

DRAFT MINUTES
Indian Nations Presbytery
Coordinating Council
August 19, 2020
Zoom Video Conference
Minutes

Members present: TE Carl Bosteels; TE Jan Burns-Hintze; RE Debra Dowell; RE Blake Harrison; RE Bobbie Heimbach, Moderator; RE Ernie Isch; RE Sue Johnson; TE John McKinnon, Vice-Moderator; RE Martin McNeese; RE Mike Mize; RE Charlotte Nesser; RE Craig Stanley; RE Larry Upton

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

Absent: TE Greg Amen; RE Velma Coker; RE Janet Labude; RE Deanna Piercy; TE Abbey Walker; TE Carol Waters

Call to order, Opening Prayer

The moderator opened the meeting at 1:05 pm with prayer offered by the moderator.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of minutes

The minutes of the July 15, 2020 meeting were **approved** as presented.

CC Moderator Report

- Reminder that minimum salary requirements for pastors were sent out to churches.
- There has been a request from the Synod of the Sun to assist with an anti-racism webinar to be presented in August. **Motion** to provide \$500 toward this was approved.
- Presbyterian Women have made their selections for the 2020-2021 Scholarship Funds – This year they selected three students (2 repeats and 1 new) for scholarships of \$500 each semester. One from First Presbyterian OKC, and two from Santa Fe Presbyterian Church, Edmond. A question was raised as to whether the presbytery could match the scholarships given by the Presbyterian Women.

Stated Clerk Report

- The Stated Clerk requested volunteers to serve on a Task Force. This Task Force will review the presbytery Standing Rules, Operational Procedures and Policies and Procedures documents to assure they are in alignment with one another. Suggested changes will be presented to the presbytery for approval. Task Force members are Jan Burns-Hintze, Blake Harrison, Mike Mize, Charlie Smith and Tracy Evans.
- Discussion of the October Stated Meeting. **Motion** to move meeting to First Presbyterian Church or Westminster OKC as well as by Zoom technology was approved. Planning team to include Tracy Evans, Charlotte Lovett, Sue MacHugh, John McKinnon, Charlie Smith, and Scott White.

INP Moderator Report

The moderator visited FPC Wewoka on August 2nd.

Committee Reports

Committee on Administration: No report

Committee on Ministry

- Committee did not meet this month.
- Two Administrative Commissions, Central, OKC and Covenant, OKC, are at work.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

- No report but look forward to their meeting with Charlie Smith next month.

Committee on Nominations and Representation

- The committee has a full slate to present to the presbytery.

Network Reports

Congregational Support Network

- **Motion** to approve request for information technology assistance from Columbian Memorial Presbyterian Church in Colony for \$3531 with funds coming from the Texas Presbyterian Foundation account was approved. See attached request.
- The network has contacted nearly all the congregations in the presbytery regarding assistance in technology infrastructure from the presbytery as discussed at the July Council meeting. About a third are looking to take

advantage of the offer. The rest either already have good infrastructure or are not currently in a place to move ahead.

- As a reminder the network may be of help in the following areas:
 - Streamlining Infrastructure for Small Congregations
 - What Makes for a Good Manual of Administrative Operations / Session Binder?
 - Session Best Practices
 - Conflict Management (not the specialized kind COM, for example, would do between pastors and congregations, but the more routine congregational kind)
 - Congregational Finances Best Practices
 - Congregational Staff Best Practices
 - What Makes for a Good New Member Orientation?
 - What Makes for Good Deacon and Elder Orientations?
 - Strategic Planning – the Basic How To (with emphasis on following through)
 - Keeping Bylaws Simple, Up-to-Date, and Helpful
 - Standing Rules that May Be of Help for Sessions
 - Various things that are “nuts and bolts”, maybe even “behind the scenes”
 - Internet, web site, Facebook page, email, streaming
 - Sharing of policies; example, facility usage and fee schedule

Care of Pastoral Leaders Network

- The fall retreat has been cancelled.

INP Youth Ministries Network

- No report

New Business

- None

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned with prayer by Carl Bosteels at 2:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy L. Evans
Stated Clerk

Columbian Memorial Presbyterian Church

Colony, Oklahoma

The Session of Columbian Memorial Presbyterian Church, Colony, Oklahoma (CMPC) became aware of an initiative of Indian Nations Presbytery to enhance the information technology capability of member churches. Furthermore, the Session believes the church is in a position to utilize the resources of this program to further the mission in our community. The church has implemented a several phase plan to improve the facilities in order to meet the changing needs its members. The next phase of the program has been suspended due to several factors, not the least, of which, has been the pandemic.

Project overview

CMPC recently installed a closed circuit video and audio system into the fellowship hall for overflow crowds during large gatherings. The equipment was installed with the future plans to livestream church events on social media. Additional equipment needed to livestream from the closed circuit system includes a computer, video and audio capture cards, a HDMI splitter, and cable. The estimated cost of equipment is \$1,993. (#1) Additionally, the computer will be utilized with the large television in the fellowship hall to display downloaded material for Christian Education. The Session will use the computer to hold a combination of in-person and virtual meetings. This will allow Elders that are not comfortable attending a meeting to participate.

CMPC remodeled the sanctuary in December 2019, when the video and audio equipment was installed. The church building does not have internet service. The Session decided to postpone internet access expense because we were uncertain about the immediate benefit of the technology. Since our pulpit is currently vacant, we believed it would be a good strategy to coordinate our efforts with a new pastor. While we have resumed in person services, about one third of the congregation is considered higher risk and may not attend in the foreseeable future. Installation of a pastor will probably not change that fact. Acquisition of internet access equipment and a yearly subscription is \$1,439. (#2)

The Session would like to develop a church website to provide information to our congregation as well as tell potential visitors about our church. This presence on the internet would enhance and extend our message throughout the community. The cost of website development is \$99. (#3)

Financial requirements

#1	Computer, audio, video, and installation	\$1,993	
#2	Internet access	\$1,439	
#3	Website development	\$99	
Total Project Request			\$3,531