**Abridged Minutes of Manresa Link Core Group meeting
18-02-2021 Conducted on Zoom**

**Present**

Melissa, Simon, Maureen, Gill, Caroline, Kathryn, John

**Matters Arising**

Caroline confirmed as next Core Group rep on Supervision team, when Maureen retires from Core Group in September.

Process for updating supervisors list still underway. Maureen, John & Maria to continue with it.

19th Annotation meeting on 17th/18th April. 14 people booked in. Shorter forms – Journey Into Freedom, and the latest ISC Lent online retreat can be posted on website. Nuala’s 3 week course can be announced at Spring meeting, with thoughts about taking it forward to be discussed at May Core group meeting.

Kathryn’s video already uploaded to website. Juliet working hard at updating website design and content.

**Information only**

**Supervision Training** - course now booked for May 15th, 16th and June 19th. This is based on, and evolves from, the training course led by Ruth Holgate in 2018. It is for Manresa Link members who wish to train to be supervisors, or who would like to refresh their previous training/experience.

**Ignatian Spirituality Network** **meeting** – still to proceed, but online – Melissa and John to attend.

**Quiet morning** on 13th Feb attended by 30+ members, plus one or two others. Very successful, lots of positive feedback. Discussion about being more open to people outside of ML (a number had wanted to attend but were unable to). Accepted as a good idea, but need to address GDPR issues etc. Need to then give more input on Ignatian prayer styles.

**Feedback from meeting with EG & ISC**

Simon described how wonderful it was in how the meeting built bridges and allowed a great experience of opening up communication within and between the 3 groups.

Simon described 3 points that he thought were significant

1. Maria’s issue about people on RIDLs wanting more on discernment. ISC have developed a discernment process after one of their long-term courses about how they are called to use their training – that process is led by Alison Moody. What can we learn from that – Melissa will put Maria and Alison in touch with each other. David Smolira is also keen to be involved. If anyone else would like to join in this process they can make it known.
2. Idea of local hubs – 19th Annotation/supervision/whatever.
3. Apprenticeship model perhaps offers a good way forward. Glasgow use this for people guiding the 19th. John clarified that inclusion of a mentoring/apprenticeship model has always been part of original plans as next step after Nick Helms’ intro course.

**Newsletter** – Christine McAteer has stood down from her role in producing this. John agreed to take it on.

**Main Agenda Items**

**1. Spring meeting** 13-3-21 10:00-12:30 on Zoom.

Melissa to open the meeting. Maureen to introduce Nuala

Nuala has a paper ready for distribution, to people who register, relating to her planned input. Maureen will manage a supporting PowerPoint display.

A time for informal networking to be included.

Melissa, Maureen and Nuala to meet to finalise a timetable/structure.

John to email an announcement to membership.

**2. Core Group nominees** – discussion about the nominees, and about how many to invite.

**3. New secretary**. Discussion about possibility of splitting the role in two – Secretary and Communications Officer as per document that Melissa circulated. Gill expressed interest in Communications role, but needs more time to think about taking on the full role as it is currently. Decision that Melissa, Gill and John will discuss this over next few weeks.

**5. Zoom account** – free one set up for ML. Aim was to convert it to a paid account. However, Caroline is going to set up a paid account and said she is willing for ML to use it. Melissa suggested we have 3 or 4 people who will share the hosting of Zoom meetings.

**Closing Prayer** - John

**Next meeting** 20 May