**Indian Nations Presbytery**

**Coordinating Council**

**November 20, 2019**

**Presbytery Office**

**Minutes**

**Council Members present:** TE Greg Amen; RE Carl Bosteels; RE Debra Dowell; RE Bobbie Heimbach, Moderator; RE Sue Johnson; RE Janet Labude; RE Charlotte Lovett, INP Vice-Moderator; RE Martin McNeese; RE Charlotte Nesser; RE Deanna Piercy; RECraig Stanley; TE Abbey Walker; TE Scott White, INP Moderator.

**Ex-Officio:** TE Tracy Evans, Stated Clerk

**Excused:** TE Jan Burns-Hintze; RE Ernie Isch; TE John McKinnon; TE Carol Waters; RE Larry Upton.

**Absent:** RE Velma Coker; RE Charlotte Nesser; RE Blake Harrison

**Call to Order, Opening Prayer**

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm and opened with prayer by Moderator Heimbach. Those members who were not in attendance at the last meeting introduced themselves.

**Approve Agenda**

The agenda was approved.

**Approve CC Minutes of October 16, 2019**

The minutes were approved.

**Moderator Report: Following Up on Previous Mission & Business**

The moderator reminded the body that John McKinnon was elected Vice-Moderator of the Coordinating Council.

The CC discussed the upgrade of the INP office computer system. Motion approved to upgrade the current system through 3Nines.

There are three regions that have a vacancy on the Coordinating Council. The appropriate churches from regions 2, 3 and 4 are being contacted.

The Fall Newsletter was a good publication. Anyone who did not receive it who would like to do so should notify Sue MacHugh in the presbytery office.

**Stated Clerk Report**

The clerk reported that the INP Foundation will present some by-law changes to the presbytery at its next meeting.

She has been part of the conversations about Dwight Mission and its struggles. She read the statement that had been released the previous day:

With immense sadness The Dwight Presbyterian Mission Board of Directors has voted to suspend all operations at the Dwight Mission Camp and Conference Center effective December 15, 2019. In the midst of diligent work, prayers, and discernment we continue to pursue the best options for the facility with hopes to develop a model to extend the legacy to future generations. In the interim we recommend campers seek out opportunities for camp and other connectional ministries through their church and Presbytery for 2020. We ask for our Community's continued prayers in these trying times. Questions or comments can be addressed to [DwightMissionBoard@gmail.com](mailto:DwightMissionBoard@gmail.com)

The CC expressed great sadness and dismay that they had not known that the issues were as extreme and wished they had been apprised of the situation.

**INP Moderator Report:** The moderator reported on the “branding” with the new logo. There are three posters coming to be displayed in the office. Next will be a worship banner to be used at presbytery meetings and other gatherings. The body requested that the digital logos be made available on the INP website.

The planning for the stated meeting for February is in the works. Consultant David Sawyer has agreed to attend. The Board of Pensions will be offering a pre-event on “Healthy Pastor, Healthy Church”.

The Moderator appoints TE Greg Amen to the Committee on Administration, class of 2022 and RE Ted Tiger to the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, class of 2022. These appointments will be confirmed at the next presbytery meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding publicity.

**Reports from Committees**

Committee on Administration: RE Craig Stanley, moderator of COA, provided highlights of the last meeting.

Committee on Ministry: RE Martin McNeese, moderator of COM, provided information from their November 5th meeting. He also made the following motion:

That in accordance with the book of Order (D-10.0106) the CC authorize up to $4,000 per month for the purpose of hiring a part time temporary supply pastor for a congregation in INP. This contract would be for a period of six (6) months with a thirty day out clause and could be renewed if necessary. Reimbursable expenses and continuing education will be paid by the church. **Motion** approved.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry: The moderator was not present, but RE Craig Stanley presented their report.

Committee on Nominations and Representation: Written report was presented. They are actively looking for 3 Ruling Elders.

**Reports from INP Networks**

Congregational Support Network: TE Scott White reported for the network. They will be reaching out to congregations in early 2020 to seek input.

**New Business**

Concerns:

* RE Sue Johnson raised a concern about the Pulpit Supply List. The COM will look at these concerns.

Suggestions:

* TE Jim Burns requested the formation of a new network: Care of Pastoral Leaders. Motion was made and approved. The CC approved $2000 for the work in 2020.
* Leigh Miller, staff at First Presbyterian Church, OKC requested the formation of a Youth Ministries Network. The network was approved. The CC approved $15,500 for the work of the network in 2020.
* The body approved a financial “thank you” gift to the staff at the end of the year.

**Adjourn with Prayer**

Meeting was closed with prayer by Scott White at 2:46 pm.

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