

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TW@I Session Minutes

June 17, 2026 5:30PM via Zoom

The Session gathered at 5:30PM on Zoom. Rev. Powers presented the agenda, and Tom Grimes made a motion (second; J. Hood) to approve the agenda without edits. All were in favor. Rev. Powers recognized visitors Elizabeth Zanca, Mary Newberg Gale, Tanjia Wilkerson, Whitney Getman, Chris Nemec, and Tricia Vesely. Ellis Haddad (second: P. Neely) made a motion to give visitors voice, all were in favor and the motion passed. Rev. Powers introduced and welcomed new staff members Chris Nemec, Director of Music Ministry and Organist, and Tricia Vesely, Director of Outreach Ministry. He reminded the Session that Chris Nemec's first day on the organ bench is Sunday, June 21st. Rev. Powers presented the consent agenda. Rev. Powers recapped his visit at Trezevant Manor from the previous day, and directed the Elders and visitors in spiritual practice.

Clerk's Report

Stephanie Jones called attention to the minutes from the New Member Meeting on 5/17/26 as well as the May Session Meeting on 5/20/26. One transfer of membership was reported for Libby Moore Maslyn, to Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC. She also noted a called Session Meeting for 9:30AM on July 12, 2026, to receive new members.

Pastor's Reports

Rev. Gale

Rev. Gale shared that the Adult Formation Committee gathered for dinner recently to thank and recognize Oyin Hansmeyer for her leadership as chairperson. Kirk McClintock will take on the role as Oyin moves to London. She noted strong attendance at the summer forums, which are focused on the topic of women in scripture. Rev. Gale reported a productive meeting of the Diaconate, where new Deacons were welcomed and focus areas of welcome, visitation, prayer, and connections were discussed and tasks assigned. She asked that the Elders be in prayer for the new Deacons as they assume the responsibilities of their call to serve.

Rev. Powers

Rev. Powers reported his enjoyable speaking engagement at First Presbyterian Church in Wheaton, Illinois, which began a three-week period of continuing education and vacation time for him. Rev. Gale preached this past Sunday, and she and Dr. Stephen Haynes will be in the pulpit while he is traveling over the next two weeks. While summer programming is quieter, there is lots of work happening behind the scenes, including great progress on a clean-up and update of Realm by a consultant.