

## **IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Stated Session Meeting Minutes

December 21, 2022, 6:15PM

For TW@I

Rev. Powers opened the meeting with prayer at 6:25p. All present enjoyed a meal together, worshiped together, and celebrated the Lord's Supper. Once worship was complete, quorum was determined and the Moderator opened the business portion of the meeting in prayer at 7:10.

Rev. Powers expressed his excitement about the Advent season and the upcoming Christmas Eve worship opportunities. He also spoke to the possibility of reintroducing the 8:30 Sunday service. Rev. Veazey reported that the Food Bank ministry will conclude on December 28. Following the final food distribution, there will be a service of gratitude and thanksgiving for the ministry.

Budget and Finance reviewed the financial reports. Expenses for the year have benefitted from not having a full staff in 2022; a trend that will not continue into 2023 as staff openings will be filled.

The consent agenda (a copy of which is found below) was approved by the Session, and committee reports followed.

### **Consent Agenda for December 21, 2022 Session**

#### **Clerk**

The Clerk of Session moves that:

#### **~~Action Item CoS1~~**

~~The minutes from Called Session Meeting October 16, 2022 be approved.~~

#### **~~Action Item CoS2~~**

~~The minutes from Stated Session Meeting November 16, 2022 be approved.~~

#### **~~Action Item CoS3~~**

~~The minutes from Called Session Meeting November 27, 2022 be approved.~~

#### **~~Action Item CoS4~~**

~~The minutes from Congregational Meeting November 27, 2022 be approved.~~

#### **Action Item CoS5**

The November 2022 Statistics be approved.

#### **Action Item CoS6**

Lilly Gillespie's member letter be transferred to Georgetown Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC, at her request.

## Worship & Music

### Action Item WM1

The Worship and Music Committee requests approval of the following baptisms:

- o Ayla Grace Smith, daughter of Jennifer & Kyle Smith, on February 19, 2023 (rescheduled from January 22, 2023 after W&M Committee met)
- o Jane Russell Williamson, daughter of Amelia and Christopher Williamson, on February 26, 2023

Context: The Rev. Powers assured the Committee that at the time of Baptism, the parents will be aware of the significance of this Sacrament and that at least one parent will have been Baptized.

Stewardship and Generosity reported that the church has received 270 commitments so far equaling \$1.9 million. This represents a fewer number of commitments than in years past, but a higher dollar amount.

Personnel reported that we will have two new employees starting in January. Rev. Mary Newberg Gale will begin as the Transitional Associate Pastor for Adult Formation and Care on January 3. Landry Duvall will begin as Director of Music Ministries on January 22. In addition, Brenda Shields joined the kitchen staff and Amanda Kohr moved from part time to full time.

Special Committee COUCH offered the Session a Vision Statement which was approved; leaving policy recommendations to a future standing committee.

Special Committee RAM recommended that the members listed in their report be notified that they are being removed from the rolls of Idlewild, due to lack of response or lack of valid contact information. Any recipient who asks to remain on the rolls will be retained as a member.

The meeting was closed in prayer at 8:10 PM.