

MINUTES
Indian Nations Presbytery
Coordinating Council
March 16, 2022
Meeting by Zoom Video

Members present: RE¹ Maribeth Culpepper RE Melissa Gill; RE Debra Kauffman; RE Mark Leidner; RE Martin McNeese; TE Joe Meinhart; RE Bonnie Meisel; TE Mitch Miller; RE Mike Mize; RE Russell Newville; RE Wayne Osmond; RE Julie Spencer; RE Craig Stanley

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; RE Cheryl Pennington

Absent: RE Ken Metcalf

Also in attendance: None

Call to order, Opening Prayer

The moderator called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. RE Mike Mize opened the meeting with prayer. A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of minutes

The minutes of the February 16, 2022 meeting were **approved**.

Officer and Staff Reports:

CC Moderator Report

- Moderator Lovett welcomed RE Wayne Osmond, representing Region 5.
- She reminded the body of the responsibilities of the Coordinating Council as stated in the INP Standing Rules.

Interim Presbyter Pastor Report

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

- TE Smith shared a Lenten discipline he is using, a litany from “Stages on the Way” by the Wild Goose Worship Group, part of the Iona Community. He also shared a “nested meditation.”
- He is making plans for regional gatherings in the near future and shared his upcoming schedule.
- The responses to the \$5000 gifts to churches was provided. Two churches have not yet responded; four churches’ decision on how to use the grant have not been determined.

Stated Clerk Report

- No report.

INP Moderator Report

- TE Walker has attended Oklahoma Presbyterian Network meetings and worked on plans for the February and the June Stated Meetings. June is the Tri-Presbytery meeting with Cimarron and Eastern Oklahoma Presbyteries.

Committee Reports

Committee on Administration

- Report from RE Stanley given.
- On February 28, 2022, \$1M was transferred from the Texas Presbyterian Foundation (TPF) Holding Account to the TPF INP Foundation as directed by the motion passed at the February 16, 2022, Coordinating Council meeting.
 - **Motion** from the committee to approve \$900 scholarship for Emma Mitchell to attend the University of Tulsa Presbyterian Leaders and Scholars Heritage Tour July 17-27, 2022. **Motion approved.**
 - The INP Moderator has appointed a Long-Range Financial Planning Task Force at the request of COA. Members of the task force are: RE Craig Jones, FPC Norman; RE Melissa Gill, Memorial, Norman; RE Debbie Kauffman, Chisholm Trail PC, Yukon; TE John McKinnon, FPCOKC; TE Mitch Miller, Santa Fe PC, Edmond; RE Tom Rheinlander, FPC Lawton.
 - **Motion** that the Coordinating Council instruct Committee on Administration to send a letter to TPF asking to remove INP investments in China and Russia. **Motion approved.**
 - Staff Personnel reviews are scheduled for March 17. **Motion** to give cost of living raises for each INP staff person of 7%, asking presbytery to affirm the contract changes at its next meeting. **Motion approved.**

Committee on Ministry:

- No report.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

- RE Mike Mize reported Tylar Grant was approved at the presbytery meeting to advance to Candidate status.
- There is a need for two readers, one Teaching Elder and one Ruling Elder, for Ordination Exams. TE Abbey Walker and RE Mark Leidner volunteered.

Committee on Nominations and Representation

- The General Assembly commissioners will be TE Charlie Smith, and RE Mike Mize, who were elected at the most recent presbytery meeting.

Board of Trustees

- No report.

INP Foundation Board

- TE Miller, president of the INP Foundation, reported that the Board is reviewing the current By-laws and Operations Manual for suggested changes reflecting the new responsibilities for the Board.

Network Reports

Congregational Support Network

- **Motion** to approve the requested tech grant of \$2824.96 for Santa Fe Presbyterian Church, Edmond, for additional microphones and related equipment. **Motion approved.**

Care of Pastoral Leaders Network

- No report.

Youth Ministry Network

- For Information: The registration for Ferncliff Camp and Conference is open. Oklahoma week is June 12-17, though campers can go any week. Transportation will be provided by the Oklahoma Presbyterian Network for that week. Deadline for using that transportation is May 1.

New and Continuing Business

- There was no new business.

Sharing Time

Adjournment

- **Motion** to adjourn **passed**. Meeting was adjourned with prayer by Moderator Lovett at 2:02.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy L. Evans
Stated Clerk