

**Indian Nations Presbytery  
Coordinating Council  
December 15, 2021  
Meeting by Zoom Video**

**Members present:** RE Maribeth Culpepper; RE Melissa Gill; RE Debra Kauffman; RE Mark Leidner; RE Martin McNeese; RE Ken Metcalf; TE Mitch Miller; RE Mike Mize; RE Cheryl Pennington; RE Julie Spencer;

**Ex-officio:** TE Tracy Evans, Stated Clerk; RE Charlotte Lovett, CC Moderator; TE Charlie Smith, Interim Presbytery Pastor; TE Abbey Walker, INP Moderator

**Excused:** TE Rick Baggett; TE Joe Meinhart; RE Craig Stanley;

**Absent:**

**Also in attendance:** RE Sue MacHugh, INP Administrative Assistant; RE Vicki Zimmerman, Network Co-Moderator

**Call to order, Opening Prayer**

The moderator called the meeting to order with prayer at 1:02 pm. A quorum was present. Those in attendance introduced themselves as there were new members present.

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda for the meeting was **approved**.

**Approval of minutes**

The minutes of the November 17, 2021 meeting were **approved**.

**Officer and Staff Reports:**

**CC Moderator Report**

- The moderator reported on a visit to FPC Ada where she recognized the service of Rev. Scott White who is the former moderator of Council and the presbytery.

**Interim Presbyter Pastor Report**

- TE Smith is nearing the half-way point of his three-year contract. He looked ahead to continued pandemic life and encouraged asking “Why” when looking long-range.

- He is planning to focus on relationships with Native American congregations next year.
- His intention is to have the regions meet in the coming year.

### **Stated Clerk Report**

- TE Evans reported on the presbytery office closings during the holidays.
- She had contacted FPC OKC to check availability for the February presbytery meeting, which is to be hybrid, but they are not staffed during the week for A/V support. With Council's agreement, Evans and Mike Mize will check with WPC OKC to see if they are available.
- She sent information to all clerks regarding potential legal items that may need attention.

### **INP Moderator Report**

- No report.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Committee on Administration**

- On behalf of the committee, TE Charlie Smith presented a request from the Presbytery Leader Formation Coordinating Team requesting an annual contribution in the amount of \$250 from each presbytery. A **motion** made to fulfill this request was approved.
- The committee will be holding a working session on implementing the spending policy

### **Committee on Ministry:**

- RE McNeese presented a written report.

### **Committee on Preparation for Ministry**

- RE Mize presented a written report. They continue to meet with candidates and will be working on a set of guidelines and policies regarding support and nurture of persons seeking commissioned ruling elder status, especially those going through seminary programs.

### **Committee on Nominations and Representation**

- RE Gill presented a written report. The committee continues to fill vacancies in committees. They are especially in need of General Assembly commissioners for the 2022 gathering, which will be both in-person and on-line.

### **Board of Trustees**

- No report.

### **INP Foundation Board**

- No report.

### **Task Force on Significant Monetary Support of Existing Congregational Infrastructure**

- No report.

### **Network Reports**

#### **Congregational Support Network**

- No report.

#### **Care of Pastoral Leaders Network**

- No report.

#### **Youth Ministry Network**

- No report.

### **Continuing Business**

#### **New Business**

- There was no new business.

#### **Sharing Time**

- Discussion regarding the next Council meeting being on-line or in person. A hybrid meeting was preferred.
- TE Miller reported that the seed money given to the Synod for a possible local PDA representative is still in the works.

#### **Adjournment**

- **Motion to adjourn passed.** Meeting was adjourned with prayer by TE Evans at 1:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy L. Evans  
Stated Clerk

*Approved by Coordinating Council on January 19, 2022*