

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Stated Session Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2023, 6:30PM

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Rev. Powers opened the meeting (held via Zoom) with prayer at 6:30. After quorum was determined, the Session broke into small groups for a time of prayer and sharing.

Rev. Powers reported that the staff took part in a two day retreat at St. Columba early in March. Annual reviews will start this week after a two year hiatus. Rev. Powers also reported that the APNC has been hard at work. Rev. Veazey reported that the Community Support Grant committee has been working hard with more applications this year. Finally, Rev. Veazey reported that a meet-the-staff gathering will be hosted on April 23 from 4:00-6:00 at Soul and Spirits Brewery. Rev. Gale reported on the success of the new spring Adult Formation opportunities and announced that the Racial Justice 102 mini retreat will be April 1.

Steve Valentine reviewed the financial reports noting a healthy financial position as the fiscal year draws to a close. Gib Wilson presented the proposed operating budget for 2023/2024. Similar to years past, there is a projected deficit. Commitments came in lower than last year, but projections in uncommitted giving and interest income help mitigate the projected impact. The Session voted unanimously to pass the budget.

The consent agenda was approved (a copy of which is found below).

Consent Agenda for March 22, 2023 Session

Clerk

The Clerk of Session moves that:

Action Item CoS1

The January 18, 2023 Stated Session Minutes be approved.

Action Item CoS2

The February 12, 2023 Called Session Minutes be approved.

Action Item CoS3

The February 19, 2023 New Member Session Minutes be approved.

Action Item CoS4

The January 2023 Statistics be approved.

Action Item CoS5

The February 2023 Statistics be approved.

Action Item CoS6

Julie Saxon Lucas' membership letter be transferred to First Presbyterian Church, Bozeman, MT at her request.

Action Item CoS7

Carol Gatewood Seamons' and Andrew Seamons' membership letters be transferred to Sequoyah Hills PC, Knoxville, TN at their request.

Worship & Music

Action Item WM1

The Worship and Music Committee requests approval of the following baptisms:

Jacob Web Brown, son of Suzanne and Jake Brown, was baptized February 26, 2023.

Joe and Lois Garrett, twins of Ruth and Andy Garrett, baptized March 19, 2023

Jack Barber, son of Katie and Sam Barber, is scheduled for March 26, 2023

Leighton Blythe Lawson, daughter of Lindsay and Buck Lawson, is scheduled for May 14, 2023.

Action Item WM2

The Worship and Music Committee requests approval of the following wedding with outside officiant:

Olivia Fox and Michael Jacobs have asked to be married on June 24, 2023, with Brian Sorgenfrei, PCA Collegiate Minister for Ole Miss, as officiant. David will meet with Brian. Reverend Joshua Narcisse if available to co-officiate if necessary.

Action Item WM3

Worship and Music informs Session that Rev. Courtney Veazey served communion at the Confirmation class on “Sacraments” on Sunday March 19.

Admin-Use of Facilities

Action Item Admin1

The Mid-South PW will be having their spring gathering on Saturday April 22nd at Idlewild. The Idlewild PW is requesting to have communion by intinction. They are thinking the program will be held in the chapel.

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Outreach

Action Item O1

The Outreach Leadership Team seeks Session's approval for the upcoming partnership trip to Cuba on April 26 - May 3. The people traveling on this trip are David Powers, AJ Northrop, Gib Wilson, Frank Kelly, Brian Blair, and Adam Braddock.

The meeting moved into executive session at 7:25 and returned to regular session at 8:30, followed by a time in prayer.

The Session voted to accept new members into membership. The Session also voted to task the Sanctuary Committee to consult with an outside group to evaluate our systems for security on the church campus, report back to the Session, and continue to audit safety procedures. Finally, the Session voted to create a subcommittee to give a recommendation to the Session on issues of disclosure.

Committee reports followed. Once all business was concluded, the meeting was closed in prayer at 9:10PM.