

MINUTES
Indian Nations Presbytery
Coordinating Council
November 16, 2022
Meeting by Zoom Video and In-Person at INP Office

Members present: RE Melissa Gill¹; TE John McKinnon, INP Vice-Moderator; RE Mike Mize, INP Moderator; RE Russell Newville, CC Vice-Moderator; RE Wayne Osmond; TE Devon Reynolds; RE Elizabeth Wallace.

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

Excused: RE Maribeth Culpepper; TE Dan Junkin; TE Mitch Miller; RE Cheryl Pennington; RE Bob Rogers; TE Abbey Walker, INP Moderator;

Absent: RE Janet Labude

Also in attendance: RE Mark Leidner, Co-Moderator of Congregational Support Network; RE Sue MacHugh, INP Staff; RE David Sergent, Dwight Mission; RE Vicki Zimmerman, Co-Moderator of Congregational Support Network

Call to order, Opening Prayer, Quorum

The meeting opened with prayer led by Vice-Moderator Newville at 1:05. A quorum was present.

Approval of Voice

RE Mark Leidner, RE David Sergent and RE Vicki Zimmerman were given voice.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of minutes

The minutes of the October 19, 2022 meeting were **approved**.

Officer and Staff Reports:

CC Moderator Report

- No report.

Interim Presbyter Pastor Report

- Smith presented a written report, noting the difference between “nice” and “kind”, encouraging the body to finish out 2022 being kind.

Stated Clerk Report

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

- Evans presented a written report.
- Received resignation from RE Craig Stanley, resigning from the Committee on Administration.
- **Motion** to approve closing the INP office the week of Thanksgiving (Nov. 21-24) and the week of Christmas (Dec. 26-29) was **approved**.
- Westminster, OKC will be contacted about possibly hosting the February presbytery meeting. Arrangements for hybrid may need to occur.

INP Moderator Report

- RE Mize reported on the Installation of Rev. Jungsuk Seo at Lawton Korean PC. The congregation provided excellent hospitality and there was an air of excitement for their future.
- He recently returned from Louisville where he attended the PC(USA) Moderators' Conference. He found the training extensive and extremely helpful.
- Vice-Moderator John McKinnon led the installation of Rev. Elizabeth Affsprung as pastor at United PC, Shawnee. He reported that the service was full of love and hope.

Committee Reports

Committee on Ministry:

- No report

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

- RE Mize reported the annual consultation with Candidate Tylar Gregg.
- The training weekend for Commissioned Ruling Elders was a success. Leaders of training sessions were: TE Mitch Miller, TE Charlie Smith, TE Devon Reynolds, TE Landon Whitsitt, and TE Michelle Junkin. Commissioned Pastors Glenn Dunn and Delores Strider provided valuable perspective and guidance to attendees. Follow-up interviews are in process.

Committee on Nominations and Representation

- The committee has vacancies to fill and is working diligently to find suitable candidates.

Committee on Administration

- TE Dan Junkin is the new moderator of COA (temporarily appointed by Moderator Mize until presbytery gives approval). TE Smith gave the report on his behalf.
- The COA discussed the need for a credit card or debit card for Interim Presbytery Pastor Charlie Smith at their last meeting.
- COA presented a **motion to rescind** the two motions approved at the July 20, 2022 meeting of Council which read:

- “CC recommends a credit card in the name of Charlie Smith be issued by First Fidelity Bank. The card to be used for INP business and expenses. Motion approved.”
- “CC recommends when the credit card in the name of Charlie Smith is received, the debit card (4554 9800 0049 2269) associated with the Operating Account at First Fidelity will be terminated. Motion approved.”

Motion to rescind was approved.

- COA recommends the following **motion**:
 1. Opening an additional account at First Fidelity in the name of Indian Nations Presbytery.
 2. The account will issue two (2) debit cards in the name of Charlie Smith (one kept for office use)
 3. INP Staff (Smith, MacHugh, Finn) to set a limit on the account balance based on expected expenditures.
 4. When the new debit cards are issued the current debit card (ending in 2269) will be cancelled.

The motion was **approved**.

- A new password will be initiated on December 1 for access to the directory on the INP website. To receive the password, please call Sue MacHugh in the office.
- Smith raised the question as to whether the parameters of the tech grants need to be revisited.

Board of Trustees

- No report.

INP Foundation Board

- No report.

Network Reports

Congregational Support Network

- REs Leidner and Zimmerman spoke on the work of the Congregational Support Network. Currently there is one tech grant in process. 17 churches have received tech grants. Is there a need to contact these churches to see how the new technology is being used post-COVID?

Pastoral Leaders Network

- No report.

Youth Ministries Network

- No report.

New and Continuing Business

Grant Application

- Leigh Miller requested a grant for \$1090 to attend the Association of Partners in Christian Education Annual Event in Birmingham, AL in 2023. **Motion** to approve the request was **approved**.

Dwight Mission

- RE David Sergent, President of the Dwight Mission Board of Directors, presented an update on Dwight Mission.
- After the transfer of property to the Cherokee Nation, they are working on upgrades and plans for the future of the site. Though the facilities will be available for camping, this will not happen in 2023.
- They are planning a Dwight-on-the-Road program for three weeks and a one-week residential camp in summer of 2023. Estimated cost for these will be \$27,000. They are asking for financial support.
- **Motion** to grant \$2500 to Dwight Mission, Inc. was **approved**.

Sharing Time

Adjournment

- **Motion** to adjourn **passed**. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Vice-Moderator Newville at 2:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy L. Evans
Stated Clerk