

IONA-HOPE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Minutes of the Vestry
April 23, 2024

Interim Rector

The Rev. Coleen Tully

Vestry Members:

Paula Paquette - Senior Warden,

Alison Kinch - Junior Warden

Rob Ricca

Patty Ingram

Steve Walsh (Zoom)

John Mitchell (Zoom)

Debbie Prather

Marcia Leidig (Zoom)

Linda Griffin

Joe Mulino - **Treasurer**

Thom Price - **Assistant to the Treasurer** (Zoom)

Victoria Lines - **Clerk to the Vestry**

GUESTS:

Consultant to the Vestry – Fr. Doug Lind

Margaret Carr – Media Director

Eileen Carrara – Thrift Store Manager

Ken & Donna Owens

Susan Crawford

Andi Jerger

Kathie Hart

Opening Prayers & Concerns:

Interim Rector Rev. Coleen Tully opened the meeting at 3:30 p.m. with prayer. Prayers offered for celebrations, others, ourselves, and other concerns.

Approval of Minutes:

Vestry Meeting Minutes for March 26, 2024.

Motion to approve, Rob. Second, Alison. All in favor.

Interim Rector's Report: Rev. Coleen Tully

Kathie Hart is now the focal for ordering supplies.

Deb Prather will lead the upcoming Wednesday's Prayer service.

Recovery services will now be led by Sandy Blaine and Vicky Dawson.

Appreciation expressed for new volunteers with the support of Alison and Patty.

Mother Coleen is busy finalizing activities prior to her departure. She also expressed gratitude for the recent celebration.

Thrift Store Report: Eileen Carrara

Sales exceeded last year's first quarter.

Exterior door repair/payment had been under negotiation but has since been resolved and repair will move forward.

A total of three Grant applications have been received so far to date. They will continue to be accepted until May 15th.

Finance Report: Joe Mulino

Reports were sent out to Vestry.

Pledges have been reviewed.

Marnie Ike will be serving full time (remotely) beginning May 1st.

Group Ministries and other topics:

Community Garden:

Marcia discussed the upcoming ECHO field trip and indicated that Carlos has offered to draw plans for the garden.

Welcome Ministries - Circle of Hope:

Linda will be attending her first meeting in May.

LIFE Justice Ministry -

Steve reported a great Iona-Hope turnout for the recent Nehemiah action meeting. This year's effort regarding Mental Health is an on-going process and a base for discussion has been established.

Vestry Consultant: Fr. Doug Lind

Father Lind and Paula discussed Supply Clergy secured for May and June.

As Iona-Hope transitions, he suggested active listening for growth and positive outlook considering Mother Coleen's departure.

Paula expressed appreciation to Father Lind for his continued presence and support.

Junior Warden's Report: Alison Kinch

The backflow valve has been replaced and has passed testing. The certificate is in SharePoint Annual testing is needed.

Hallet has replaced as much of the Sanctuary lighting as could be done. There are a couple of fixtures that may need to be replaced. The outlet by the double doors in the Gathering Place has also been repaired.

Alison is working with Conditioned Air about a maintenance contract for all units.

One of the split A/C units in the Gathering Place needs to be looked at and they will be here Friday, April 26th.

Font update – Precast Keystone has provided an estimate to disassemble and reassemble the font. Alison is waiting on Hallet (still/again) to come out and get an estimate for their portion of the work. A HUGE thank you to Ritchie and Ronnie for their check for \$7,000 to go towards this repair.

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.

Gathering Place update

The second A/C unit was scheduled for installation on Wednesday, March 27th. Unfortunately, this did not happen, and we need to get the panel on the side of the building opened up so that the installation can be completed.

All fire extinguishers and lighting is now in compliance.

Wanda has requested that we update the filing cabinets in the finance office and look at getting rid of the miscellaneous non-matching items that are surplus to requirements.

Media Director: Margaret Carr

Margaret presented a picture of Mother Coleen that will be displayed in the Gathering Place.

Feedback was received regarding information posted on Facebook. In response, Margaret is now capturing the same information and placing it into an email as well. Positive feedback has been received regarding this effort.

Interfaith Committee Meeting will be held May 16th at 7 pm at the Iona-Hope Gathering Place.

Believe OUTLOUD. Margaret has received questions as what this means. As result, she went to their website to research. Iona-Hope is listed. She discovered a link where online services may be viewed. As a result, she sent a request to be listed/featured. An update will be provided at a later date.

Senior Report: Paula Paquette

Paula expressed deep appreciation for Patty's hard work in the office while she is transitioning into semi-retirement as an office volunteer.

A loving expression of gratitude was offered to Mother Coleen regarding her service and departure at Iona-Hope. Appreciation and well wishes were offered.

Meeting ended at 4:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Victoria Lines, Clerk of the Vestry

