

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TW@I Session Minutes

May 20, 2026 5:15PM Montgomery Hall

The Session gathered at 5:15PM in Montgomery Hall. Rev. Powers opened the meeting with prayer. Quorum was determined. Elders and visitors enjoyed dinner and fellowship. After dinner each incoming Elder, Andi Hill, Cannon Sherman, Pat Neely, Louise Allen, Jason Hood, Lucy Moore, Mark Jones and Mitchell Redd, introduced themselves and answered a series of questions posed to them by Rev. Powers. John Jones (second: E. Haddad) made a motion to approve the examinations of all slated for the office of Elder. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously. After a brief break the Session and visitors gathered for worship. After worship Rev. Powers presented the agenda, Ellis Haddad made a motion (second: T. Grimes) to approve the agenda. All were in favor. Rev. Powers recognized visitors Elizabeth Zanca, Tanjia Wilkerson, Andi Hill, Cannon Sherman, Pat Neely, Louise Allen, Jason Hood, Lucy Moore, Mark Jones and Mitchell Redd. Tom Grimes (second: J. Jones) made a motion to give visitors voice, all were in favor and the motion passed. Rev. Powers presented the consent agenda.

Clerk's Report

Margaret Apple reported the minutes from the New Member Meeting on 5/17/26 as well as the April Session Meeting. Two transfers of membership were reported for Jackie and Rick Baker to Ellensburg United Methodist Church in Ellensburg, WA.

Pastor's Reports

Rev. Gale

Rev. Gale shared that last week marked the end of the traditional program year. Summer programming for adults and children begins Sunday May 31st. Rev. Gale reported her work with Deacons will ramp up, as Deacons and new Elders will be ordained/installed on May 31st. Much of the summer will focus on forming these leaders into their teams and preparing them for fall. Rev. Gale thanked the Elders for their patience and prayers during a personally intense couple of weeks.

Rev. Powers

Rev. Powers reported on his speaking engagement at Presbyterian College and gave an update regarding a continuing education event ("Learning Collaborative") in the Pacific Northwest with other pastors of larger PC(USA) churches. Some highlights from that event were a promising leadership training program which he is now reviewing via a training book and guide, as well as conversations about capital campaigns and organizations that support them. He also attended a detailed AI workshop by Tim Beal (Case Western Reserve) on the history of machine learning and its implications for the church, which he expects to explore more with the Session in coming months. Upcoming commitments for Rev. Powers include guest preaching June 14 at First

Presbyterian Church in Wheaton, IL. Rev. Powers is looking forward to welcoming the new Director of Music, Chris Nemec, who starts June 15; his first Sunday on the organ bench will be June 21, Elders were encouraged to be present.