

MINUTES
Indian Nations Presbytery
Coordinating Council
December 11, 2024
Meeting by Zoom Video and In-Person at INP Office

Members present:¹ TE Rick Baggett; RE Sharon Burton; RE Dave Butler; RE Malcom Champlin; Cmte on Nominations Moderator RE Maribeth Culpepper; COA Moderator RE Rex Daily; CPM Moderator TE Chas Gowing; TE Ernie Isch; TE Dan Junkin; RE Debra Kauffman; COM Moderator TE Janet Ruark; TE Vicki Rucker; RE Holley Sanders; RE Farrel Smith; RE Tom Willoughby;

Ex-officio: Stated Clerk TE Tracy Evans; INP Moderator TE John McKinnon; t Board of Trustees President RE Mike Mize; INP Foundation President RE Russell Newville; Presbytery Pastor TE Charlie Smith; INP Vice Moderator TE Mary Ellen Waychoff;

Excused: RE Dave Delana, CC Moderator; TE Dan Junkin

Absent: None

Also in attendance: INP Staff RE Sue MacHugh

Call to order, Opening Prayer, Quorum

The meeting was called to order with a prayer led by John McKinnon at 1:00. A quorum was present. Note: As a vice-moderator had not been selected for Coordinating Council, John McKinnon filled in for David DeLana who could not attend.

Approval of Voice

None required.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of minutes

The minutes of the September 18, 2024 meeting were **approved**. The October and November meetings were cancelled.

Officer and Staff Reports:

CC Moderator Report

- No report

¹ RE refers to a Ruling Elder; TE refers to a Teaching Elder also known as Minister of Word and Sacrament.

Presbytery Pastor Report

- Charlie Smith continues to talk with congregations about the possibility of a statewide presbytery.
- He shared that the Board of Pensions has introduced a Shared Ministry program for two or more churches sharing full-time pastoral leadership.

Stated Clerk Report

- Tracy Evans reported the following:
 - Thank you letter sent to Covenant PC, OKC for their hospitality in hosting the October 11 presbytery meeting.
 - FPC Pauls Valley has offered to host the October 10, 2025 meeting.
 - Moderator John McKinnon has appointed the following: TE Mary Ellen Waychoff to Vice-Moderator of the presbytery; RE Dan MacLemore to Treasurer; TE Carl Bosteels to Committee on Nominations, class of 2025; RE Mike Mize to committee on Nominations, class of 2026; TE Greg Amen to Committee on Nominations, class of 2027. These will be brought to the presbytery in February for confirmation.
 - Charlotte Lovett has resigned from Committee on Preparation for Ministry
 - A letter of offense has been received. An Investigative Committee has been appointed.
 - **Motion** to appoint RE Rex Daly, TE Kathie Luke, and TE Mary Ellen Waychoff to review and make recommendations to the presbytery regarding proposed amendments to the Book of Order. **Motion carried.** The presbytery will vote on the amendments at the February meeting.

INP Moderator

- No report.

Committee Reports

Board of Trustees

- Mize reported they are awaiting a proposal from the City of Grandfield regarding the FPC Grandfield property.

Committee on Administration

- Rex Daly provided the financial report from Texas Presbyterian Foundation.

- **Motion** from the committee that in order to comply with the INP Operating Procedures, the moderator of the budget committee and the moderator of the Board of Trustees be added to the signature card. **Motion carried.**

Committee on Ministry

- Janet Ruark reported on the work of COM.

Committee on Nominations and Representation

- Maribeth Culpepper reported for CONR. CONR has nominated RE Becki Walden and RE Bill Blew to Committee on Administration, class of 2027. Moderator John McKinnon appointed them, and they will be voted on by the presbytery at the next meeting.
- **Motion** from CONR that Coordinating Council approve RE Mike Mize, Class of 2026 and RE Greg Amen, class of 2027 to CONR. **Motion approved.**
- **Motion** from CONR that Coordinating Council move TE Carl Bosteels to the CONR class of 2025 in an effort to maintain the RE/TE balance within the classes. **Motion approved.** Both motions will go before the presbytery at its next meeting.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

- Chas Gowing presented the work of the committee.
- **Motion:** CPM requests Coordinating Council approve a \$500 expenditure form Account 5316, Emergency Assistance, for Candidate Tylar Gregg. **Motion approved.**
- The Commissioned Ruling Elder/Preaching Elder training will take place in January 17-18.

INP Foundation Board

- Russell Newville reported that 13 grants were approved in the fall. Additionally, there was one special allocation to Shepherd of the Hills, Sulphur, to help with rebuilding following the arson fire at the church.
- **Motion:** The INP Foundation Board recommends that the Coordinating Council approve grant applications for FPC, Duncan ((\$5,000), FPC, Hobart (\$6,434), and Federated, Weatherford (\$1,500) be funded by the Community Grant Fund (Account #53222) at the Texas Presbyterian foundation (Total: \$12,934). **Motion carried.**

Care of Pastoral Leaders Network

- Janet Ruark reported on the Pastoral Leaders' Retreat. There were very positive reviews from the 17 participants. One concern going forward is funding. Omaha Presbyterian Foundation is re-evaluating their grant program

and may not be available next year. Other resources are being sought out. It is approximately a \$4000 total cost.

Unfinished and/or New Business

- There were no committee members available to serve as vice-moderator of the Coordinating Council. Will ask again at the next meeting.
- Maribeth Culpepper presented an idea for fundraising through an arts ministry. See <https://ministryofthearts.org/>. COA to weigh in on this idea.
- Per Capita and virtual office were suggested. COA will discuss these.
- Charlie Smith presented a proposal from Synod of the Sun Treasurer Bill Wiles, addressing rapidly rising church property insurance premiums. He would like to explore creating an insurance pool with churches in the state. There was interest in this, and he will be invited to the February presbytery meeting to present his proposal.
- Charlie Smith presented a proposal from Audio Vision to improve the Zoom viewing in the INP conference room and to add electric outlets to the tables. **Motion** to approve \$7842 for these upgrades was **carried**.

Sharing Time

- Prayer concerns and joys were shared.

Adjournment

- **Motion** to adjourn with prayer **passed**. The meeting was adjourned with prayer given by Rick Baggett at 2:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy L. Evans
Stated Clerk