

**MINUTES**  
**Indian Nations Presbytery**  
**Coordinating Council**  
**May 17, 2023**  
**Meeting by Zoom Video and In-Person at INP Office**

**Members present:** TE Carl Bosteels; RE Maribeth Culpepper; TE Michael East; RE Melissa Gill; TE John McKinnon; RE Mike Mize, Presbytery Moderator; RE Russell Newville, Vice-Moderator; RE Dru Orr; TE Abbey Walker, Moderator; TE Mary Ellen Waychoff;

**Ex-officio:** TE Tracy Evans, Stated Clerk; TE Charlie Smith, Interim Presbytery Pastor;

**Excused:** TE Jan Burns-Hintze; RE Joan Cole; TE Dan Junkin; RE Wayne Osmond; RE Cheryl Pennington; TE Devon Reynolds; RE Elizabeth Wallace;

**Absent:** TE David George; RE Janet Labude; RE Sherry Patterson;

**Also in attendance:** RE Sue MacHugh, INP Administrative Assistant; TE Chas Ruark, Committee on Administration

**Call to order, Opening Prayer, Quorum**

The meeting opened with prayer led by Carl Bosteels at 1:05. A quorum was present.

**Approval of Voice**

Sue MacHugh and Chas Ruark were given voice. Steve Shive, Transitional Synod Leader was given voice, but was unable to attend the meeting.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Approval of minutes**

The minutes of the April 19, 2023, meeting were **approved**.

**Officer and Staff Reports:**

**CC Moderator Report**

- Moderator Walker reported that the conversation regarding potential merger of presbyteries needs to continue and will take place at the next presbytery meeting.

**Interim Presbytery Pastor Report**

- Smith asked for comments regarding last meeting's discussion of merger, but there were none.
- For information, FPC Hobart has found that the electronic equipment purchased via the presbytery grant has become too expensive for the return on investment (high cost of internet) and will be returned to the presbytery.

- A grant request from FPC Norman was received by the presbytery. This grant is for work with the Norman Coalition for Refugee Support (NCRS) to assist with resettlement needs of Afghan women and children through education and socialization. The request is for \$14,450.00. The money could come from the Peace and Global Witness Account #9700 (proceeds from Peace and Global Witness Offerings) which currently has \$29,508.54 available. **Motion** to approve the grant from FPC Norman in full using the Peace and Global Witness funds was **approved**. Both FPC Norman and Memorial, Norman have supported the efforts of NCRS in financial and non-financial ways.

### **Stated Clerk Report**

- Evans reported that session minutes review will be taking place in the near future.

### **INP Moderator**

- The docket for the June 3, 2023 Stated Meeting of Presbytery was **approved**.
- The docket includes discussion regarding the state of the presbytery and discernment for the future.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Committee on Ministry:**

- No report

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

- Mize reported that both Nash Carey and Tylar Grant graduated this month from St Paul's seminary at OCU. Nash has almost completed his CPE and Tylar will be starting CPE in a couple weeks. Tylar received an award from the seminary.

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

- RE Gill reported her committee continues their work.

#### **Committee on Administration (COA)**

- TE Chas Ruark reported for COA moderator. The Interim Presbytery Pastor job description has been reviewed and suggested changes brought forward. They have been approved by COA.
- The Committee on Administration recommends to Coordinating Council that the job description for "Presbytery Pastor" be approved by Council and presented to the Presbytery at the June Stated meeting for approval. **Motion approved**.
- The Committee on Administration recommends the election of Rev. Dr. Charlie Smith as Presbytery Pastor of Indian Nations Presbytery for a period of five (5) years. **Motion approved**.
- The Stated Clerk requested the body approve changing the title in the Manual of Operations, Policies and Procedures, and Standing Rules from Interim

Presbytery Pastor to Presbytery Pastor in each occurrence. **Motion approved.**

**Board of Trustees**

- No report.

**INP Foundation Board**

- No report.

**Network Reports**

- There were no Network reports.

**New and Continuing Business**

- None

**Sharing Time**

**Adjournment**

- **Motion** to adjourn with prayer **passed**. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Moderator Walker at 1:57 pm.
- The next meeting will be held Wednesday, June 21 at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy L. Evans  
Stated Clerk