



MINUTES

MEETING OF KNOX INTER-FAITH NETWORK

Held Monday 7 April 2008 at Knox Civic Centre

www.knoxinterfaith.org.au

PRESENT:

Representatives of Faith Communities Present:

(Chairperson)	Our Lady of Lourdes Bayswater, Catholic Church
(Vice-chairperson)	Egyptian Coptic Church
(Treasurer)	Temple Society, Bayswater
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	Sikh Faith
	Hindu Faith
	St Thomas More's Catholic Church, Belgrave
	ISOMER
	Knox Presbyterian Church, Wantirna
	Boronia Church of Christ
Lisette Pine	Knox Council, Access and Inclusion Officer

Guests:

APOLOGIES:

Cr David Cooper	Knox Council, Scott Ward
	Islamic Society of Melbourne, Eastern Region (ISOMER)
	Uniting Church, Ferntree Gully
	St Josephs Boronia, Catholic Church
	St Simon's Catholic Parish, Rowville

1. Opening

The meeting was opened at 7:40pm by Gwenda who welcomed everyone. In the absence of the representatives of the Tecoma Tibetan Buddhist Temple, we proceeded to the business as per agenda circulated.

2. Minutes from 4 February 2008 Meeting

These minutes were confirmed.

3. Brochure

Rowland reported.

On the motion of Riad and Maher, it was resolved unanimously that the text of the brochure as submitted be adopted

It will be formatted into an A3 size folded to A4 and then in three giving 12 panels in all. It will be on white semi-matt with colour with our logo on the front and small logos of the 4 groups described. Our web address will be prominent. Faith communities are requested to furnish links for their community to suitable web sites so that those wanting more info can find good sources.

On the motion of Riad and Rod, it was resolved unanimously that quotations for printing be obtained utilizing the \$2,710 (net of GST) in hand (including interest of \$110) and any donations made or promised between now and production. The completed brochure to be ready for 16 May 2008.

4. Multicultural Advisory Body

In the absence of Cr Cooper, Lisette reported on the meeting to be held 15 April at 6.30pm.

5. Knox Media Department

Gwenda reported on her meeting with Knox Media Dept. They were willing to assist with press release for brochure launch. As regards a link of our website on the KCC website, Lisette promised to assist in this with Gwenda. It was noted that the google link to our site seems to be broken, and our site does not come up. Peter was asked to attend to this.

6. Sacred space at Eastern Health

No special report. Lisette recounted an interesting story related to help given a bereaved aboriginal family.

7. Event reports

JCMA Women's Conference 18/20 February 2008. Gwenda reported – 42 attended 17 Christians, 17 Jews & 8 Muslims. Theme was "Celebrating Difference within and between our faiths". Gwenda attended Women's Interfaith Dinner run by AIS. There were about 350 people; excellent speakers; Israeli and Turkish dancing. Riad and Gwenda had attended the celebration of Muhammad's birthday at the Cardinal Knox Centre. About 300 were there, 87% Muslims, many young.

8. Treasurer's report

The balance is \$XXX.XX as at the end of March. There is also an amount of \$2,710 including interest on deposit at the Presbyterian Church for the brochure. Rolf reported comprehensively on past and present members. There are currently 11 financial communities in the Network. Members were to encourage others to join.

9. Future items

- a. JCMA 2008 Conference at Pallotti, Millgrove 26-29 May.
- b. Victorian Interfaith Networks Annual Conference 22 June, 1.30-3pm, Supper Room, Melbourne Town Hall, followed by Concert.
- c. Pat Rivett advises FTG Uniting are collecting food for refugees.
- d. JCMA are running a Seminar on 13 April 3-6pm at Myer Asia Centre, University of Melbourne. Subject: "What do the three Abrahamic monotheistic faiths mean when they talk about peace."

10. Plans for 2008

- Tecoma Buddhist meeting to be rescheduled – Gwenda will contact.
- 2 June – Presentation from The Basin Hindu Community. It was noted that was a special Hindu celebration at the Basin on Saturday 26 April. Lisette promised to email Gwenda further details so that she can advise members.
- 4 August – Meal (to be vegetarian, no alcohol – details to be settled at next meeting) and planning. Rowland or Peter to give short dinner talk (5 minutes) on history of the Network. Lisette promised to advise re protocol for BYO in council chambers.

11. Other Items

- Victorian Multicultural Commission grants. Maher and Mark reported. Lisette stressed effort required and modest size of grants typically \$800-900. She was willing to advise/assist. Grants applications for the balance of 2008 were about to close. Keep in mind for future.
- Riad and Rowland proposed and it was agreed that we finalise an approach to local schools at our next meeting.
- Riad raised the question and it was noted that use of part of our accumulated general funds for the brochure was recognised if necessary.
- Rolf reported he would be overseas 7 May to 12 July and Mark would be the Temple Society voting delegate.

CLOSING: The meeting ended at 9.20pm.