

MINUTES
Indian Nations Presbytery
Coordinating Council
August 13, 2021
Hybrid Meeting by Zoom Video and In-Person at INP Office
Minutes

Members present: RE Karen Girdner; RE Sue Johnson; RE Melissa Gill; RE Blake Harrison; TE Paul Kirbas; RE Janet Labude; RE Mark Leidner; TE John McKinnon, Council Vice-Moderator; RE Martin McNeese; TE Joe Meinhart; TE Mitch Miller; RE Mike Mize; RE Deanna Piercy; RE Craig Stanley

Ex-officio: TE Tracy Evans, Stated Clerk; RE Charlotte Lovett, INP Moderator; TE Charlie Smith, Interim Presbytery Pastor; TE Abbey Walker, INP Vice-Moderator; TE Scott White, Council Moderator

Excused: TE Rick Baggett

Absent: TE Jan Burns-Hintze;

Also in attendance: Sue MacHugh, INP Administrative Assistant

Call to order, Opening Prayer

The moderator called the meeting to order with prayer at 1:00 pm. A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of minutes

The minutes of the July 21, 2021 meeting were **approved**.

Officer and Staff Reports:

CC Moderator Report

- Moderator White presented the letter he sent to the session of FPC, OKC in response to their request for a grant for roof repair.

Interim Presbyter Pastor Report

- TE Smith presented a report his first year as the Interim Presbytery Pastor, the hope to be found amidst concerns of the COVID virus

recurrences. He shared his church visits over the past year and his upcoming schedule.

Stated Clerk Report

- TE Evans announced that the new 2021-2022 calendars are available for purchase.
- Session minutes have been distributed to readers and should be returned in a couple of weeks, with letters sent out to the clerks at that time.

INP Moderator Report

- RE Lovett continues to visit churches in the presbytery. Hillcrest (heard RE Delores Strider preach) and is looking forward to the upcoming installations and ordination.

Committee Reports

Committee on Administration:

- No report.

Committee on Ministry:

- No report.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

- RE Mize reported that COPM has accepted Nash Carey, member of Santa Fe, Edmond as an Inquirer. Tyler Gregg Grant has is a third year seminary student. Jane Lowrey has withdrawn from the Inquirer/Candidate process.
- The list of Inquirers/Candidates on the PCUSA site has been cleaned up.

Committee on Nominations and Representation

- RE Gill requested the nomination of TE Joe Meinhart to the Committee on Nominations and Representation. This nomination comes from the Coordinating Council and is to be confirmed by the presbytery. **Motion** to appoint TE Joe Meinhart to the Class of 2023 of the Committee on Nominations and Representation. **Motion carried.**
- The committee is working hard to fill the committees of the presbytery.

Board of Trustees

- No report.

INP Foundation Board

- No report.

Task Force on Significant Monetary Support of Existing Congregational Infrastructure reported on their meeting of August 6. This group was formed in response to the request from FPC, OKC for a grant for roof repair. TE Scott White is moderating the task force. Sue MacHugh presented some projections of the INP Foundation future earnings, including what the corpus and earnings might look like if the presbytery deposited more into the account. She stated that the Foundation was created specifically to support churches who need infrastructure grants, which are normally not available from any other sources. She also posed the idea of having an investment account created for ministry candidates. Discussion ensued. **Motion** to refer the presented information to the task force for their consideration and that the task force include a representative from the Committee on Preparation for Ministry in their discussion. The Task force is to report back with that information in their final report. **Motion carried.**

Network Reports

Congregational Support Network

- No report.

Care of Pastoral Leaders Network

- No report.

Youth Ministry Network

- No report.

Continuing Business

New Business

- The October Stated Meeting is scheduled to be held at Shepherd of the Hills, Sulphur. This church has no way to broadcast electronically and will be in-person only.
- Project Regeneration has made presentations at two meetings and has been well received by the 40+ people in attendance.
- TE Charlie Smith asked that Committee on Administration carry out an annual review of personnel soon as part of their responsibilities.

Sharing Time

The moderator asked for Good News from the Pews, and any comments, concerns, or questions.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned with prayer by Moderator White at 2:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy L. Evans
Stated Clerk