

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TW@I Session Minutes
October 16, 2024, 6:00 PM
For TW@I

The Session gathered at 6:00 PM in Room 304 after dinner in Montgomery Hall. Rev. Powers opened the meeting with prayer. Quorum was determined. Rev. Powers led the Session through spiritual practice.

The Clerk reminded the Session of the minutes from the September Session meeting. She reminded the Session of the upcoming Presbytery Meeting being held at Idlewild on November 16, 2024. Registration begins at 9:00 AM. Rev. Powers will be installed as the new Moderator of Presbytery at this meeting.

Rev. Narcisse stated that in his care for staff they are shifting away from self reflective work to more team building. They will be focusing on work that is grounded in reflecting on the work that they have been doing together. Rev. Narcisse mentioned that he will be in and out sporadically in the coming weeks. He has some travel coming up and will be preaching next week. He expects the month of November to be an emotional time for him.

Rev. Powers stated that the Personnel Committee will bring the finalized plan for his sabbatical to the next Session meeting. Our church policy requests a six month advance notice of any sabbaticals to the congregation. The sabbatical plans will be communicated to the congregation in the coming weeks.

Rev. Veazey reported the Midtown Legal Clinic will take place at Idlewild on Saturday October 19, 2024 from 10:00 AM until noon. Minna Glenn is in charge of non-attorney volunteers, interested volunteers should contact Minna. Any lawyers who want to serve and meet with attendees are welcome to volunteer. She mentioned that this is a beautiful ministry, people come and receive much needed support and care.

The Halloween Carnival is set for October 20, 2024 3:00 - 5:00 PM. There will be a galaxy house, a slide, pumpkins to paint, games and plenty of candy.

All Saints Potluck will be held on November 3, 2024 following the 11:00 o'clock worship service.

Rev. Veazey reported upcoming travel for her including the Clean Water Mission to Ghana and CREDO. CREDO is a retreat that the PCUSA puts on for pastors in different stages of their careers. Rev. Veazey will be out of the office from October 22 to November 19. She asked for prayers for travel and her retreat attendance. She expressed deep gratitude for her ability to attend both of these experiences.

Jessica Demster reported that the six month pledge statements have gone out and commitments have steadily come in. She reported the month of September financially looks very healthy, and noted that the largest overage is on the expense side. The church audit was a major expense but other expenses look good and in line with expectations. She noted that different ministry units are paying attention and being good stewards with their budgets.

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

Consent Agenda for October 16, 2024 Session

Clerk

The Clerk of Session moves:

Action Item CoS1

The approval of the Minutes from the Stated Meeting on September 18, 2024 **Action Item CoS2**

The approval of the New Member Minutes on September 29, 2024

Action Item WM1

Approval of baptisms:

Cal Parker, son of Katherine Martin and Chris Parker – November 10, 2024

Olivia Cunningham, daughter of Sophie and Chad Cunningham –

November 24, 2024 Maren Stuart, daughter of Sarah and Reid

Stuart – December 8, 2024

Ella Frances Gross, daughter of Keaton and Charlie Gross –

December 22, 2024 Lillian Williams, daughter of Laney and

McCauley Williams – January 12, 2025