

**MINUTES**  
**Indian Nations Presbytery**  
**Coordinating Council**  
**January 17, 2024**  
**Meeting by Zoom Video and In-Person at INP Office**

**Members present:** TE Carl Bosteels; RE Jane Brown; RE Sharon Burton; RE Joan Cole; RE Maribeth Culpepper; TE Michael East; TE Chas Gowing; RE Mike Mize, Moderator; RE Sherry Patterson; TE Mary Ellen Waychoff

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

**Excused:**; TE Dan Junkin; TE John McKinnon; TE Devon Reynolds;

**Absent:** TE Jan Burns-Hintze; RE Dru Orr;

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

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

The meeting opened with prayer led by Moderator Mize at 1:05. 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 December 20, 2023 meeting were **approved** as submitted.

**Officer and Staff Reports:**

**CC Moderator Report**

- No report.

**Presbytery Pastor Report**

- Written report was submitted. In it, TE Smith asked the question “What might be done in the spirit of connectionalism?”

**Stated Clerk Report**

- TE Evans noted that the next Stated Meeting of INP comes just two days after the next Coordinating Council. CC is the body which approves the docket for

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the meeting. **Motion** to empower the Stated Clerk, Presbytery Moderator and one member of the Coordinating Council to approve the docket on behalf of the Council for the February Stated meeting. Motion **approved**. Mary Ellen Waychoff was chosen by acclamation as the CC representative.

### **INP Moderator**

- Has been working on the upcoming INP meeting.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Board of Trustees**

- No report.

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

- No report.

### **Committee on Ministry:**

- There was a request from a Preaching Elder to be approved to preside at a wedding. COM felt this would be a precedent and they determined the need for further discussion and discernment.

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

- They have set monthly meetings for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 9:30am. They need another member who is to be nominated by the Coordinating Council.
- The vacancies on the Coordinating Council are a priority.

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

- Currently have three individuals they are working directly with.
- They are coordinating with COM on offering another PE/CRE training event in October.
- Looking for ways to support those going through Certificate in Ministry programs.

### **INP Foundation Board**

- The six congregations who were awarded Foundation grants in December 2023 have been sent their checks.

## **Network Reports**

- No report

### **Unfinished and/or New Business**

- The Task Force on Oklahoma Presbyteries is recommending a state-wide mission project. "Diapers to Depends" is an effort for each church to collect any kind of diaper by February 25, and distribute locally. A count of the total number donated will be publicized.
- As there were technical issues during the meeting, a recommendation was made to check on the internet speed.

### **Sharing Time**

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## **Adjournment**

- **Motion** to adjourn with prayer **passed**. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Chas Gowing at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy L. Evans  
Stated Clerk