

MINUTES
Indian Nations Presbytery
Coordinating Council
September 20, 2023
Meeting by Zoom Video and In-Person at INP Office

Members present: TE Carl Bosteels; RE Jane Brown; RE Joan Cole; TE Michael East; RE Melissa Gill; RE Mike Mize, Presbytery Moderator; RE Russell Newville, Vice-Moderator; RE Dru Orr; RE Sherry Patterson; TE Abbey Walker, Moderator; TE Mary Ellen Waychoff;

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

Excused: TE Jan Burns-Hintze; RE Maribeth Culpepper; RE Dave Delana, INP Vice-Moderator; TE Dan Junkin; TE John McKinnon; RE Wayne Osmond; RE Cheryl Pennington; TE Devon Reynolds; RE Elizabeth Wallace;

Absent: TE David George; RE Janet Labude;

Also in attendance: RE Sue MacHugh, INP Administrative Assistant; RE Sharon Burton (who will serve on CC in the next term).

Call to order, Opening Prayer, Quorum

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

Approval of Voice

Sue MacHugh and Sharon Burton were given voice.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of minutes

The minutes of the August 16, 2023, meeting were **approved** as submitted.

Officer and Staff Reports:

CC Moderator Report

- Working on preparing a slate of candidates for the Committee on Nominations and Representation. The Council will vote on those names via an e-vote, and once approved by CC, will go to the presbytery for approval.

Presbytery Pastor Report

- The Task Force looking at the three Oklahoma presbyteries' future continues to meet. Smith shared some of the work from the last meeting.
- Smith's travel schedule for October is quite full with conferences.

Stated Clerk Report

- A draft docket for the October 6, 2023 presbytery meeting was presented for approval. **Motion** made to approve the docket was **passed**.

INP Moderator

- No report

Committee Reports

Committee on Ministry:

- Written report of actions taken by the COM.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

- Mize reported that the committee had been in conversation (particularly on September 7, 2023) with Nash Carey regarding authorization to serve communion once ordained as a Ruling Elder by Santa Fe Presbyterian Church, Edmond, contingent upon him continuing on an active ordination track.
- On September 16, 2023, Nash Carey confirmed that he has withdrawn from the PC(USA) ordination process.

Committee on Nominations and Representation

- The committee has carried out stellar work in filling open positions in the presbytery. There are still some openings to be filled.
- A report with current members and nominated members was presented. Nominations will be confirmed at the October presbytery meeting.
- They have also completed a study of the representation present on committees and in churches, also to be presented at the October meeting.

Committee on Administration (COA)

- The committee approved the request by Charlie Smith to continue the amount of his housing allowance. This action will be reported for inclusion in the annual presbytery minutes at the October presbytery meeting.

Board of Trustees

- No report.

INP Foundation Board

- The Board will meet September 21 to review grant applications. Six congregations have submitted applications.

Network Reports

- There were no Network reports.

New and Continuing Business

- Moderator Walker reminded the body that potential persons who could serve on the Committee on Nominations and Representation should be forward to her.
- Many thanks to those who have served on Council and for whom this is their last meeting.

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