

**MINUTES**  
**Indian Nations Presbytery**  
**Coordinating Council**  
**February 15, 2023**  
**Meeting by Zoom Video and In-Person at INP Office**

**Members present:** TE Carl Bosteels; TE Michael East; TE Jan Burns-Hintze; RE Melissa Gill; TE John McKinnon; RE Mike Mize, Presbytery Moderator; RE Russell Newville, Vice-Moderator; RE Wayne Osmond; RE Cheryl Pennington; TE Devon Reynolds; TE Abbey Walker, Moderator; RE Elizabeth Wallace; TE Mary Ellen Waychoff;

**Ex-officio:** TE Charlie Smith, Interim Presbytery Pastor;

**Excused:** RE Maribeth Culpepper; TE Tracy Evans, Stated Clerk;

**Absent:** TE Dan Junkin; RE Janet Labude;

**Also in attendance:** RE Sue MacHugh,

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

The meeting opened with prayer led by Vice-Moderator Newville at 1:03. A quorum was present. New members of the Coordinating Council were welcomed: Carl Bosteels and John McKinnon.

**Approval of Voice**

RE Sue MacHugh was given voice.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Approval of minutes**

The minutes of the January 18, 2023 meeting were **approved**.

TE Walker, Moderator, took over moderating the meeting.

**Officer and Staff Reports:**

**CC Moderator Report**

- No report.

**Interim Presbytery Pastor Report**

- No report.

**Stated Clerk Report**

**Correspondence:**

- Emails have been sent to all Clerks of Session reminding them that Session Minutes are due to the presbytery by March 31. Reviews will begin shortly thereafter.

**Amendment Voting:** Mike Mize, Charlie Smith, and I have been working on the voting procedure at the presbytery meeting on February 25. Our decision is that all amendments will be presented as an Omnibus motion. The commissioners will have the ability to remove any amendment from the motion to be voted on separately.

The three of us will hold a special Zoom webinar/meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 to review any questions about the amendments or the process that will take place.

FYI, the amendments document is 135 pages long; there will not be copies available at the meeting. In-person attendees will be encouraged to download the document to their own device prior to the meeting so that Wi-Fi will not be a concern. There will be a document that has each amendment listed with a paraphrase of its intent in the meeting packet.

An email will go out this week describing all the above.

**Workshops at Presbytery meeting:** As of the date of this writing (Feb 9), we have 5 confirmed workshops.

- *What is a Presbyterian?* –Charlie Smith
- *Active Shooter Preparedness* –OKC Police
- *Session Meetings That Don't Suck* –Michael East
- *Visio Divina: Seeing Prayerfully* –Carol Waters
- *Clerks of Sessions Round-up* –Tracy Evans

### **INP Moderator Report**

- A draft docket for the presbytery meeting of February 24-25 was presented. **Motion** made to **approve** this was passed.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Committee on Ministry:**

- TE Reynolds shared the actions that COM took at their January meeting.
- COM will ask for approval from Presbytery that session term limits be extended an additional term for FPC Midwest City and FPC Chickasha.

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

- RE Mize reported that the committee held a joint meeting with the Committee on Ministry on Saturday, February 11, 2023 at Memorial Presbyterian Church in Norman. The meeting discussed the following topics:

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1. The purpose and functioning of the two committees
2. How to effectively moderate a meeting
3. How the committees can work together to encourage more people to join the ministry either as Teaching Elders or as Commissioned Ruling Elders

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

- RE Gill reported that Teaching Elders Carl Bosteels and John McKinnon, are new members of the Coordinating Council, class of 2024. Both were selected from the seniority list.
- RE Dru Orr, FPC Ardmore, has agreed to join the Coordinating Council Region 4 Class of 2024.

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

- A written report was received stating that the proposed Draft Budget for 2023 was being prepared. The following financial documents were included in the meeting packet:
  1. Letter to Accompany Audited Financials as of December 31, 2021
  2. Audited Financials as of December 31, 2021
  3. Depreciation Schedule as of December 31, 2022
  4. INP Management Letter 2021

### **Board of Trustees**

- No report.

### **INP Foundation Board**

- A written report was received stating that with the transfer of \$1 million from the INP Holding account to the Foundation account the investment earnings for 2022 were \$50,976. The market value of the Foundation account at TPF at December 31, 2022 was \$1,371,865.35.

### **Network Reports**

#### **Congregational Support Network**

- No report

#### **Pastoral Leaders Network**

- No report.

#### **Youth Ministries Network**

- No report.

Internet connection was briefly lost. It was restored at 1:19pm and the meeting was reconvened.

Mike Mize left the meeting at 1:20pm.

### **New and Continuing Business**

- There was general discussion about the “Recognition of Native Lands” part of the Call to Order in the Presbytery meeting. Some members felt what has been presented in past meetings was disingenuous and did not understand the purpose of the event. After much discussion a motion was made to change the style and format to a more educational and less liturgical experience. The IPP will present the first event. **Motion passed.**
- There was discussion about the location and name of “News from the Pews” on the docket. The discussion centered around the location at the end of the docket did not enhance the experience and perhaps moving it earlier in the docket and changing the name would cause more congregations to share. A motion was made to change the name to “Good News from the Pews” and to move it to after the approval of the previous presbytery minutes in the docket. **Motion passed.**
- Additional discussion centered around the proposed amendments and whether there should be an omnibus motion or the amendments could be voted on one at a time. It was decided not to make a change to the proposed action. The Council emphasized the importance of making sure the members were educated about the process prior to the meeting.

### Sharing Time

### Adjournment

- **Motion to adjourn passed.** The meeting was adjourned with prayer by the moderator at 1:57.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy L. Evans (with assistance from Sue MacHugh and Zoom recording)  
Stated Clerk