

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Stated Session Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2023, 6:15 PM

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Rev. Powers opened the meeting with prayer at 6:15. All present enjoyed a meal together and a time of worship. Quorum was determined.

Rev. Powers gave an update on the disclosure process. In addition, Rev. Powers reported that the nominations committee has already been hard at work and plans to have the slate of new elders, deacons, and trustees ready by the beginning of November. Finally, Rev. Powers was excited about Kick Off Sunday and the programming to come in the next year. Rev. Veazey informed the Session that registration for NaCoMe (October 13-15) is open on Realm. Rev. Newberg Gale asked for the prayers and support of the Session as the deacons continue in their work.

David Ruch reviewed the financial report noting that although July and August are traditionally slow periods for the church, that the Budget and Finance committee continues to be encouraged by pledges received and unpledged offerings.

The consent agenda was approved (a copy of which is found below).

Consent Agenda for June 21, 2023 Session

Clerk

The Clerk of Session moves:

Action Item CoS1

The approval of the Minutes from the Stated Meeting on June 21, 2023.

Action Item CoS2

The approval of the Minutes from the Called Meeting on June 18, 2023.

Action Item CoS3

The approval of the Minutes from Called Congregational Meeting on July 30, 2023.

Worship & Music

Action Item WM1

The Worship and Music Committee requests approval of the following baptisms: September 24, 2023 Harris McLeod, son of Katie and Scott McLeod
October 22, 2023 Mydelle "Delle" Buckner, daughter of Collin and Sam Buckner

Committee reports followed. The Personnel Committee proposed a motion to extend Mary Newberg Gale's contract until March 31, 2024. Rev. Newberg Gale and Jeanene Mutchler discussed the Formation offerings for the upcoming year. Children and Youth Sunday School groups are growing in number and size. In addition, they updated the Session on the reintroduction of Wednesday night programming beginning in September. Wednesday nights will begin with dinner at 5:30 and will be followed by separate programming for children, youth, and adults from 6:15 until 7:00. The Session approved all of the teachers / facilitators and curriculum for the coming year. Keith Cole (on behalf of the Generosity Committee) informed the Session that the theme for this year's generosity campaign is "Growing in Gratitude." The committee's goals include asking congregants to consider one of three things: doubling their 2023 pledge; matching the average gift (\$6000); or increasing one's gift to a full tithe/paying the church before their other expenses.

The Session also approved the commissioners for the August Presbytery meeting and the dissolution of the special subcommittee on disclosure.

Once all business was concluded, the meeting was closed in prayer at 8:05 PM.