IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Stated Session Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2026 5:30PM via Zoom

The Session gathered at 5:30pm via Zoom, and Reverend Powers opened the meeting with prayer. Quorum was determined. Rev. Powers presented the agenda, Ellis Haddad made a motion (second: M. Redd) to approve it. All were in favor. Rev. Powers recognized visitors Elizabeth Zanca and Chad Braddock. Jason Hood (second: P. Neely) made a motion to give visitors voice, all were in favor and the motion passed.

As spiritual practice, the Session took part in prayer for Rev. Gale, and received an update on her health, led by Rev. Powers.

REPORTS FROM CLERK, PASTORS, AND TREASURER
Clerk's Report
Stephanie Jones reported the minutes from the New Member Meeting and Session Meeting. Elder Hood requested a clarification regarding financial statements to the minutes, which were then approved by unanimous vote (Motion: J. Hood, second: Anne Bradley Thomas.) She also announced a Called Session Meeting on Sunday, September 27th at 10:30am for the purpose of receiving new members. A delegation of Anne Bradley Thomas, Pat Neely, John Jones, and Stephanie Jones were introduced for approval to attend the Presbytery Meeting on October 27th.

She directed the Session's attention to a letter from the Gianis and Ezekiel families voicing concern over the narrowing of the age range for Worship and Wonder. The Children's Ministry Committee will discuss this issue at their next meeting, and if necessary, will gather with the families and Rev. Powers to further discuss.

Pastor's Report
Rev. Powers
Rev. Powers shared his encouragement at the strong participation in recent worship services, as well as online in August. Dr. Catherine Meeks's visit to preach and teach with Idlewild had great energy and attendance. He was very pleased with the events around Kick-Off Sunday, and expressed thanks to the custodial, kitchen, communications, and other staff and Fellowship & Recreation leadership as well as the elders for making the Ministry Fair such a big success.

He is looking forward to NaCoMe all-church camp in October, and announced that Stephen Haynes and Rev. Lucy Cummings will also be preaching in the coming weeks. He emphasized that despite some current challenges to navigate, the Spirit is moving in incredible ways at Idlewild, and God is present and working in our midst.

Treasurer's Report

Mitchell Redd reported a good month from a revenue standpoint, putting Idlewild's finances ahead of budget at this point in the year. August is generally a slow month, but 2026 was a welcome exception.

He anticipates having audited financial statements available for review in the next month or two, which will give a broader and more complete picture of the church's financial standing.