

Iona-Hope Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 22, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

Attending: The Rev. Jenny Scott-Jones, Rector

Vestry: Paula Paquette, Senior Warden

Alison Kinch, Junior Warden

Deb Prather

John Hufnagel

Marcia Leidig

Patty Ingram

Steve Walsh (Zoom)

Susan Crawford

Margo Farrara (Excused)

Treasurer: Joe Mulino

Thrift Shop: Eileen Carrara

Administrator: Marnie Ike (Zoom)

Media Director: Margaret Carr

Chaplain: Marilyn Moore (Excused)

Clerk: Teresa Hufnagel

Opening Prayer

Jenny provided an opening prayer.

Approval of previous minutes December 18, 2025

Mother Jenny requested two changes in her calendar shown in the minutes. Minutes will be updated and voted on at next vestry meeting.

Thrift Store

Eileen stated everything is going well! New clients are coming in. Mother Jenny suggested a vestry member attend the monthly thrift store meeting with her. Eileen wasn't opposed, but was not sure if it would help. Decided to percolate on it. Margaret to send out the date of the manager's meeting.

Events

Will have a Bobby Jo Valentine concert next year. Nothing but positive comments about the concert that occurred at Iona-Hope earlier this month.

John asked if anyone thought it was a good idea to have a Celtic Day silent auction. Response was no as that would be two auctions in one month. Mother Jenny asked for marketing of Celtic Day to be more strategic and more thoughtful.

Deb discussed the auction that will be held March 1st. She asked each vestry member to be responsible for 3 gifts for that auction.

Decided not to do Shrove Tuesday this year.

Treasurer's Report

Year End statement will appear in Annual Report.

Amount pledged was \$287,324

Holding off taking funds from thrift store.

Checking account balance is very low but expect two large deposits in early February.

Vestry approved taking \$100,000 from thrift store.

Junior Warden Report

Discussed modular buildings. Cost is \$17,869 to clean and sanitize it. One A/C is running to dehumidify the building.

Decided to have a Town Hall meeting to determine fate of modular buildings.

Building and Grounds Committee is doing a great job.

Senior Warden Report

Vestry will continue to clean the Sanctuary.

Mother Jenny provided an ending prayer.