

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TW@I Session Minutes
October 22, 2025 5:15PM

The Session gathered at 5:15PM for dinner and fellowship. Quorum was determined. Rev. Powers opened the meeting with prayer. Rev. Powers led the Session in Worship. Rev. Powers presented the agenda with one addition: Oyin Hansmeyer from Adult Formation will make a report following the Nominating Committee Report. John Jones made a motion to approve the agenda with the edit (second: S. Nelson) and the motion passed unanimously. The Consent Agenda was presented with two corrections. (1) Only Jenna and Jeremy Sykes to be removed from active roll, not their children. The Sykes children did not participate in Confirmation and were not represented in active membership. (2) Virginia Goss has been removed from the Routine Audit of Membership removal roll as presented in August. She was transferred from the roll in September to the Presbytery of New York. Visitors Elizabeth Zanca, Emily Lawrence, Bill Buchanan Director of Youth Mission Co. and Youth Mission Co Board Member Frank Kelly were recognized. Lindsey Gibbons made a motion to give visitors voice (second: T. Taylor) and the motion passed unanimously.

Session Minutes from August and September were mentioned as was the letter from Jenna and Jeremy Sykes. All are presented in the Session Packet.

Rev. Powers gave an update regarding his work serving on the Board of Columbia Theological Seminary. He has just begun his second term. He asked for prayers for the work that the board is doing. He noted that the Nominations Committee is hard at work discerning the call for Elders and Deacons. Rev. Powers is participating in the Music Ministry Director search. The first meeting for that committee will take place October 28, 2025. The committee includes Will Gibbons, Jared Braddy-Haney, Lane Faughnan, Doug Hardin, Jan Wardle and Rev. Powers ex officio. Rev. Powers attended NaCoMe along with 106 congregants. Space was limited this year due to scheduling conflicts. Plans for future NaCoMe weekends will return to the usual second weekend in October to avoid this in the future. Rev. Powers is beginning a four week new member class called Introducing Idlewild. Anyone is welcome and he invited us to reach out to visitors who might enjoy attending. Rev. Powers gave a Generosity Campaign Update. Current status as of the meeting was 61% of overall goal by commitments totaling \$1.36 million with 164 commitments. 100% of Elders and Trustees have committed, Deacons are lacking three commitments. He thanked the Generosity Committee for their behind the scenes work. Sunday October 26, 2025 is Commitment Sunday for the Generosity Campaign.

