

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TW@I Session Minutes
January 15, 2025 5:15 PM
For TW@I

RULING ELDERS PRESENT:

Amanda Myers
Amanda Ray
Barbara Jennings
Cindy Moore
Jeanne Marie Cummings
Jenny Haddad
Joe Lackie
John Jones
Julie Nanney
Kelli Conrad
Kirk Bobo
Margaret Apple
Melody McAnally
Minna Glenn
Molly Logan
Noah Brooks
Pete Sanders
Stephen Nelson

RULING ELDERS EXCUSED:

Claire Chauhan
David Ruch
Todd Taylor
Tom Grimes

RULING ELDERS ABSENT:

Andrew Falls

TEACHING ELDERS/STAFF/VISITORS:

Courtney Veazey
David Powers
Jeanene Mutchler
Jessica Demster
Mary Gale

Steve Berger
Kristin Fox-Trautman

CALL TO ORDER, OPENING PRAYER, APPROVAL OF AGENDA, AND PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Session gathered at 5:15 PM in Montgomery Hall. The meeting was opened with prayer, Rev Powers led the Session through worship. Quorum was determined; Rev. Powers presented the agenda, and a motion (motion: J. Jones; second N. Brooks) was made to accept the agenda with no additions. Visitors were recognized and a motion (motion: M. Logan; second J. Lackie) was made to give them voice.

REPORTS FROM CLERK, PASTORS, AND TREASURER

Clerk's Report

Margaret Apple reminded the Session of the minutes and Statistical Report. A motion was made to accept the minutes without correction (motion: N. Brooks; second S. Nelson).

Pastors' Reports

Rev. Gale

Rev. Gale thanked the Session for their Advent devotional contributions and announced the start of the planning process for Lenten Lectio groups in early February. She stated the need for facilitators for the Lenten Lectio groups, and extended an invitation to participate in the Sacred Ground study.

Rev. Powers

Rev. Powers mentioned receiving a note of gratitude from Black Mountain Presbyterian Church for the disaster relief offering they received. Our next Congregational Meeting will be held at the conclusion of the sanctuary service on January 26, 2025. The purpose of that meeting will be to elect a new slate of Elders and Deacons. Officer training will begin following that meeting and last three months. Examination by the Session will take place on May 21st at 5:15pm, installation will follow on June 8th at 10am. Rev. Powers noted the great work the Nominations committee has done this year with John Jones leading their group. During the spring Nominations will focus on committees and how their team can assist going forward.

Rev. Veazey

Rev. Veazey expressed deep gratitude for Session allowing her to preach at Shady Grove Presbyterian during Advent, Christmas Eve and Epiphany. She asked for continued prayers for that congregation as they continue being the faithful Body of Christ during this hard time. Rev. Veazey noted that MICAHA has been going through a re-envisioning process. They are having an issues convention on Saturday, February 22nd from 3pm to 6pm location tbd. At this convention

all MICAH partners will come and share what is important to them, the whole body that is gathered will then vote on those issues. Re. Veazey extended an invitation to the Session to come and be a part of that issue's convention and to vote on what this advocacy organization will be focused on for the next five years. Currently MICAH has the following as top priorities: education, economic equity, public transit and gun violence.

Treasurer's Report

Jessica Demster reported that during December members turned in pledges, both uncommitted and committed offerings. However, uncommitted offerings remained lower than usual. Expenses were better than projected for December. House and Properties has a major roof expense during January. Kirk Bobo reported that scaffolding will be going up in the sanctuary with possibly the temporary removal of one pew in the rear of the sanctuary to address roof damage.