

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TW@I Session Minutes
November 20, 2024, 5:30 PM
For TW@I

The Session gathered at 5:30 PM by Zoom. The meeting was opened with prayer. Quorum was determined; Rev. Powers presented the agenda, J. Jones requested adding a report from Nominations to the agenda and a motion (motion: T. Grimes; second C. Moore) was made to accept the agenda with that addition. Visitors were recognized and a motion was made to give them voice (motion: T. Grimes; second J. Nanney.) Jeanene Mutchler led the Session in spiritual practice. The consent agenda was presented.

The Clerk reminded the Session of the minutes and Statistical Report. She gave a report of the Presbytery Meeting held at Idlewild on November 16, 2024. She stated the Presbytery meeting dates for 2025 which are: 2/25/25 in Paris, TN, 6/24/25 location TBD and 11/15/25 location TBD. John Jones and Jenny Haddad agreed to go as Commissioners on 2/25/25. Amanda Ray may be able to attend as well.

Rev. Gale reported that Adult Formation is preparing for the Advent Season. She thanked Elders that have written Advent devotionals. They will be available December 1st before worship and at The Food and Fellowship Event after the 11 o'clock worship service. She asked for prayer regarding the care side of her ministry.

Rev. Narcisse reported that staff has completed spiritual care for this year and asked for prayer for his discernment of the theme for the coming months.

Rev. Powers noted the deep grief and sadness of Margaret Burnett's and Vanessa Joy's passing. He reported the slate completion for Elders and Deacons starting in 2025. Rev. Powers reported gratitude for being installed as Moderator of Presbytery. He reminded the Session of the upcoming Festival of Christmas on December 13th. He asked Elders to plan to be there to help with greeting, ushering, offering collection, parking and directing visitors. Our Session meeting on December 18th will be at 5:15 PM at Rev. Powers's home with a brief meeting followed by fellowship.

Rev. Veazey reported that her travel to Ghana with five other congregants was very meaningful. She and their team installed a water system in a highschool. They visited a slave trading port which was a powerful experience. She reported that she spent the past week at CREDO, a pastor's retreat. She expressed gratitude to be able to attend both of these experiences.

Treasurer David Ruch reports an overall very positive outlook. He stated that income was a little slow last month but has been picking up in November. On the expenses side he reported personnel severance was paid. He continues to be positive about income through the end of 2024.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda passed unanimously, with no items removed. For reference, the consent agenda is copied here:

Consent Agenda for November 20, 2024 Session

Clerk

The Clerk of Session moves:

Action Item CoS1

The approval of the Minutes from the Stated Meeting on October 16, 2024

Action Item CoS2

The approval of transfer of membership of Chirag, Mandy, Cole, and Blake Chauhan to GUMC

Worship and Music

Action Item WM1

The approval of baptisms:

- Violet James, daughter of Megan James, on November 10, 2024
- Walter Morgan, son of Emily and JD Morgan, on December 8, 2024

Action Item WM2

The approval of Wyly Bigger and Emily Bennett wedding, May 2, 2025 with Eli Morris, from Hope Presbyterian Church, co-officiating

Action Item WM3

The approval of collecting an offerings:

- Isabelle Demers organ recital on November 10, 2024 for Restricted Music Fund
- Christmas Concert on December 13, 2024 for Restricted Music Fund

Action Item WM4

The approval of 2024 Poinsettias for sale for \$20