

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Stated Session Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2024, 5:30 PM

For TW@I

Rev. Powers opened the meeting (via Zoom) with prayer at 5:30. Quorum was determined.

The clerk reminded the Session of the minutes, correspondence, and statistical reports included in the agenda.

Rev. Powers expressed enormous gratitude to all of the staff and the choir for all of their hard work during Holy Week. Rev. Powers also reported that the Nominating Committee has created a new group to serve as the standing JEDI committee. Rev. Gale reported that she has been busy planning speakers for the summer's Adult Forums in June and July (held at 9:00). She also asked for prayers for the upcoming Created Good programming (a sexual health curriculum tailored for 5th graders and their families) which begins in May. Rev. Narcisse explained to the Session his role as a Parish Associate. His responsibilities include providing a pastoral presence for Idlewild staff.

Budget and Finance reported that uncommitted offerings for the month of March were much better than anticipated. The church ended the 2023-2024 fiscal year on March 31st in the black with a total income of \$4,253 (versus a budgeted \$33,217 shortfall). The new fiscal year is off to a good start.

The revised consent agenda was passed unanimously, (noting that Action Item W&M1 and Action Item W&M2 were pulled for discussion). For reference, the consent agenda is copied here:

Consent Agenda for April 17, 2024 Session

Clerk

The Clerk of Session moves:

Action Item CoS1

The approval of the Minutes from the Stated Meeting on March 18, 2024

Action Item CoS2

The approval of the Minutes from Congregational Annual Member Meeting on March 24, 2024

Worship and Music

Action Item W&M1

The approval of 1 worship service at 10a with Formation and Sunday School classes starting at 9a

from May 26, 2024 to July 28, 2024

Action Item W&M2

The approval of worship service to convene in the gym for the month of July 2024

Action Item W&M3

The approval of Sage Scott and Tyrese Jamison on June 29, 2024

Youth Formation

Action Item YF1

Approval to host a taco dinner and bake sale with the intent of raising funds for youth trips on May 5, 2024

Facilities

Action Item F1

Approval of Idlewild Elementary Graduation - May 23, 2024

Action Item F2

Approval of MICAH/Chalbeat - MSCS School Board Forum in the Sanctuary and TK Young. June 17th 5pm - 8pm.

Action Item F3

Approval of The Presbytery of the Mid-South - Mission Committee - has been approved to use Idlewild as the vessel for various PCUSA Churches to host Room in the Inn one night a month this summer. Dates are TBD

Committee reports followed. Worship and Music reported that nearly 1000 worshippers attended the two services on Easter Sunday. The committee asked the Session for the approval of one worship service at 10 am with Formation and Sunday School classes starting at 9 am from May 26, 2024 to July 28, 2024. The motion passed unanimously. The committee also asked the Session for the approval of worship service to convene in the gym for the month of July 2024. By moving services to the gym for the month of July, it provides the Chancel choir with a break during the summer, and also allows for much needed maintenance and cleaning of the sanctuary. The motion passed unanimously.

Children and Youth Ministries gave an update on Confirmation. Since this year's eighth grade class is so small, the church is taking the opportunity to revamp the confirmation program. Additionally, Children's Ministries reported that they are looking for new teachers to fill this need. Lastly, Jeanene reported that Vacation Bible School registration is off to a very strong start.

In new business, Rev. Powers reviewed the history of the CAFE program at Idlewild. Rev. Powers suggested that a special subcommittee should be created in order to examine the relational expectations of IPC and CAFE at Idlewild. This subcommittee would give specifics

around ministries offered, property usage, financial obligations, and personnel obligations between IPC and CAFE and determine what a good and reasonable relationship between the two entities should be. After thoughtful discussion, the motion went to a vote and passed unanimously.

In old business, Margie Peeler, a current Inquirer with the Presbytery, gave an update on her faith journey since her last appearance before the Session. The Session voted to approve Margie Peeler for candidacy after already being approved by the Presbytery.

A motion was called to approve the slate received by the Session from the Nominating Committee for the new standing committee JEDI. The motion passed. Following the vote, several elders reminded the Session that the congregation can self nominate to be a part of any committee.

Once all business was concluded, a motion was made to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was closed in prayer at 7:10 PM.