



Minutes of the meeting of the Lincolnshire Reader Board on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7pm via zoom.

## MINUTES

Present:

Sue Slater (Chair)

Marion Hewis (Vice Chair)

Clare Lindsay (LST Link & Lay Ministry Development Lead Lincoln)

Jenny Ballantyne (Lay Ministry Wellbeing Lead Lincoln)

Sally Buck (Warden of Lay Ministry)

Nigel Bacon (Strategy Lead)

(in attendance for Minute Taking – Jenny Stuart)

Apologies:

Pat Barlow (Lay Ministry Wellbeing Lead Stow and Lindsey)

Malcolm Knapp (Lay Ministry Development Lead Stow and Lindsey)

Jane Robertson (Lay Ministry Wellbeing Lead Boston) present via zoom link

Geraldine Pond (Lay Ministry Development Lead Boston)

	<b>ACTION</b>
1. <b>Opening Prayer</b> – (NB)	
2. <b>Welcome and Introduction</b> (SS)	
3. <b>Formal Approval of Minutes 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b> a) Claire Lindsay was also Development lead for Lincoln	
4. <b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b> a) <b>Interview Day – 9<sup>th</sup> April.</b> Stage 1 carousel interviews for potential ordinands and 1 strong Reader candidate. The other Reader candidate could not attend. 11 <sup>th</sup> June for all ordinands (other Reader candidate unable to attend. Sonia (the Revd Sonia Barron Diocesan Director of Ordinands and Vocations) had developed a process for potential ordinand/reader candidates to take forward for the future. 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2 candidates and 1 possible returner. CL/SB to work out contacting returner. Sonia to meet with 2-3 Reader Board members over the summer/into next year to plan shaping of sessions on process for Readers/Finance for Reader Training. b) SB was given approval to continue with the arrangements. c) A few more vocations advisers were needed (suggested the 3 Development Leads meet with Sonia to get some publicity out). d) Academic Year Plan to be drawn up. GP had the background to lead on it. e) Needs:	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CL/SB</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SB</b> <b>CL</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>GP</b></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Accessible, well-functioning website</li> <li>ii) General information about lay ministry being more than a service rota filler (possibly under the umbrella of the College of St Hugh.)</li> </ul> <p>SB/NB to talk to Nicola (Mrs Nicola Snelling, Strategic Programme Manager) regarding what is coming up on TTCT.</p>	<b>SB/NB</b>
<p><b>5 Update on Meeting with Hugh Jones – 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022</b>  Attended by MH, NB, CL, SS, PB  To discuss vision for College of St Hugh.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Public ministry had been all about priestly ministry. Learning and teaching about the faith is for every member.</li> <li>ii) Vocations too highly focused on ordained ministry rather than lifelong journey for all the baptised – making new disciples, helping people grown in faith, discerning vocations, staying fresh.</li> <li>iii) Tag line – Learn, Grow and Share.</li> <li>iv) College of St Hugh to be launched at the end of September.</li> <li>v) Role for Warden of Lay Ministry – confident, reader formation, training clergy and readers together.</li> <li>vi) HJ would like to meet with Reader Board, possibly in July – extra Reader Board meeting.</li> <li>vii) Diocesan Gathering 16-18 June is for all active clergy and Readers with the Bishop’s Licence (not ALMs) plus ordinands, Readers in training and DBF staff "The Ministry We Share".</li> </ul>	
<p><b>6. Lay Gathering Feedback</b>  Gap between 400 invited and 30 who tuned in. Technical problems/lack of experience?  Would like some face-to-face opportunities – social, training, good speaker, theme, some don’t like training on zoom. Regional gatherings would work well in some areas but not others. Training days within Archdeaconries would be beneficial. Need to collaborate in Deanery Partnerships. Pre and post licensing/ordination on relevant subjects (to discuss with CMD/Jackie Johnson). Consider inviting Jackie to Reader Board meetings for a year to link up.  Each Archdeaconry lead could organise 3 events July/August/September to bring people together. By mid-June put out programme of events in the Diocese for ALMs/Readers.</p>	<b>CL/JB</b>
<p><b>7. Archdeaconry Lead Plans outlined.</b>  Bishop Stephen has asked for a Lay Formation Course to be formed.</p>	
<p><b>8. Time to Change Together \update – NB</b>  Recruitment for a Communications Officer had not been successful. An agency was now involved. Database to be updated listing number of stipendiary clergy, NSMs, PTOs Readers, ALMs.  3 webinars for clergy and Readers with PTO had been held. Clergy dominated. Plea for people to engage.  SB reported low energy/morale. Not many had signed up for Swanwick. Element of uncertainty. People with positive outlook needed to galvanise and give hope. Leadership required that motivates – acknowledging any difficulties</p>	

<p>but building commitment. Collaborative ministry.</p>	
<p><b>9. Warden's Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Swanwick – draft programme shared. SB to provide a copy for the Minutes. 31 of the 39 places had been taken.  Content to be based on Prayer – teaching, leadership, time for prayer  Suggested Theme for the beginning of Creationtide – Burning Bush  Sarah Spencer to be invited as guest artist in residence for the weekend..</li> <li>ii) Launde 2023 – deposit had been paid. 39 places. MH is the contact.</li> </ul>	<p><b>SB</b></p>
<p><b>10. Date of Next Meeting</b> to be circulated.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.24pm with prayer.</p>	