

**DRAFT
MINUTES
Indian Nations Presbytery
Coordinating Council
August 16, 2023
Meeting by Zoom Video and In-Person at INP Office**

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

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

Excused: RE Joan Cole; RE Dave Delana, INP Vice-Moderator; TE Dan Junkin; TE John McKinnon; RE Dru Orr;

Absent: TE David George; RE Janet Labude;

Also in attendance: RE Sue MacHugh, INP Administrative Assistant;

Call to order, Opening Prayer, Quorum

The meeting opened with prayer led by Moderator Walker at 1:00. A quorum was present.

Approval of Voice

Sue MacHugh was given voice.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of minutes

The minutes of the June 21, 2023, meeting were **approved**.

Officer and Staff Reports:

CC Moderator Report

- No Report

Interim Presbytery Pastor Report

- Smith reported on the initial meeting of the three Oklahoma presbyteries' Task Force exploring a new way ahead together.

Stated Clerk Report

- Evans reported that Charlie Smith and she asked TE Landon Whitsitt to make a presentation on systems theory to the presbytery at its next meeting. **Motion**

to formally invite him was **approved**. Discussion about recording or broadcasting the presentation (if the meeting is not hybrid) took place. No decision was made.

- The body needs to be thinking of where to hold next year's meetings of the presbytery. June meeting will be a Tri-Presbytery meeting in Stillwater with Cimarron and Eastern Oklahoma presbyteries.

INP Moderator

- Mize reported on the meeting of the Oklahoma Presbyterian Network.
 - A Youth Council has been appointed to carry out events for the state's youth, including a retreat October 20-22, 2023.
 - A Border Encounter in El Paso January 10-12, 2024
 - Trip to Palestine and Israel led by Gordon Edwards February 19-March 1, 2024.
 - Discussion regarding the various ways in which the three presbyteries train, use, and support Commissioned Ruling Elders.

Committee Reports

Committee on Ministry:

- Written report of actions taken by the COM.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

- The committee met with Jakob Harmon, member at Santa Fe Presbyterian Church, Edmond, and agreed to support him as an inquirer. The committee will recommend approval of him to the presbytery.

Committee on Nominations and Representation

- Gill shared a letter that will be sent to clerks and others to encourage passing along names to the committee.

Committee on Administration (COA)

- The committee has not met since the last meeting.
- FYI, the presbytery inherited a "Certificate of Interment Rights" at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens which includes two vaults. These are from the former Central Presbyterian Church, OKC. The INP trustees will need to look at selling these.

Board of Trustees

- No report.

INP Foundation Board

- No report.

Network Reports

- There were no Network reports.

New and Continuing Business

- None

Sharing Time

Adjournment

- **Motion** to adjourn with prayer **passed**. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Walker at 1:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy L. Evans
Stated Clerk