



GOVERNING BODY OF LINCOLN READERS
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**Minutes of the 233rd meeting of the Governing Body of the Association held at
 The Petwood Hotel, Woodhall Spa on Saturday 21st January 2017 at 1.30 pm**

Item:	Subject:	Actions:
1	<p>Opening Prayers: - led by John Marshall</p> <p>Welcome: The Chairman welcomed all in attendance.</p> <p>Present: Sally Buck, Warden of Readers; John Marshall, Chairman; Susan Horle; Paul Whiteley; Revd Susan Williams; Mr Brian Stagg; Mrs Susan Stagg; Rev Chris Woadden; Kevin Onn; Derek Page; Sue Slater and Shirley Keyes (taking minutes)</p> <p>Apologies for absence: Jane Hanson; Rev David Shenton; Dr John Davies; Dr Peter Large; Revd Terry Bardell; Mr David Nisbet and Revd Phillip Wain.</p>	
2	<p>Minute Secretary for Meeting and Appointment of Secretary General and Assistant</p> <p>Noted that the Governing Body still does not have a Secretary General and Assistant Secretary General in post. There is also a vacancy for a CRC representative but this is unlikely to be filled until the other two posts are filled.</p>	Warden
3	<p>The Minutes of the 232nd Meeting of the Governing Body held on 7th September were approved as a correct record.</p>	
4	<p>Matters Arising from previous minutes:</p> <p>The meeting with +Nicholas in December for the Spalding area had been cancelled. Sally to gauge numbers who would wish to attend a re-arranged meeting after the forthcoming Caistor meeting. (some Readers perhaps feel their attendance unnecessary, having already heard other recent presentations by Bishop Nicholas). It was commented that the opportunity is a chance for the bishop to hear the ordinary theology of Readers on the ground, which also reinforces the value he places on their ministry. Sally is picking up ideas for future discussion too.</p>	Warden
5	<p>Warden Updates</p>	
5.1	<p>Sally presented the Reader Budget for 2017 (see attached). This is part of the Ministry Team Budget. It should be noted that this is "one pot" and not individual pots. Claims can be made by area secretaries for speakers and any printing or photocopying.</p>	Warden
5.2	<p>Study grants for up to 10 individuals of £100 can be made at the Warden's discretion.</p>	

	<p>Please advise Sally if you know of anyone who would benefit from a grant.</p> <p>2017 Programme:</p> <p>5.3 The Willersley Retreat in September is now at full capacity. Individuals have contributed £44 each (which covers the deposit) and the balance will be met from the Reader budget. Donations from the Annual Service (after deductions for staffing etc) were sent to Embrace ME as previously agreed.</p> <p>5.4 The Bishop's Study Day in June will be at Birchwood but a different venue was being considered for the Ecumenical Study Day in October as Birchwood can be very cold. Unfortunately, the Quiet Day on 18th March, clashes with Diocesan Synod. Sally welcomed suggestions for future programming and ways to encourage Methodist Local Preachers to the Ecumenical Study Day.</p> <p>5.5 Annual Service and AGM. The feedback for the 2016 service held in the choir was very favourable. The use of either the choir or nave for the 2017 service largely depends on the number of Readers being licensed. The choir is more intimate and does not restrict the public visiting the cathedral. However it would be logistically difficult to have a Eucharistic service in the choir. +David wishes to be part of the service in 2017. If anyone wants to be involved in planning the liturgy content please email Sally.</p> <p>5.6 Virtual Book Group. The book chosen is 'To love as God loves' by Roberta C Bondi. The aim is to read one chapter per month. Participants will be encouraged to meet in small groups though. Sally is to post a starter on the website and send out an email inviting people to join the book group. Participants will need to be able to log in to the website blog i.e. have sign in details. Therefore non Readers cannot post comments.</p> <p>5.7 Future Stopover. The pros and cons of an overnight stopover were discussed. Although a residential may be more desirable, most people agreed that the earlier morning meeting with +Nicholas had been more productive than a Friday evening chat. Space is limited at Edward King House which would restrict the numbers that could attend. Brian proposed that we book the Petwood Hotel for the 2018 meeting which would be non-residential. This motion was seconded and carried. Sally to book +Nicholas.</p> <p>5.8 Areas. It was noted that two area wardens do not attend any meetings. Sally to ask +Nicholas to intervene if situation does not improve. Linda Wass has now been assigned to the ministry office team and will carry out work not only for Reader Ministry but also CMD and Clergy MDR.</p> <p>Area Updates</p> <p>6 John thanked everyone who had sent in their programme details for 2017. These can be viewed online via the website calendar. Brian expressed his frustration re the difficulties of accessing the website on ipad or iphone. John suggested using either Puffin or Dolphin browser apps. for tablet or mobile devices, as our site uses flash player technology. Secretaries are asked to submit area events (if they haven't done so already) and indicate which are open to other Readers (give time/date/venue.) Holland Area - noted awaiting appointment of a new warden.</p>	<p>Warden</p> <p>Warden & Chairman</p> <p>Warden</p> <p>Warden</p>
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7.	<p>Grantham Area – Brian Stagg reported that a successful quiet day was held last summer. The Elloes – just finalised appointment of warden. Lincoln – outing planned to Southwell for a Quiet Day.</p> <p>Future Dates for 2017 Quiet Days: 9.30 am to 4 pm. 18th March - Edenham 8th April - St Michael's Little Coates 17th May – Governing Body Meeting at Horncastle Methodist Church 24th June – Bishop's Study Day at Birchwood 6th September – Governing Body Meeting at Horncastle Methodist Church 29th September to 1st October – Retreat at Willersley Castle 7th October – Annual Service and AGM 25th November – Ecumenical Study Day – venue tba 13th October 2018 – Annual Service and AGM</p>																
8	<p>Any other urgent business</p>																
8.1	<p>The Chairman wished to record his thanks to Sara Edwardes for all her hard work as Secretary General and to wish her well in her future ministry in High Wycombe. Sally has her new address and email. John to reset the password for the secretary's email account.</p>	Chairman															
8.2	<p>Annual returns Sally expressed her disappointment at the low numbers of Readers who completed the last Annual Return. Area Wardens currently do not get a copy of the results. It was agreed to try a Survey Monkey type online survey and collate the results on line. For those Readers not on the internet, a paper version would be available. John to explore the quality of the free version and /or ask the Diocese if they use a pro version. It was suggested that questions could include asking if Readers participate in alternative expressions of ministry, what their training needs are, training completed and may be what people have been reading?</p> <p>The meeting ended at 3.05 pm with a short service of worship.</p> <p>Future Governing Body meetings - prayers to be led by:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="260 1547 1198 1722"> <tr> <td></td> <td>Holland Area</td> <td>January 2017</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>W. Lindsey/Scunthorpe Area</td> <td>May 2017</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Grimsby Area</td> <td>September 2017</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Grantham Area</td> <td>January 2018</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Elloe Area</td> <td>May 2018</td> </tr> </table>		Holland Area	January 2017		W. Lindsey/Scunthorpe Area	May 2017		Grimsby Area	September 2017		Grantham Area	January 2018		Elloe Area	May 2018	Chairman & Warden
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