

MINUTES

MEETING OF KNOX INTER-FAITH NETWORK

Held Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2004 at Knox Civic Centre**1. PRESENT**

Representatives of Faith Communities Present:

Bahai Faith  
 Boronia Uniting Church  
 St. Vincent de Paul/Ferntree Gully Catholic Church  
 Knox Presbyterian Church, Wantirna  
 Boronia Catholic Church  
 Melbourne Immigration Centre, Eastern Region  
 St. Simons Church Rowville  
 Ferntree Gully Uniting Church  
 Rowville Uniting Church  
 Knox Reconciliation Group  
 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints  
 ISOMER – Islamic Society of Melbourne, Eastern Region  
 Bayswater Catholic Church  
 Temple Society  
 Boronia Church of Christ

**2. APOLOGIES**

ISOMER – Islamic Society of Melbourne, Eastern Region  
 Ferntree Gully Uniting  
 Sikh Faith  
 Ecumenical & Interfaith Commission, Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Welcome Reading based on “Sermon on the Mount” read by Graeme Shane, Bishop from the Church of Latter-Day Saints gave an overview of their Church, some of the main points covered:

- Church was founded in the USA, in 1830 by Joseph Smith
- Temples are used more for sealing of families, not necessarily as a place for daily worship.
- They have two types of buildings (a) Place of worship (b) Christendom
- Their Missionaries go out in pairs, taking leave of study or work and they fund their own mission work.
- The Church worldwide current growth rate is 4% p.a.
- They believe in 2 marriages, one being the normal marriage between man and women and then the sealed in the Temple for Eternity from here after.
- They also believe in the process of sealing your children to you for Eternity
- Family history library day, will be held at their church on Cathies Lane Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> Aug.
- Some basic believes of the church are eating certain types of food and drinking alcohol beverages and also tea and coffee are not good for your body

5.1 Logo: Peter passed around for a 2<sup>nd</sup> take on the logo, comments were:

§ text needed to be bigger

§ Maybe add Knox Interfaith & or Knox Council

Peter to take away and work further on this and present at the December meeting for

further discussions/comments.

Web Site: Connie informed that we have a someone from work who will help set this up. Peter to asked Beverley check with Council on funding available to us

Migrant Information Centre events: Steering Committee formed 2 weeks ago.  
Major concerns: community education and greater Islamic participation in community type functions, not enough inter-action between Muslims and non-Muslims.

Comment made by Beverley; there is a concern that other faith communities have made an effort to visit the Islamic centre but the Islamic community has not done same.

Merrat comments were, maybe a neutral meeting ground may be a better option for most Islamic people as there is a general feeling of fear under the current world circumstances.

Sally suggested may be each faith community invite someone to come and talk to their communities then continue that work with other communities.

Peter suggested that maybe as a group we could write a brief letter for publication in the Knox local paper. This idea was supported my Morris and seconded by Sally and support by majority present.

***A suggestion was given to Aly to take back to the Islamic community about organizing a working Bee for 9<sup>th</sup> November.***

- 5.2 Treasurer's report: Balance \$XXX, no transactions to report
6. Other items of interest:
  - 6.1 events per the agenda
  - 6.2 Family History Day Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Aug, 76 Cathies Lane, Wantirna
  - 6.3 Interfaith Symposium, Theme: ***Forgiveness, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Aug.*** Speakers will share their views on forgiveness and their believes – between 9:45 – 4pm
  - 6.4 Peace Under One God Rally: Similar to Jewish/Christian/Muslim Leaders in America did last year, there is a call for all to go to the Holy Land 7 – 21<sup>st</sup> August. [flyers issued]
  - 6.5 Lord Mayor's Charitable Trust Concert - September 4<sup>th</sup> 8 am. Graeme to send email on this. For bookings call 9650 3939 cost \$25.00 each.
  - 6.6 Connie to continue as minute secretary - nominated by Peter seconded by Sally and Beverley.
- 7 Confirm next visits and meetings
  - 7.1 Visitation plan for September and November - [see 6.5]  
Sikh community to investigate
  - 7.2 Sally has Vera Link booked for Oct 4<sup>th</sup> to come and present to Inter-faith  
***Sally to discuss with Riad the format and will both communities be presenting***
  - 7.2. (a) Buddhist Community – still trying to get a speaker
  - 7.3 Other Plans for 2004/2005 - held over due to time.

*Draft for discussion*

Early notice - Peter will be away on 6<sup>th</sup> December and will not be at that meeting.

Meeting closed 9:45pm.