



Minutes of the meeting of the Lincolnshire Reader Board on Wednesday, 3rd May 2023 at 7pm at Edward King House

MINUTES

Present:

Marion Hewis (Chair)

Clare Lindsay (LST Link & Lay Ministry Development 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~~

Sue Slater (Advisory)

Nigel Bacon (Strategy Lead)

Hugh Jones, Warden of College of St Hugh's (present by invitation)

Jenny Stuart (Minute Secretary)

	ACTION
1. Welcome and Opening Prayer – MH welcomed Hugh Jones to give an update on the College of St Hugh. MK opened the meeting in prayer.	
2. Apologies – Jenny Ballantyne	
3. Formal Approval of Minutes 22nd February 2023 proposed JR, seconded CL- approved. JS to send Minutes to John Marshall for the website.	JS
4. Matters Arising from the Minutes – there were no matters arising that were not already covered in the agenda.	
5. College of St Hugh – Hugh Jones (Warden) – supporting training and resources for mission and ministry with lifelong Christian learning at its heart. a) Work was in progress to merge the Lincoln School of Theology with St Hild, Sheffield. This would give more options and online groups would be part of a larger cohort. b) Some volume of in-person, face-to-face teaching to take place in Lincoln Diocese for both readers and Ordinands. c) The student body had been informed and a public announcement was expected in the new year. d) In answer to a question from MH, HJ confirmed that the College of St Hugh's would meet local training needs, including those identified by ALMs to their Archdeaconry Leads and Mission Enablers. St Hild's would only be providing Durham Common Awards (degrees). e) The next priority would be digital support (learning platform and a gateway for signing up for ministerial in-person training). A bid was being made for national church funds towards a Digital Learning Officer. f) New ministerial titles were being considered (i.e. focal ministers etc.) Bishop David to get together with Reader Board and Mission Enablers. g) HJ happy to attend chapter meetings etc. to talk about vocations for everyone.	MH/HJ
6. Update on Vacant Warden of Lay Ministry Post – HJ gave an oral update.	
7. Plans for Launde Retreat – September 15th-17th 2023	

<p>a) The Diocese had agreed to subsidise attendees.</p> <p>b) Sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Saturday morning – practical self-care and well-being (Jackie Johnson) ii) Focal act of worship - collaborative communion service with greater lay input iii) Saturday afternoon – free time iv) Saturday evening - Lincolnshire writer (Derek Turner (Georgie to contact him re availability or Terry Miller). v) Creative Liturgy vi) Prayer Room/Walk/Stations vii) Resources Room –borrow resources from Edward King House. Ask people to bring and share resources. 	<p>MH/CL</p> <p>CL</p>
<p>8. Plans for Annual Service and AGM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Confirmed at the Cathedral 14th October. Dates now booked for the next 2 years. b) No Readers to be licensed at the service. Two transfers into the Diocese and would like to recognise new ALMs. c) Holy Communion service. Suggestion that laity preach, read the gospel and pray. d) AGM in the King Room, Edward King House following the service. 	
<p>9. Reader Returns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Carried forward to next meeting. 67 replies received from 127 returns sent out. 	
<p>10. Development and Wellbeing Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Stow & Lindsey – continuing communication issues. Those wanting to go forward to ministry finding difficulties progressing. Concern that discernment be done properly and making sure people are in the right place. b) Boston – Deanery leads identifying people in the Mission Partnership to enable/resource them. c) Any vacancies for development or wellbeing leads open to ALMs as well as Readers. 	
<p>11. Confirm Dates for Next Zoom Lay Gatherings</p> <p>Jenny will co-host with technical assistance.</p> <p>20th June 7pm (Jenny Stuart will lead intercessions) - MH invited suggestions for the theme (possibly Archdeaconry Leads take it in turns to lead).</p> <p>5th September 7pm (Clare will lead intercessions)</p> <p>14th November – look back at Retreat</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>12. Update from Constitution Working Party</p> <p>(Marion, Clare, Nigel, Georgina) Working party– included an ALM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Meeting in January to review draft agreed revisions after circulation to members of the working group, after which NB will discuss with Bishop Nicholas, following which NB to send draft constitution to HJ. b) Draft would then go to Reader Board and then AGM. 	<p>NB</p>
<p>13. Additional Items for Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Bishop Nicholas on 3-month Sabbatical July-September. 	
<p>14. Date of Next Meeting -</p> <p>19th July 7pm, possibly at Edward King House.</p> <p>Further brief meeting at Launde 16th September, time to be confirmed re Annual Service/AGM.</p>	
<p>The meeting closed with prayer.</p>	

Save the Dates

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Annual Service and AGM – 14th October 2023

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