

MINUTES

MEETING OF KNOX INTER-FAITH NETWORK

Held Monday 2nd February 2004 at Knox Civic Centre

The Chairperson invited Peter from the Catholic Community to open the meeting with a reading and blessing.

1. PRESENT

Representatives of Faith Communities Present:

Knox Council
 St. Vincent de Paul/Ferntree Gully Catholic Church
 St John the Baptist Catholic Church, FTG
 Temple Society
 Boronia Catholic Church
 St. Simons Church Rowville
 Bahai Faith
 Ferntree Gully Uniting
 Boronia Uniting Church
 Knox Presbyterian Church, Wantirna
 Ecumenical & Interfaith Commission, Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne.
 Scoresby
 Knox Reconciliation Group

2. APOLOGIES

Bahai Faith
 Knox Council
 ISOMER -Islamic Society of Melbourne, Eastern Region

3. REVIEW AND CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Chairperson welcomed Lynda Thompson from Youth Services Dept. of Knox Council.

4. KNOX COUNCIL HARMONY DAY INITIATIVE

Lynda gave an overview and stated objective of the group, which is to 'celebrate multi-culturalism and help overcome racialism'.

This will be celebrated on 21st March 2004 with the support and participation from the Migrant Resource Centre, Box Hill and people from the **Warrangerry** Reconciliation Group.

Knox Council will send out invites to various schools in the Knox region to attend a lunch followed by workshops on 'diversity' on 21st March.

These youth will be expected to take back the knowledge and resources obtained from these workshops, to your own school environment with the view to help teach and foster diversity and inclusion for all cultures.

5. PRESENTATION OF FAITH BY THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

A broad overview and the Catholic faith, its beliefs, how they celebrate and worship, Seasons of the liturgical year, precepts of the Church, the explanation on seven Sacraments

Of the church was put together by the Catholic Communities of Boronia, Ferntree Gully and Rowville.

Deacon, Peter then followed with a overview on Catholicism, followed by various members giving an overview/explanation on the seven Sacraments.

6 MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING [1st December 2003]

- 6.1 - Communities Together Initiative:
Sally, gave an overview on up coming event on “Communities Together” to be held at Knox Community Arts Centre, cnr. Mountain Hway and Scoresby Road, Bayswater on Saturday 7th February, 5 – 7

Groups are asked to contribute donations of food for this event.

There will be 2 more gathers later this year, more information to come.

- 6.2 - Web Site
Rowland advised that due to study commitments his daughter will not be able to help with this site.
Action Item: Check if Susanne has any contacts to help with this.

- 6.3 Knox Council Reconciliation Initiative -Ray
Meeting last week was a good one, the group hopes to participate in the Knox Harmony Day. The group will also be doing something to contribute to Reconciliation Day at the end of May 2004.

General: “**Constitution**” - Rowland
Confirmation that we agreed to changes in the wording in the Constitution under ‘Operation’ to add “and a Publicity Officer” and under ‘Membership’ paragraph 2, to change from “annum” to “calendar year”

“Object” Rowland moved, seconded by many present to add at the beginning of 1st paragraph “A Community” to encourage proper.....

“Vilification” - David
David advised that there was a network meeting held and Bilal Cleland is yet to send his write up.

- 7.0 David also asked if there could be some representation for the Interfaith group at the next meeting on 9th March 2004, at the Islamic Mosque at 66-68, Jeffcott Street, West Melbourne.

Ray, suggested we find a “Logo”, to be discussed at the next meeting.

- 8 Next visits and meetings

- 8.1 Sikh Gurdwara, Wednesday 3rd March 2004,
127 Whitehorse Road, Blackburn
Assume this will still be on unless otherwise informed at a later date.
Action Item: Peter will send email to confirm with Sikh community.

Draft for discussion

Sally will do the official duties for and on behalf of the Knox Interfaith Network at this meeting.

Peter will be an apology.

- 8.2 Blessing and presentation for 29th March by Church of Christ

Action item: Sally to contact Peter to confirm if this event is happening.

In the event of 8.2 not happening, the group will spend some time discuss our “vision and what the group can put into action moving forward.”

- 8.3 Visitation for May: One Catholic community will do this.

Action Item: Sally to try to contact someone from the Hindu faith in the hope we could do a visitation to them sometime in May or June.

- 8.4 Presentations for 7 June and 2nd August: Held over until next meeting

Meeting end at 10:15pm.
