

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Stated Session Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2023, 6:30PM

For TW@I

Rev. 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 that the Nominations Committee has been hard at work and asked for prayers of discernment. He also reported that the APNC has begun meeting and asked for prayers for them, as well. Rev. Veazey reminded the Session that it is Community Support Grant season. Applications are due January 27. She also announced that the church will be enjoying the return of travel with trips planned to Ghana and Cuba in the coming months. Finally, Rev. Veazey reported that a Coffee and Conversations with Staff will be hosted on January 25 from 3:00-4:00. More of these will be planned for the future. Rev. Gale emphasized all of the upcoming offerings in Formation (Navigating Grief, Sacred Ground, etc.) and offered her gratitude for Julie Markham and the Adult Ministry committee and all of their work.

Budget and Finance reviewed the financial reports. Shortfalls in the budget are due to pledges that have not been paid. The committee reported that the personnel line item will start to normalize as new staff continues to come on board. The new budget will be presented to Session at the March meeting.

The meeting moved into executive session at 7:25, and returned to regular session at 8:00, followed by a prayer from Rev. Powers. The consent agenda (a copy of which is found below) was approved by the Session, and committee reports followed.

Consent Agenda for January 18, 2023 Session

Clerk:

The Clerk of Session moves that:

Action Item CoS1

The December 2022 Statistics be approved.

Personnel welcomed Rev. Mary Newberg Gale as the Transitional Associate Pastor for Adult Formation and Care and Landry Duvall began as Director of Music Ministries on January 17. In addition, a new executive assistant to the Head of Staff will begin soon.

Special Committee DOG presented the Administrations Operations Manual after months of rigorous work. The new document works to put in place structures to aid and support operations of the church. The Session will review the document and vote on it in March.

The Session voted on a slate of nominees to serve as commissioners for future Presbytery meetings.

The meeting was closed in prayer at 8:30PM.