

Iona-Hope Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 19, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

Attending: The Rev. Jenny Scott-Jones, Rector

Vestry: Marcia Leidig, Senior Warden

Patty Ingram, Junior Warden

Susan Crawford

Margo Farrara

Deb Prather

John Hufnagel

Treasurer: Helen Gierke

Thrift Shop: Eileen Carrara

Administrator: Marnie Ike (Zoom)

Media Director: Margaret Carr (Zoom)

Chaplain: Marilyn Moore (Excused)

Clerk: Teresa Hufnagel

Opening Prayer

Mother Jenny provided an opening prayer.

Approval of previous minutes February 19, 2026

Susan made motion to approve minutes. Deb seconded. Approved unanimously.

Thrift Store

Eileen stated things are going well. Volunteers and vestry are invited to Volunteer's Dinner will be April 12th at 2:00 pm. Desire to add a passage between TS and warehouse. Will need a permit and will get bids.

Treasurer's Report

Discussed pay-off of line of credit. Susan made a motion to approve the February report. John seconded and it was approved unanimously.

Events

Deb said auction went very well. Deb would like a co-chair for next year's auction. Margo volunteered. Susan said it was great that all services could participate. Deb plans to send thank you notes.

John said everything was in place for the Celtic Fest. Discussed taping of entertainment groups.

Senior Warden Report

First quarterly warden call with the Bishop went well. Everyone needs to take safe-guarding class. Obtain log-in from Marnie. We are also required to attend race and relations training. Plan to budget for this training next year. Please see attached report.

Junior Warden Report

Discussed gutters on modular buildings. Susan made the motion to approve the Brothers who do Gutters proposal but first having them come out on a ladder to consider Susan's comments about the "bathtub" portion of the roof. Deb seconded and it was approved unanimously.

Rector Report

Vote to change signatories on checking account. Patty made a motion to approve, John seconded and it was passed unanimously. All vestry members had to sign two copies of a form to accomplish this transfer. Also, please see attached.

Mother Jenny provided an ending prayer.

Good afternoon.

Since you already receive copies of the approved financial reports, I won't dwell on the numbers, other than to highlight that revenues for February of 2026 were significantly higher than both January of 2026 or February of 2025. I see that as a clear sign of the optimistic future ahead for Iona-Hope.

The new Finance Committee is currently hard at work during this formation period. We have met twice and will convene again on Tuesday, March 31. We are closely examining the flow of the church's finances as the key to our future success. Our immediate priorities include the Line of Credit payoff strategy, optimizing the use of Thrift Store funds, refining the budget design, and ensuring financial information is accurate and easily understood by both the Vestry and the congregation.

Beyond monthly oversight, we are looking toward long-range planning and stewardship projects. We look forward to sharing our brainstorming results with you as we work together, keeping the mission of Iona-Hope as our primary guide.

Thank you for entrusting me with this opportunity to serve my new church home as treasurer and member of the Finance Committee. I look forward to working with Robin Mills and Paula Paquette, two dedicated members and disciples serving the Body of Christ at Iona-Hope.

Helen Gierke, Treasurer

Junior Warden Report - March, 2026

Inside remediation of modular buildings complete. Air quality test came back good.

Outside remediation ongoing. We will be getting a dumpster of sand to fill in the areas around the buildings. Caulking and filling in of cracks and gaps has started.

Jeffrey Roseman has trimmed trees, bushes, hauled away the cuttings, and has been digging ditches to keep the water flow away from the buildings. We are ever grateful!!

The building and maintenance committee (those who were able, which was most) went around the buildings with Brothers Who Just Do Gutters to get a sense of what is needed. We came up with a plan to keep the water away. As previously reported, we had another company come out, but never received an estimate. I am hopeful the estimate from Brothers can be approved and we can get going next week. Rainy season is not far off.

Palm tree lights were repaired, one new fixture was needed. A new transformer was installed and outside power by the Columbarium restored.

Clean up day was very productive. We had 11 people working! I am very grateful for the turnout and the hard work by all.

Contacted St. Michael's for a possible recommendation on a contractor for the Sanctuary. This is for the outside where failed expansion joints from Ian have now caused cracks on the building. They referred me to an engineering company whom I contacted. They do not do the work, only inspect and generate a report. The report alone would be \$1,600. I have an appointment on Friday, March 20, with DM Construction for an evaluation. I have reached out to a second company, but do not yet have a set appointment.

Many ongoing projects.

Respectfully,

Patty Ingram
Jr. Warden