

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Stated Session Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2023, 6:30 PM

For TW@I

Rev. Powers opened the meeting with prayer at 6:30 (held via Zoom). Quorum was determined.

Rev. Powers was grateful for 100% commitment from the Session in this year's Generosity Campaign. He reported that the Ministry Impact report was complete. He also informed the Session of the busy schedule in October.

October 1 Taize Service

October 8 Blessing of the Pets

October 15 Time change - one service at 10:00

October 22 Rev. Alison from Juan G. Hall Presbyterian will preach

October 29 Commitment Sunday

Rev. Veazey reported that the church will again be holding the Midtown Free Legal Clinic on October 7. She also told the Session that Rev. Alison will be in Memphis from October 18 through October 23.

Jessica Demster reviewed the financial report and reported that pledges are a little behind. She also explained that the \$1.05 million construction loan with Truist left from the More Than Idlewild campaign comes due in December. The loan can be refinanced at Truist or through the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP).

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

Consent Agenda for September 20, 2023 Session

Clerk

The Clerk of Session moves:

Action Item CoS1

The approval of Minutes from the Stated Meeting on August 16, 2023.

Action Item CoS2

The approval of the minutes from the New Member Meeting August 20, 2023.

Worship and Music

Action Item WM1

On October 8 at the Pet Blessing service, have a collection plate available for people to contribute to the Humane Society of Memphis and Shelby County.

Action Item WM2

On October 15, the Sunday of NaCoMe weekend, we have one service at 10:00am.

Action Item WM3

Invite Reverend Alison Infante Zamora to preach during Morning Worship Services (8:30 and 11:00am) on October 27.

Committee reports followed. The Personnel Committee reported that although insurance costs for staff through the Board of Pensions will be rising, the committee continues to believe that this is the best plan. House and Properties committee reminded the Session that as our building nears its 100th birthday, we will continue to experience maintenance and repair issues. For example, a new HVAC system is being installed in the choir room. On a separate note, damage from the lightning strike in September is still being assessed. Nominations Committee has almost completed the task of filling the slate of elders and deacons. The committee plans to have the slate complete by October.

The Session heard an update on the disclosure process. Rev. Powers announced that the staff is two thirds of the way through the disclosure meetings. Additionally, the Session heard from the Committee on Sanctuary. The Committee on Sanctuary has been assessing the safety and security of the church for the last year and a half. After their initial assessment, the committee realized that the church would need professional help from an outside agency. Following discussion, the Session passed the motion to approve the Committee on Sanctuary's recommendation to engage a consultant and pay for it through the unrestricted funds of the Trustees.

During New Business, the Session voted unanimously to refinance the loan through the PILP program. Subsequently, the Session voted to create a Special Subcommittee on Debt Retirement with the objective to develop a comprehensive plan to retire the debt left from the More than Idlewild campaign.

Once all business was concluded, a motion was made to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was closed in prayer at 8:35 PM.