

**Indian Nations Presbytery
Coordinating Council
November 17, 2021
Meeting by Zoom Video**

Members present: TE Rick Baggett; RE Melissa Gill; RE Mark Leidner; RE Martin McNeese; TE Joe Meinhart; TE Mitch Miller; RE Mike Mize; RE Julie Spencer; RE Craig Stanley; RE Vicki Zimmerman

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

Excused: RE Debbie Kaufman

Absent:

Also in attendance: RE Sue MacHugh, INP Administrative Assistant

Call to order, Opening Prayer

The moderator called the meeting to order with prayer at 1:05 pm. A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of minutes

The minutes of the September 15, 2021 meeting were **approved** as corrected.

Officer and Staff Reports:

CC Moderator Report

- The body needs to elect a Vice-Moderator, which should come from a member who is not a committee chair and is in their second year on the Council. TE Joe Meinhart was nominated to the position.
- **Motion** to move the nominations cease was **passed**.
- **Motion** to elect TE Joe Meinhart as Vice-Moderator was **passed**.
- The next stated meeting of the presbytery is scheduled for February 25-26, 2022. **Motion** to have the February stated meeting as a one-day meeting on Friday, February 25, as a hybrid (both in-person and by Zoom) with First Presbyterian Church of OKC as a possible host. The motion **passed**.

Interim Presbyter Pastor Report

- TE Smith shared his thoughts on new ways of doing meetings and ways we might connect better through the meetings we attend. He gave his schedule of churches he is meeting in the next few months. He has now visited all but 5 churches.

Stated Clerk Report

- TE Evans reported on the presbytery minutes review which included four exceptions:
 - No indication of “name of the requester(s) and/or the caller (of special meeting) in accordance with Presbytery’s own rules” G-3.0404
 - Statement of a quorum should include “indication of the number specified as a quorum in the presbytery bylaws or standing rules.” G-3.0404
 - Financial Audit was received but doesn’t appear in the minutes.
 - Details for “actions regarding the sale, encumbrance, lease or transfer of real property owned by the Presbytery or one of it’s lower councils (including address, kind of property, present use, price paid, use of proceeds, if applicable, and reasons for leasing and terms of lease, if applicable)” must be included.
- Comments on the presbytery minutes review were the following:
 - No indication of “Opportunity for nominations from the floor”
 - Bylaws not attached.
 - Originals to be signed.
- The results of the session minutes review are being sent out this week.

INP Moderator Report

- No report.

Committee Reports

Committee on Administration

- **Motion** to approve paying proportionate share of the Stated Clerk’s pension expense to the Board of Pension beginning in 2022 was **passed**.
- **Motion** to approve scholarship for \$500 to Emma Miller toward attending Montreat 2022 college conference was **passed**. (Emma is a student at University of Tulsa and a member of Santa Fe, Edmond)

Committee on Ministry:

- RE McNeese presented a written report.

- At Council's request, COM reviewed the request from TE Carol Waters for INP to promote her spiritual direction practice on the website and newsletter. The committee had concerns that the ministry was not validated. **Motion** to decline the request for Promotion/Advertising of the Rev. Carol Waters' spiritual direction practice on INP website and INP newsletter **passed**. Rev. Waters is welcome to share information at presbytery meetings through announcements and displays.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

- RE Mize reported that there are two persons under care of CPM. One is currently seeking Candidate status.

Committee on Nominations and Representation

- RE Gill reported that there are still vacancies in committees, regional representatives for Council and commissioners to General Assembly.

Board of Trustees

- No report.

INP Foundation Board

- No report.

Task Force on Significant Monetary Support of Existing Congregational Infrastructure

- RE Mark Leidner reported on the Task Force's work and presented the draft report. The report includes Bounding Principles, Background, Introduction, Scope and Purpose, Summary of Study and Guidelines for Decision-making. The Council discussed the report.
- **Motion** to accept the guidelines of the Task Force and ask Committee on Administration to come up with procedures and policies for them to come together, considering the INP Foundation's work as well, and return with a report by the Coordinating Council's January 19, 2022 meeting. The motion was **passed**.

Network Reports

Congregational Support Network

- RE Leidner presented the technology grant from First Presbyterian, Pauls Valley. **Motion** to approve the grant for \$14,930.23 was **passed**.

Care of Pastoral Leaders Network

- The on-line “retreat” led by Jan Edmiston was a success with pastors from around the state attending.

Youth Ministry Network

- Tylar Gregg Grant will be the registrar for Triennium 2022.

Continuing Business

New Business

- **Motion** to elect TE Carol Waters to Committee on Nominations and Representation was **passed**.

Sharing Time

- Moderator Lovett asked about meeting in person or on-line for the next Council meeting. The consensus was to have the next Council meeting in hybrid format.
- The Council shared good news from churches.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn **passed**. Meeting was adjourned with prayer by Charlie Smith at 2:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy L. Evans
Stated Clerk