

MINUTES
Indian Nations Presbytery
Coordinating Council
January 18, 2023
Meeting by Zoom Video and In-Person at INP Office

Members present: TE Jan Burns-Hintze¹; RE Maribeth Culpepper; TE Michael East; RE Melissa Gill; RE Mike Mize—INP Moderator; RE Russell Newville—CC Vice-Moderator; RE Cheryl Pennington; TE Devon Reynolds; TE Abbey Walker—Moderator

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

Excused: RE Janet Labude; RE Wayne Osmond; TE Mary Ellen Waychoff

Absent: TE Dan Junkin; RE Elizabeth Wallace

Also in attendance: RE Sue MacHugh, INP Staff; RE Vicki Zimmerman—Co-Moderator of Congregational Support Network

Call to order, Opening Prayer, Quorum

The meeting opened with prayer led by Moderator Walker at 1:05. A quorum was present. New members of the Coordinating Council were welcomed: Jan Burns-Hintze, Michael East, and Mary Ellen Waychoff.

Approval of Voice

RE Vicki Zimmerman was given voice.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of minutes

The minutes of the November 16, 2022 meeting were **approved**. There was no meeting in December 2022.

Officer and Staff Reports:

CC Moderator Report

- The body welcomed back the moderator after the birth of baby Lane and subsequent family leave.

Interim Presbytery Pastor Report

- Smith reflected on elements of change and provided his upcoming schedule.
- There was discussion regarding the United Methodists and the churches leaving/staying in the denomination.

¹ The designation TE is Teaching Elder (or Minister of Word and Sacrament); RE is Ruling Elder.

Stated Clerk Report

- Letters have been sent to Clerks of Sessions regarding deadlines and other information on Annual Statistical Reports.
- TE John McKinnon has resigned as INP Vice-Moderator.
- Discussion regarding presbytery meeting registration fees and hybrid meetings. **Motion** that all participants in meetings (in-person and on-line) pay the \$15 registration fee was **approved**.

INP Moderator Report

- RE Mize expressed appreciation for the Moderator Training he attended in Louisville.
- A draft docket for the presbytery meeting of February 24-25 was presented. **Motion** made to **approve** this was passed. The meeting will be held at Westminster, OKC.
- Mize requests that the Committee on Administration review the per diem schedules, noting that they have not been updated in many years.

Committee Reports

Committee on Ministry:

- TE Reynolds shared the actions that COM took at their December meeting.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

- RE Mize reported that the committee will be recommending to presbytery approval of 7 individuals to be commissioned as Commissioned Ruling Elders. They have completed training.
- The committee is in process of receiving a transfer inquirer from Pines Presbytery who is now a member of Korean Presbyterian Church, Lawton.

Committee on Nominations and Representation

- RE Gill reported that Teaching Elders Jan Burns-Hintze, Michael East and Mary Ellen Waychoff are new members of the Coordinating Council, class of 2024. All were selected from the randomized list.
- RE Barbara Charlet has resigned from the Committee on Administration, leaving that position empty.

Committee on Administration (COA)

- A written report was received stating that an additional account at First Fidelity Bank had been established and a new debit card in the name of Charles C. Smith has been issued. The account was initially funded with \$1,000.
- The debit card (ending in 2269) associated with the Operating Account has been closed.
- COA approved cost of living adjustments of 4%, effective January 15, 2023 for the staff.

- The 4Q 2022 Texas Presbyterian Foundation statements were reviewed by the committee. Due to market conditions the accounts were showing unrealized gains at month-end.

Board of Trustees

- No report.

INP Foundation Board

- A representative from Dixon Chapel, Byars, contacted INP in September about applying for INP Foundation grant. The deadline for the application period had passed. The clerk of Session and her husband are elderly and did not realize there was a deadline for the application. The north wall of the Chapel is “bowing” (bulging outward) and they were wanting to apply for a \$3,000 grant to fix the wall. The Foundation Board members were polled, and an “e-vote” was taken. Seven of the nine eligible voters responded with a positive vote. A \$3,000 INP foundation Grant will be awarded to Dixon Chapel, Byars. All of the funds available for grants were not awarded so there were funds available for this grant.

Network Reports

Congregational Support Network

- No report

Pastoral Leaders Network

- No report.

Youth Ministries Network

- No report.

New and Continuing Business

- A scholarship application has been received from Ian McCall (Santa Fe, Edmond) to attend a Montreat Conference. The application is not complete and attempts to get more information have not received replies. **Motion** to postpone a decision about this item was **approved**.
- The session of Westminster PC, Lawton has approved hosting the October 6, 2023 presbytery meeting. First Korean Presbyterian, OKC has offered to host a meeting and will be contacted to host the June 3, 2023 meeting.
- TE Jan Burns-Hintze noted for the Council that Canadian County is one of the fastest growing counties in Oklahoma (and perhaps beyond). There is a great need for a Presbyterian presence there.

Sharing Time

Adjournment

- **Motion** to adjourn **passed**. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Charlie Smith at 1:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy L. Evans
Stated Clerk