Core Group Manresa Link

**Draft Minutes (for Website) of 17.02.2022**

**Present:** All members, with one apology and one visiting to discern whether being part of the Core Group was for them

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| **Minutes:** | **Action:** |
| **Opening** We welcomed a visitor and learnt of new arrivals in Birmingham.  **Prayer** was offered  **Apologies** and **Minutes of last meeting** wereaccepted  **Matters arising not covered under main agenda items:**  Matters arising: Diversity – to return to next meeting  Item 5: Photos of Core Group members for website |  |
| 1. **Core Group membership** 2. a) Email received from one discerning the role of training/development coordinator. Two sections from email about this were discussed: 3. Ensuring a paced calendar of events so that all who wish can know what is being planned and meetings/ Retreats are not all bunched into small time of the year. We were grateful for work on this and saw the benefit of coordinating with the website 4. A development group might be one way to capture ideas, gifts, desires of members to ensure that suggestions (e.g. at AGM) are not lost and we encourage all within ML to use their giftings. This group was not to be bureaucratic but to enable the ML family tree to expand fruitfully 5. After further discussion, we could send paper round all members and perhaps take to AGM |  |
| 1. b) Core Group Membership: There is a vacancy for longer term communications person. We have a temporary holder of these tasks.   Work involves maintaining database and sending out emails.  Suggestion: Put out appeal to membership with short job description, acknowledging John happy to coach. later we wondered whether this role might include the pastoral keeping in touch with people??  The appeal could include:  ‘If you want to do something within Manresa Link which is not yet happening or to develop something that is, please get in touch with any of the Core Group as we want ML to be dynamic: changing and developing to offer Ignatian spirituality in different, helpful ways’ |  |
| 1.c) Members of Core Group: We were encouraged to discern who might have the passion, gifts and graces for encouraging diversity, supporting training and has the wisdom of many years practice |  |
| 1. Spring Meeting    1. Any comments on topic/format   In the information to go round for a second time to all members, it would be good to show what the afternoon might look like and to remind members to register to get the pre-meeting links.  The afternoon to include reflection and practise on the examen. It will give opportunity to connect with others, to learn more and to share resources |  |
| 2b. Volunteers found for practical aspects on the day:   * + 1. Taizé music playing as people gather     2. Opening prayer (sung?)     3. prep before/tidy up at end (3-4) |  |
| 1. Maintaining contact with membership   Agreed we would have some more discussion, then possible paper to all members to have further discussion at A.G.M. so that any ways are not an imposition.  Initial thoughts:  It is good to share the pastoral care of each other  Communications person may wish to take on informal contacts  The regional groups, some of which started after last AGM are part of the picture as is the WhatsApp group  Decisions were not made but we saw that perhaps part of the role of the core group was to notice people’s gifts and encourage them to use them | All to discern and return to at next meeting |
| 1. Safeguarding Review.   We were grateful to receive this from our Safeguarding officer and would remind people that it is on the website and should be read before Supervision and before starting a RiDL.  It would be part of the final meeting of the training course |  |
| 1. A.O.B.   A suggestion has been received that the minutes should be on the website (within the members area). As we are aware that this area is not completely private, we agreed to trial edited minutes so that anything personal was not displayed. |  |
| 1. Reports were gratefully received.   Actions from them:   1. Newsletter   Encourage people to offer articles for newsletter  Note of thanks to editor for January newsletter   1. Forthcoming RiDLs   Wise to encourage newly trained prayer guides to be involved in a RiDL early on. We noted that in present course they are offering one another a RiDL rather than a week-end retreat   1. How can we encourage follow on from basic course?   We considered a mentoring group and perhaps trainers could look at this?  We saw that integrating new members into regional groups might help them to act as nourishing groups |  |
| 1. After agreeing next meeting **Thurs 19 May**, we were led in closing prayer |  |