

IONA-HOPE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MINUTES FROM 2026

January 25, 2026 – Rector Jenny Scott-Jones presiding

Invocation: Rector Jenny Scott-Jones

Annual Meeting called to order at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday January 25, 2026.

Establishment of Quorum: The church was duly noticed and was in attendance. Mother Jenny declared a quorum.

Teresa Hufnagel, Clerk of the Vestry, was appointed to take minutes of this annual meeting.

First point of business was Vestry. Three Vestry members are rotating off – Steve Walsh, Alison Kinch and Paula Paquette. Each was thanked personally by Mother Jenny and each received a small token of appreciation. New Senior Warden will be Marcia Leidig. The new Junior Warden will be Patty Ingram. There are no nominations for the Vestry as of this moment. We have six Vestry members and per Iona-Hope's by-laws, this is satisfactory. If a member wants to be on Vestry, they have until February 15th at our Town Hall Meeting to come forward and to provide a bio. An election will be held on February 15th if there are candidates. Otherwise, we will operate with six Vestry members.

The Diocesan Convention will be on the first weekend of October 9 and 10. Three delegates from Iona-Hope are needed. Vicky Dawson, Robin Mills and Patty Ingram will be the delegates. Alternates are Margaret Carr and Debbie Prather. Motion is approved unanimously.

Senior Warden Report:

Paula Paquette submitted a written report which is included in the Annual Parish Meeting Booklet. Paula's time as Senior Warden has ended and was honored to hold this role for four years. Many changes occurred during Paula's term – pandemic, founding rector passing, two priests who moved to other parishes, an interim rector and supply clergy. Church is an evolution. Paula thanked the parish and said it was an honor to have served.

Rector Report:

Mother Jenny submitted a written report which is included in the Annual Parish Meeting Booklet. Mother Jenny thanked everyone for welcoming her into this space. She extended

a warm thank you to all. Mother Jenny stated she is more excited now about Iona-Hope than when she joined a year and a half ago.

Mother Jenny commented about how adaptable Iona-Hope is. She enjoyed leading service for several weeks at St. Hilarys while Iona-Hope was undergoing mold remediation. She will try not to play the Rector knows best card and asked to be called out if she does. Iona-Hope is not her church; it is Christ's church. Many responses were received to Holy Cow survey – more than 90 completed surveys. The Holy Cow results will be reviewed with the parish on February 11th. Satisfaction and energy are low. We are adaptive. Adaptive equates to thriving. We are diverse.

Mother Jenny concluded her report with discussion about the year of prayer.

Treasurer Report:

Joe Molino submitted a written report which is included in the Annual Parish Meeting Booklet. For three years, Joe was treasurer and he was senior warden before that. 2025 presented financial challenges. One of the Sanctuary's AC units was replaced. The Thrift Store provided \$100,000.00 of support to the church in 2025. Joe emphasized that the church should not be dependent upon the thrift store and, for many years, the church received no funds from the thrift store. 2026 stewardship yielded \$287,000.00. Expenses were reduced by changing health insurance companies for employees. The 2024 financial reports were audited internally, and the audit yielded no concern.

Junior Warden Report:

Alison Kinch submitted a written report which is included in the Annual Parish Meeting Booklet. Alison discussed the mold issue with the modulars, and she emphasized that a solution must make the modulars safe for all. She also commented that the modulars have limited life remaining. She encouraged everyone to attend the church meeting on February 15 regarding the fate of the modulars.

Alison also discussed the creation of the Buildings and Grounds Committee and encouraged more people to join this group.

Mother Jenny then returned to the podium and stated the Vestry and she were cleaning the Sanctuary and requested others help as well – even if it is only to remove trash when it is full.

Mother Jenny provided an ending prayer and concluded the meeting.