

**Minutes of Manresa Link Core Group meeting  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

**Prayer:** Presented by Margaret Brittan – Imaginative Prayer from Pray As You Go, based on John 1:47-51

**Present:** Rob Hingley (Chair), Juliet Fletcher, Maria Price, Mary Quinn, Linda Hills, Margaret Brittan, John Price.

**Apologies:** Fr Kevin O'Rourke

**Minutes of last meeting:** Read, but minor changes needed before signing.

**Matters Arising:** Some covered by discussion about the amendments needed to the minutes, the rest will be covered by agenda items.

**Reports:**

**RIDLS** City Centre RIDL underway, with 25 retreatants. Group supervision taking place at Newman, following model introduced during the supervision training course presented recently by the St Bueno's team.

Lent 2017 – RIDL wanted by Fr Allen Morris – initially for his parish (RC) in Boldmere, but he is open to making it into a larger, ecumenical one, and a planning meeting is taking place shortly.

**Training** BTC underway, with 18 participants. Discussion took place re the prospect of commencing annual courses now, with two separate teams who would perhaps alternate. This was agreed, and current experienced trainers to be canvassed about one of them taking the lead next year. Also noted that there is a desire for ongoing training – but needs further discussion.

**Membership Issues:** Discussion around request from someone to become member of Manresa Link. They had done the training some years ago, but never took part in any RIDLS. Has recently done Lichfield Diocese training course. Decision that having done BTC she is entitled to join, but we need clarification about why she wants to join. If it is to take part in RIDLS, then she may need support. Discussion included issues about how to assess (or if we should assess) if Prayer Guides were actually suitable or not, but this will need more time than was available at this meeting.

Core Group – Maureen Slattery-Marsh unable to join at this stage because of other new commitments. Tricia Hall-Matthews &/or Max Jourdiere to be approached instead.

There is an urgent need to appoint a new treasurer designate. Clive Weston wishes to retire, but is willing to continue for a year, whilst his eventual replacement shadows him. Decision to email the membership to see if anyone is interested/willing. The Treasurer does not need to be a member of Manresa Link (Clive Weston isn't) so the spouse of a member would be acceptable. As part of this discussion it was also agreed that new signatories to the bank account would be John and Margaret.

**Meeting with Spiritual Director's Forum:**

Agreed to take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017, at 7.30pm at Manresa House.

**Constitution:** This has been amended to update the website address. Amended version was agreed by Core Group and signed by Rob.

We then ran out of time!

**Next Core Group meeting:** Agreed to be 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016 at 7.30pm at Manresa House.