**MINUTES**
**Indian Nations Presbytery**
**Coordinating Council**
**February 21, 2024**
**Meeting by Zoom Video and In-Person at INP Office**

**Members present**: RE Jane Brown; RE Sharon Burton; RE Dave Butler; RE Joan Cole; RE Maribeth Culpepper; TE Michael East; TE Chas Gowing; TE Dan Junkin; TE John McKinnon, Vice Moderator; RE Mike Mize, Moderator; RE Dru Orr; TE Devon Reynolds; TE Mary Ellen Waychoff

**Ex-officio:** TE Tracy Evans, Stated Clerk; RE Russell Newville, INP Foundation President; TE Charlie Smith, Presbytery Pastor

**Excused:** TE Carl Bosteels;RE Dave Delana, INP Moderator; RE Sherry Patterson;

**Absent**: none

**Also in attendance**: RE Sue MacHugh, INP Administrative Assistant; TE Janet Ruark, Pastoral Leaders Network

**Call to order, Opening Prayer, Quorum**
The meeting opened with prayer led by John McKinnon at 1:00. A quorum (a majority of the elected 15 persons) was present.

**Approval of Voice**
None required.

**Approval of Agenda**
The agenda for the meeting was **approved**.

**Approval of minutes**
The minutes of the January 17, 2024 meeting were **approved** as submitted.

**Officer and Staff Reports:**
   **CC Moderator Report**
- RE Dave Butler from Ada, Region 4, was welcomed as a new CC member.
- Mize had asked for input from CC members regarding the presbytery; only one response was received.

   **Presbytery Pastor Report**

- Smith reported on the Oklahoma Presbyteries Task Force. At a recent retreat, the decision was made to move forward with becoming one presbytery for the state.

### Stated Clerk Report
- TE Evans presented the docket for the upcoming presbytery meeting that was approved by Mary Ellen Waychoff, Dave Delana, and herself.
- TE Jan Burns-Hintze has resigned from Coordinating Council, Class of 2024.

### INP Moderator
- No report.

## Committee Reports

### Board of Trustees
- No report.

### Committee on Administration (COA)
- Dan Junkin brought the proposed budget which will be presented to the presbytery for approval at the upcoming meeting.
- The working hours of the Presbytery Accountant will need to be increased.
- COA will recommend renewal of 5-year terms of Treasurer Dan Junkin and Stated Clerk Tracy Evans to the presbytery.

### Committee on Ministry:
- TE Reynolds reported that TE Scott White was released to Heartland Presbytery.
- COM will bring an Administrative Commission to the presbytery for approval. Purpose of the AC will be to review the closing of Sulphur, Salem and Tallahassee churches.
- Rev. Kathie Luke has been approved for membership in Indian Nations Presbytery. Luke will serve as interim pastor at Covenant PC, OKC.
- Approved the retirement of Rev. Elizabeth Affsprung, who has been serving United PC, Shawnee.

### Committee on Nominations and Representation
- RE Culpepper reported there is still a need for the Coordinating Council to nominate members to serve on the CONR.
- She reported on the vacancies in the presbytery's committees.

### Committee on Preparation for Ministry
- TE Gowing reported on the status of their candidate and inquirer.

### INP Foundation Board
- The six congregations who were awarded Foundation grants in December 2023 have been sent their checks.
- They will meet in the spring to determine future grant timing.

**<u>Network Reports</u>**
- Pastoral Care Network has arranged to have Beth McCaw of Dubuque Seminary speak with INP, Cimarron and Eastern Oklahoma Presbyteries' Committees on Ministry and Preparation for Ministry on what she sees regarding new folks to ministry.

**Unfinished and/or New Business**
- Some discussion was held regarding the regular need for a two-day presbytery meeting in February.

**Sharing Time**
- Prayer concerns and joys were shared.

**Adjournment**
- **Motion** to adjourn with prayer **passed**. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Maribeth Culpepper at 2:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy L. Evans
Stated Clerk