



Minutes of the meeting of the Lincolnshire Reader Board on Saturday, 25th February 2023 at 10am hosted by Bishop Nicholas at 8 Ridge View, Harmston.

MINUTES

Present:

Bishop Nicholas (President)

Marion Hewis (Chair)

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

Jenny Ballantyne (Lay Ministry Wellbeing Lead Lincoln)

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)

Jenny Stuart (Minute Secretary)

	ACTION
1. Welcome and Opening Prayer – Bishop Nicholas thanked for his time and hospitality.	
2. Apologies – Geraldine Pond, Nigel Bacon, Sue Slater	
3. Formal Approval of Minutes 24th October 2022 - approved	
4. Matters Arising from the Minutes a) Sue co-opted onto Reader Board in an advisory role. b) Marion and Clare would be the contacts for the National Lay Ministry network until the new Warden was in post. c) Two meetings had been held to look at the new constitution (Clare, Marion, Nigel and Georgina Richardson (ALM)). d) Jenny had agreed to be Vice Chair (endorsed by Bishop Nicholas). e) Zoom lay gatherings would continue, with thanks to Jenny and David for facilitating them.	JB
5. Update on Vacant Warden of Lay Ministry Post – Bishop Nicholas The advert had gone out and applications had been received. Possible interview date of 30 th March.	
6. Plans for Launde Retreat – September 15th-17th 2023 a) Marion to talk to Ann Treacy regarding Diocesan contribution for Readers and ALMs. b) MH to email Bishop Nigel (Clare to provide contact details) and let the Diocesan Office know the date of the retreat. c) Theme – Mud on Our Boots – Walking with God in Greater Lincolnshire Programme suggestions - i) Session I - Practical self-care and well-being, (Jackie Johnson) ii) Focal act of worship - collaborative communion service with greater lay	MH MH/CL CL

<p>input</p> <p>iii) Saturday afternoon – free time</p> <p>iv) Session 2 - Lincolnshire writer (Derek Turner, Terry Miller). Bishop Nicholas to ask Georgina to research Derek Turner availability.</p> <p>v) Session 3 – Creative Liturgy</p> <p>vi) Session 4 – Prayer Walk/Stations</p> <p>d) Resources Room –borrow resources from Edward King House. Ask people to bring and share resources.</p> <p>e) Jane to circulate the poem – ‘Sheep Fair Day’ by Kerry Hardie.</p>	<p>Bishop N</p> <p>JR</p>
<p>7. Plans for Annual Service and AGM</p> <p>a) MH to ask Nick Brown for Cathedral availability for 14th October.</p> <p>b) No Readers to be licensed at the service. (Jane Perkins to be licensed at Waddington on 26th February). 1 reader to be licensed next year.</p> <p>c) Suggestion that laity preach, read the gospel and pray.</p> <p>d) CL to check if Edward King House is available. If not, explore facilities at nearby churches i.e. St Mary Magdalene.</p>	<p>MH/CL</p> <p>CL</p>
<p>8. Reader Returns</p> <p>a) MH has a meeting with Emma Camm in the last week of March and hopes to have the figures by then. CL to talk to Emma about extracting the data. Jenny happy to help.</p> <p>b) No request for figures from CRC to date.</p>	<p>CL</p>
<p>9. Development and Wellbeing Updates</p> <p>a) Stow & Lindsey – Communication issues. Encouraging number of ALMs requesting training – Hugh Jones to be invited to next Reader Board to discuss specific actions to take in signposting anyone who wants to be in Lay Ministry to the Archdeaconry Development leads. Possibility of Development and Wellbeing leads attending Chapter meetings. Pat and Malcolm to see if they can have a discussion at a Deanery Synod meeting.</p> <p>b) Lincoln – 10 ALMs to be authorised on 1st July. Reader Board members asked to attend in support. Training needed for those already authorised. More copies needed for ALM candidates of ‘To Love and Serve the Lord’.</p>	<p>MH</p> <p>MN/PB</p>
<p>Lunch break</p>	
<p>10. Confirm Dates for Next Zoom Lay Gatherings</p> <p>Jenny will co-host with technical assistance.</p> <p>18th April 7pm – TTCT Update (Nigel)</p> <p>20th June 7pm (Jenny Stuart will lead intercessions)</p> <p>5th September 7pm (Clare will lead intercessions)</p> <p>14th November – look back at Retreat</p>	
<p>11. Update from Constitution Working Party</p> <p>(Marion, Clare, Nigel, Georgina) Mainly incorporating ALM element.</p> <p>a) With Sue for proof reading and then to Bishop Nicholas</p> <p>b) Chair would be a Reader</p> <p>c) 2 Vice Chairs - a Reader and an ALM</p> <p>d) Name – would reflect Readers and ALMs</p>	
<p>12. Update on College of St Hugh</p> <p>a) Move back to Edward King House in progress</p> <p>b) Concern had been expressed regarding training needs and communication</p> <p>c) Some members of the Board felt a proper relaunch with advertising might be beneficial.</p> <p>d) Move towards the possibility of a digital learning platform.</p> <p>e) The Diocesan website needs work and is under review. The College of St</p>	

<p>Hugh Team are working on the areas that relate to mission, ministry and training.</p> <p>f) Resource Centre – need to promote this. No librarian at present but staff member in the office to help with access to resource centre,</p> <p>g) Hugh Jones to be invited to provide an update on the College at the next meeting.</p>	
<p>13. Additional Items for Discussion</p> <p>a) ALM training (direction,/length/continuous development) – Hugh Jones to discuss ALM training at the next meeting.</p> <p>b) Feedback from National Lay Ministry Network – sharing how other Dioceses were dealing with training needs and training packages used.</p>	
<p>14. Date of Next Meeting - Explore availability of Edward King House for a date in May (invite Hugh Jones to attend)</p>	NH/CL
<p>The meeting closed with prayer, and best wishes to Jane on her forthcoming move to Pickering.</p>	

Save the Dates

Launde Retreat – September 15th-17th 2023

Annual Service and AGM – provisional date 14th October 2023

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Recommended Reading

Edge of England – Landfall in Lincolnshire (Derek Turner)

Beating the Bounds – Walks and Rides in the Millennium Year (Terry Miller)

David Almond children's books

Storyland - Amy Jeffs