

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Stated Session Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2023, 6:15 PM

For TW@I

Rev. Powers opened the meeting with prayer at 6:15. Quorum was determined.

Rev. Powers reminded the Session that Rev. Alison will be arriving in town on Thursday, October 19, and expressed his excitement to have him preaching from the pulpit in worship. Rev. Veazey expressed her gratitude for the NaCoMe church wide retreat. She also reminded the Session of Rev. Alison's schedule of events while he and his wife will be in town.

David Ruch reported that pledges have begun to slow down (which is normal for this time of year). Currently, the church is on track to finish the year with a deficit as planned; however, Budget and Finance is hopeful that pledges may come in higher than budgeted to make up some ground.

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

Consent Agent for October 18, 2023 Session

Clerk

The Clerk of Session moves:

Action Item CoS1

The approval of the Minutes from the Stated Meeting on September 18, 2023.

Action Item CoS2

The approval of the Minutes from the New Member Meeting on October 8, 2023.

Worship and Music

Action Item WM1

Approve and celebrate communion on October 15th at NaCoMe with Courtney Veazey officiating.

Action Item WM2

Approve an offering (by passing the plates) for the benefit of supporting future music ministries on December 15th during Christmas Concert.

Youth Formation

Action Item YF1

Approve asking the congregation for the donation of needed items for the Youth House.

Action Item YF2

Approve hosting the annual soup sale on November 12th with the intent of raising funds for scholarships for youth trips.

The meeting moved into executive session at 6:30 and returned to regular session at 6:40. Committee reports followed. Rev. Powers expressed his extreme gratitude for Keith Cole's leadership of the Stewardship and Generosity Committee. The campaign is off to a good start (with the help of strong support from the Session, Trustees, and Diaconate). The goal of the campaign is to reach \$2.5 million in commitments (a 25% increase over the prior year) by November 30.

In Old Business, the Session approved the use of the church's endowment as collateral for the loan refinance discussed at last month's meeting. In addition, a motion was made to request that the nominations committee nominate people to form a JEDI standing committee (the JEDI was formerly a special subcommittee of the Session tasked with developing an antiracism vision and policy recommendations for Idlewild)..

During New Business, the Session passed the motion to call a congregational meeting on November 12, 2023, for the purpose of the approval of the loan refinance that would conclude the 11:00 worship service.

Once all business was concluded, a motion was made to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was closed in prayer at 7:30 PM.