



MINUTES – DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED

MEETING OF KNOX INTER-FAITH NETWORK

Held Monday 6 October 2014 at Knox Civic Centre

PRESENT:

Representatives of Faith Communities present:

(President)	Uniting Church, FTG
(Vice-president)	Janssen Spirituality Centre, Boronia
(Treasurer)	Temple Society Australia
(Secretary)	St Simons Catholic Church, Rowville
	Uniting Church, FTG
	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
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APOLOGIES:

(Publicity Officer)	Egyptian Coptic Church
	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

GUESTS

Sandy Kouroupidis	Muslim
	Faith Communities Council of Victoria
	St John the Baptist Anglican Church, Wantirna South

WELCOME AND OPENING BLESSING:

Pat opened the meeting at 7:10pm and provided the prayer.

The draft agenda was reviewed and one item re-ordered to the start (6.3) – presentation on Victorian Interfaith Networks Conference and one item added (presentation by Riad).

1. VICTORIAN INTERFAITH NETWORKS CONFERENCE

- Sandy provided an overview of the conference and encouraged people to register and to arrive early to get their first choice of seminars.
- Discussion ensued about how to attract members to the Network and retain them. A key element is the need to build personal relationships and make it relevant to their motivations and interests.
- Network members intending to register are: Gwenda, Pat and Peter.

2. PRESENTATION BY RIAD

- Riad gave a presentation about his recent visit to Jerusalem with other Muslims and faith representatives of the Jewish and Christian communities.

- He also provided some comments on the genesis of Islamic State and the implications for good relations in the community.
- Sandy suggested engagement with younger people or schools to run tours of places of worship. This has been run successfully on the Mornington Peninsula. Riad reminded the Network members of the JCMA Schools Program. Both of these programs have a cost associated. Famih noted that he would be able to recruit Muslim volunteers who would be able to give presentations at no charge.

3. MINUTES/ACTIONS FROM LAST NETWORK MEETING

3.1 Minutes of meeting of 4 August 2014:

Minutes moved for acceptance: Mark; Seconded: Gwenda. Approved.

3.2 Actions Arising:

- Insurance: Knox Council has provided funding for one further year of insurance funding through Cr. Peter Lockwood's Ward Contingency Funds.
- Asset Register: Now in place.

4. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

1. The end September bank balance is \$XXX, of which \$YYY is the remainder of the VMC/OMAC funding, leaving a true Network balance of \$ZZZ.

5. EVENTS ATTENDED:

1. Bridge of Peace event: Gwenda reported on a very successful event and the support for the Network's involvement through releasing of doves. The Network thanked Mark for his idea and Gwenda, Lola and Lee for their participation.

6. POSSIBLE FUTURE EVENTS

- A visit to Southern Cemeteries – this could be done on a weekend
- Bayswater Community Festival (22 November, 10am-4pm) – it was decided to pass on this for 2014 and consider other events in 2015.

7. REMAINING MEETINGS FOR 2014

7.1 Dates for meetings:

- November – likely to be the annual joint meeting with KMAC on a date to be advised

8. NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 9:25pm.