to the Vestry**

**Guests:**

Ken & Donna Owens

**Opening Prayers & Concerns:**

Paula opened the meeting at 3:30 pm with prayer.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Vestry Meeting Minutes for April 23, 2024.  
Motion to approve, Rob.  
Second, Linda.  
All in favor.

Note: There was no Vestry meeting held May 2024

**Thrift Store Report: Eileen Carrara**

Annual grants of have been approved for a total of \$50,000 to be distributed.

There were 16 total requests; 14 of them were approved.

An announcement email will be distributed shortly.

Motion to approve Manager's Grant recommendations, Rob.

Second, John.

All in favor.

20 boxes of clothing have been prepared and are ready to be sent to St. Joesph's Indian School.

2 other ministries are also supported with clothing: City Gate and St. Matthew's.

Eileen reported that a new cleaning service has been brought on board to clean the Thrift Store.

**Finance Report: Joe Mulino**

The financial report was emailed to Vestry prior to this meeting.

New check writing policy was reviewed.

Motion to approve, Linda.

Second, Deb.

All in favor.

Note: Joe will be available to sign checks on Thursdays.

During recent reviews of various accounts, it was discovered that donations received from the Supper Club and other contributions to the Hunger Ministry had not been distributed. As a result, a proposal was made to distribute funds between the Gladiolus Food Pantry, the Fort Myers Food Pantry and a portion to be retained as emergency funds.

Debbie suggested an inquiry into the status of the Fort Myers Food Pantry prior to distribution. Joe agreed to follow up with Hunger Ministry liaison, Julie Vergin.

Motion to approve distribution pending the outcome of inquiry into the Fort Myers Food Pantry, Marsha.

Second, Deb.

All in favor.

Note: 6/26/24 update to above paragraph. Results of inquiry revealed that we have no affiliation with South Fort Myers Food Pantry and have not since 2020. As a result, and as approved by the Vestry, a check will be issued to the Gladiolus Food Pantry in the amount of \$4000.

## **Discussion:**

### Community Garden:

Marcia reported that the water estimate came in just under \$2,000 (temporarily on hold pending outcome of project progress).

Soliciting for tool donations is currently being discussed.

Pricing of supplies is currently under way and outcome will be communicated shortly.

Lastly, group is seeking support from the new Rector (pending).

### Assisted Living Facilities:

Paula sent an email soliciting input and replies have been collected. Future discussion of subject pending.

### Bake Sale:

Event is scheduled for Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> following the 9:30 service.

A sign-up sheet is available.

It was suggested that the pricing of items be “even numbers”.

Location will either be in the Gathering Place or on the patio (TBD).

Payment method TBD.

## **Announcements/Upcoming/Programs:**

### LIFE Justice Ministry – Steve Walsh

Steve reported that the recent meeting was a successful night.

The Board voted and made it clear that LIFE will “keep on keeping on”.

Steve also recognized and thanked Margaret for her continued support.

### Interfaith Ministry – Margaret Carr

The next meeting is scheduled for July 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

It’s being held at Cypress Lake United Methodist Church.

Participation is highly encouraged.

The Ecumenical luncheon at St. Columbkille Catholic Church will be June 26<sup>th</sup> at noon. Debbie and Wanda will be representing Iona-Hope.

Question asked by Debbie as to the difference between Ecumenical and Interfaith. Are the goals the same?

Margaret explained that Interfaith involves “the people” and Ecumenical involves the clergy.

A new church directory is now available. Copies are in the Gathering Place and in the Sanctuary.

A school supplies bulletin will be communicated shortly. Donations are encouraged.

#### Pastoral Ministry – Linda Griffin

The Circle of Care Ministry is now known as the Pastoral Ministry.

#### **Junior Warden’s Report: Alison Kinch (absent – report emailed)**

This covers the missed May 2024 report also.

“Marnie and I are working with Conditioned Air about a maintenance contract for all units. The second A/C unit for the office area was installed June 11, 2024.”

“Font update – Keystone has been paid the deposit to take apart the font. Paul from Hallet and I agree that it will be easier to see what is needed once the top is removed. Coastal Irrigation did not seem to be too interested in doing the plumbing for this project, but we will ask them again once the font is disassembled.”

“We have a rodent problem. It is being addressed. Please make sure to keep all food items stored in containers to help with all kinds of pest issues.”

“The filing cabinets in Wanda’s office were replaced. Wanda and Kathie Hart are going through files and disposing of unneeded documents. Hopefully additional furniture will be removed shortly.”

“The lights in the Gathering Place went out while the candidates were visiting. Hallett did a temporary fix, but I am waiting for a quote from them for the more permanent fix.”

“The outside signage is no longer at a leaning.”

“There are still a couple of areas of concern about the drainage / grading / ventilation of the rear of the Gathering Place. I will address these with Kingdom when I get back from vacation.”

**Senior Warden’s Report: Paula Paquette**

Supply Clergy schedule reviewed.

A reception for the new Rector will be discussed at the next meeting.

Meeting ended at 4:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Victoria Lines, Clerk of the Vestry