



Stated Session Minutes for November
November 16, 2022 (6:30 PM)

The Reverend David J. Powers opened the meeting (held via Zoom) with prayer at 6:30. After quorum was determined, the Session broke out into small group prayer and sharing time.

Rev. Powers reported on his most recent visit to Columbia Seminary. He is looking towards Advent, the new sermon series, and all of the preparation therein. Rev. Powers and Julie Markham discussed a few upcoming Formation opportunities, including Food and Fellowship (November 29) and a grief workshop held on Wednesdays in February led by Angela Kelly.

Steve Valentine reviewed the monthly financial reports. Pledge payments are getting closer to the budgeted amount. The Budget and Finance committee received and reviewed the 2022 audit.

The meeting moved into executive session at 7:20, and returned to regular session at 7:30. The consent agenda (a copy of which is found below) was approved by the Session, and committee reports followed:

Consent Agenda for November 16, 2022 Session

Clerk

The Clerk of Session moves that:

Action Item CoS1

The minutes from Stated Session Meeting October 19, 2022 be approved.

Action Item CoS2

The October 2022 Statistics be approved.

Administration

Action Item Admin1

RAM requests removal from rolls of people in Exhibit E.

Nurture Ministry

Action Item N1

The Nurture Leadership Team requests that our pottery studio's artisans be allowed to sell their work during the Soup and Pottery Sale on Sunday, November 20. Proceeds from these sales support our pottery studio's ministry.



Christian Formation - Youth Ministry

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Action Item YM1

The Youth Ministry committee requests permission for three fundraising events.

Permission to sell soup to go after worship on Sunday, November 20. Permission to sell Idlewild hoodies. Permission to hold a soup supper on January 29, 2023. All of which are for the purpose of supporting youth mission trips.

Ben Clark reported that Stewardship and Generosity is feeling comfortable with pledge progress so far. There have been a promising number of first-time pledge units.

Since Nichole Cooley was ill, there was no update from the COUCH. However, Rev. Powers suggested that after we vote on the vision statement from the COUCH, the Session create a standing subcommittee to work through the policies and procedures. He suggested that we do the same thing with the special committee JEDI, as well.

David Powers explained that the special committee RAM was formed to review the rolls of the church (a duty of the Session). The RAM has begun the work of going through the rolls to remove those people who have not participated in the life of the church in the last several years. The committee communicated with each of these members to invite them to reengage in the life of the church, or to indicate a need to be removed from the Idlewild roll. Clean rolls help the church better understand how to plan for worship and for stewardship and generosity.

The Session heard a report from one of the commissioners that it sent to the stated Presbytery meeting. Lastly, Ryan Moore, director of NaCoMe, joined the Session to ask for donations to their capital campaign. Due to high growth, NaCoMe is running out of room and needs to expand. David Powers requested the full presentation be made available, but noted that a decision for Idlewild to participate in the campaign would not be made at this meeting.

The meeting was closed in prayer at 8:12 PM



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