

IONA-HOPE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Minutes of the Vestry
July 23, 2024 @ 3:30 PM

Vestry Members:

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

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

Guests:

Marnie Ike (Zoom)

Opening Prayers & Concerns:

Fr. Lind opened the meeting at 3:30 pm with prayer.

Approval of Minutes:

Vestry Meeting Minutes for June 25, 2024.
Motion to approve, Marcia.
Second, Linda.
All in favor.

Thrift Store Report: Eileen Carrara

Eileen reported that the Thrift Store is slower than usual (June & July). Overall, the Store is still ahead for the 7 month period from last year.

The Store is currently lacking furniture donations. A call for donations has been published in the Weekly News.

Eileen is working on a brochure for the store.

Finance Report: Joe Mulino

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

Joe reported that all is running smoothly to date.

Discussion:Hope Garden:

Pricing for supplies has been collected and is now available. If anyone should wish to review, please see Linda.

Assisted Living Facilities:

Paula to discuss with Mother Jenny in the future.

Bake Sale:

Event held July 21st was a great success with a total of \$460 raised!

Announcements/Upcoming/Programs:LIFE Justice Ministry – Steve Walsh

Tickets are now available online for The Philadelphia Eleven. Information will be published in the Weekly news, per Margaret.

Interfaith Ministry – Margaret Carr

The next meeting is scheduled for August 15th at 7:00 pm. It's being held at Temple Beth El. Participation is highly encouraged.

Pastoral Ministry – Linda Griffin

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

Discussion/Reports:

Vestry Consultant: Fr. Doug Lind

Fr. Lind expressed the importance of being “mindful of how to welcome our new Rector”. Great discussion ensued.

Junior Warden’s Report: Alison Kinch

**The report below was provided by Alison in a separate document.*

“Please note that I will be out of town for all of August. I should have access to emails and text messages for the first two weeks. If something needs to be dealt with urgently, please ask Patty Ingram or Ray Zentis if they are able to assist.

The emergency lights in the Sanctuary were reported to be non-functioning. I will check them this week.

Font update – Keystone was disassembled the font. Waiting on Paul from Hallett to meet with me about next steps.

While the rodent problem seems to be addressed, please make sure to keep all food items stored in containers to help with all kinds of pest issues.

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.

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.

FEMA has requested paperwork from us. It is possible that we will get some reimbursement of our out of pocket expenses.”

Senior Warden's Report: Paula Paquette

Paula presented a beautiful binder of information that she collected to provide to our new Rector.

An in depth discussion ensued regarding the on-boarding and welcoming plans/activities surrounding the arrival of our new Rector.

Meeting ended at 4:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Victoria Lines, Clerk of the Vestry