

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Stated Session Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2023, 6:30 PM

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Rev. Powers opened the meeting with prayer at 6:20. Quorum was determined.

Rev. Powers called attention to the very full Advent season this year. Rev. Gale announced her excitement about the coming semester in Adult Ministry. There will be an interest meeting for Sacred Ground in January; Woven Wednesdays will begin again at the end of January. Finally, Rev. Gale communicated the new dedicated Pastor on Call number and encouraged elders to communicate the service to the congregation. Rev. Veazey reported that there are two trips already planned for 2024 - a trip to Cuba in April and a trip to Ghana in the fall. She asked for interested parties to please reach out to her.

David Ruch reported that the budget was where we expected it to be for the year. He expressed deep gratitude for the amazing work of the generosity committee to get commitments in.

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

Consent Agent for December 13, 2023 Session

Clerk

The Clerk of Session moves:

Action Item CoS1

The approval of the Minutes from the Stated Meeting on November 15, 2023.

Action Item CoS2

The approval of the Minutes from the Congregational Meeting on November 12, 2023.

The meeting went into Executive Session at 7:40 and reentered regular meeting at 7:42. Committee reports followed. Stewardship and Generosity reported that as of December 12, 302 commitments totalling \$2.07 million had been received (compared to 301 commitments totalling \$1.99 million last year on this day). The next three to six weeks will be significant in terms of receiving commitments. House and Properties reported that the committee is working on re-examining the relationship with Samaritan Counseling with regards to their use of the Auburndale house. They also reported that the HVAC work in the choir room is complete and the room has been repainted. The Nurture Leadership Team presented a new vision statement that examines what “nurture” really means and proposes to change the name to “Recreation and Fellowship” to better express its function.

In Old Business, the Clerk asked the Session to call a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of approving the nominee from the APNC, to elect elders and deacons, and for the Moderator to deliver the State of the Church after the conclusion of worship on January 7, 2024.

During New Business, the Session had a first reading of proposed revisions to the by-laws. The Session will revisit the proposed revision at the January meeting. The clerk reported the dates for Presbytery meetings for 2024 and a slate of commissioners was formed.

Once all business was concluded, a motion was made to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was closed in prayer at 8:20 PM.