



MINUTES – DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED

MEETING OF KNOX INTER-FAITH NETWORK

Held Monday 13 April 2015 at Ferntree Gully Uniting Church

PRESENT:

Representatives of Faith Communities present:

(President) *	Uniting Church, FTG
(Vice-president) *	Janssen Spirituality Centre, Boronia
(Secretary) *	St Simons Catholic Church, Rowville
(Publicity Officer) *	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
*	Egyptian Coptic Church
	Uniting Church, FTG

APOLOGIES:

(Treasurer) *	Temple Society Australia
	St John's Anglican Church, Wantirna
	Sant Nirankari Mission

GUESTS

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

1. OPENING

- 1.1 Pat opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:30pm.
- 1.2 Pat explained why the location of the meeting had changed from Knox Council at late notice. Future meetings will be planned at alternative locations.
- 1.3 The meeting format included the AGM initially, followed by a normal Knox Inter-faith Network (KIN) meeting. The minutes below are in those two parts.

2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS

- 2.1 Pat welcomed Chris, David and Lael as guests to the meeting.

3. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 3.1 *Quorum* was confirmed with five voting Members present – the first five on the attendance list above (marked with *).
- 3.2 The Chairperson confirmed *no proxy votes* were held by her.
- 3.3 The Secretary confirmed he had a signed proxy form from Mark. This proxy added to those present represented all current voting Members.
- 3.4 *Minutes of the AGM for the 2013 Calendar Year* (held 9 April 2014).
RESOLUTION: The minutes of the AGM for the 2013 Calendar Year were moved for acceptance: Pat; seconded: Maher. **Approved unanimously.**

- 3.5 *Financial Statement:* Mark presented the Financial Statement for the 2014 calendar year. In summary:
- Opening Balance of \$XXX
 - Income of \$YYY (annual membership fees and grant from Knox Council)
 - Expenditure of \$ZZZ (including \$AAA for parts 1 and 2 of the OMAC funded forum, plus insurance, incorporation fee and event fee)
 - Giving a closing balance of \$BBB, all of which is KIN funds
 - **RESOLUTION:** Peter moved the acceptance of the Financial Statement; seconded by Gwenda. **Approved unanimously.**
- 3.6 *Internal Review of Financial Statement:* Peter presented the Review of Financial Statement for the 2014 Financial Year. This involved a full review of the income receipts, cheque book, receipts or other documentary evidence for all expenses, and bank statements. He confirmed the Financial Statements were complete and accurate.
- RESOLUTION:** Peter moved that the internal financial review be accepted as presented; seconded by Pat. **Approved unanimously.**
- 3.7 *Election of 2015 Office-bearers*
 Nominations were received as follows:
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| - President: | Pat |
| - Vice President: | Gwenda |
| - Secretary: | Peter |
| - Treasurer: | Mark |
| - Publicity Officer: | Lee |
- All were declared elected unopposed.
- RESOLUTION:** Per the notice for the AGM, Peter moved that “There be up to two ordinary members of the Committee elected in 2015.” This was seconded by Lee. **Approved unanimously.** There were no nominations at the AGM for ordinary members. However, this resolution gives KIN the opportunity to have new member organisations join the KIN Committee as ordinary members. Maher consented to continue in the role as the liaison between KIN and KMAC (the Knox Multicultural Advisory Committee).
- 3.8 *Annual Subscription Fees:* **RESOLUTION:** Peter (based on prior email advice from Mark) moved that the 2015 fees be set as follows, with fees due no later than 30 June 2015:
- No Joining Fee
 - Annual fees for a Member Organisation of \$50
 - Annual fees for an individual joining as an Associate member of \$20.
- This was seconded by Maher. **Approved unanimously.**
- 3.9 **ACTION:** Peter to prepare the report for Consumer Affairs as per requirement.
- 3.10 AGM closed by the Chairperson at 7:50pm.

Normal KIN Committee Meeting

4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

- 4.1 This was accepted.

5. MINUTES/ACTIONS FROM LAST KIN MEETING (2 FEBRUARY 2015)

- 5.1 **RESOLUTION:** The minutes of the February 2015 meeting were moved for acceptance: Pat; seconded: Lee. Approved unanimously.
- 5.2 No actions remain to be discussed other than those on the agenda.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

- 6.1 Peter firstly noted Mark's comments presented at the AGM
- He reported, based on advice by Mark by email before the meeting that the balance as of 31 March 2015 is \$CCC– this is all KIN funds.
- 6.2 All Network members present recorded thanks by acclamation to Mark for his excellent work in acquitting the OMAC grants.

7. EVENT REPORTS

- 7.1 Pat and Gwenda reported on the City of Greater Dandenong Interfaith Network Breakfast. This was a success, and this Network continues to be a benchmark in interfaith activity.
- 7.2 Peter reported on his representation of KIN at the Sant Nirankari Harmony in Oneness event on 13 February, where he gave a brief presentation on the KIN view of harmony, using the definition of 'harmony' in both a musical sense and in the contemporary usage associated with people living together productively. Other speakers included Mr Nick Wakeling, MP; Cr. Joe Cossari and representatives from Muslims for Peace, Friends of the Children Foundation and Rotary Australia. Peter showed members present the certificate of appreciation for our participation, which was presented to KIN on the day.
- 7.3 Other events:
- Lee went to the Whitehorse Interfaith Network Meeting, representing someone from her community who was not able to attend. That Network is keen to run a project or event with KIN and possibly the Monash Interfaith Network. (Contact: yolandamarina74@hotmail.com)

8. PLANNING FOR 2015 AND BEYOND

- 8.1 Finalisation of KIN participation at the Harmony Festival, 19 April.
- The tentative roster from item 4 of the last meeting minutes was confirmed, except Peter noted he would now be unavailable to do pack-up. Maher confirmed he would be available to help Pat/Tina pull it down if needed.
 - It was agreed that the KIN stand would carry: KIN booklets (with the sticker acknowledging Knox Council), DVD's from the Photographic Event to be handed out selectively to prospective members, sample photograph book, Golden Rule posters, KIN information sheet.
- 8.2 **DECISION:** It was agreed that KIN would continue to try to contact ISOMER and seek a speaker from their community. (See item 10.1 below.)

- 8.3 **DECISION:** It was agreed to plan for a KIN visit to the Islamic Museum on Saturday, 1 August. **ACTIONS:** 1. Peter to check date and availability of the TSA bus with Mark and also the bus capacity. 2. Peter to use Eventbrite to advertise the trip for as many people as the bus can hold.
- 8.4 Visit to Southern Cemeteries. Discussion deferred until June meeting.
- 8.5 Joan Pepi has raised the possibility of organising visits to places of worship across KIN/KMAC, with exemplars being Dandenong and Casey. **DECISION:** KIN is open to supporting Council to organise this. **ACTION:** Peter to write to Joan confirming this.
- 8.6 Discussion about possible Projects/Programs
- Tree of Life – David Cray knows the organiser in Ballarat. David suggested a filter for selection of any program would be to highlight the value of faith in communities to the broader community.
 - Campfire – **DECISION:** It was agreed to explore the possibility of working with this organisation to create a video of some form, telling a story consistent with the KIN objectives. **ACTION:** Peter to contact Richard Leigh from Campfire to ask whether he would be available to speak at a future KIN meeting about a possible collaborative project.

9. ITEMS RAISED BY KNOX COUNCIL

- 9.1 None raised other than the item noted at 8.5.
- 9.2 Locations for future meetings. With the change in arrangements at Knox Council it appears there may continue to be late cancellations of KIN's use of the meeting rooms there. Members present decided to seek an alternative for the 1 June 2015 meeting, with Sant Nirankari – as a first choice and backup as the FTG Uniting Church. **ACTION:** Peter to contact Sant Nirankari about this.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

- 10.1 Peter presented his summary of the demographic information provided to KIN by Joan Pepi from Knox Council. **DECISION/ACTION:** It was agreed to seek participation from the following communities, with the owner of the action as identified: Buddhist – Lee's neighbours; Hindu – Gwenda; Islam – Pat/Peter.
- 10.2 **DECISION:** It was agreed that KIN would issue no response or communication related to the reported showing of the movie *Corpus Christi*.

11. FUTURE ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS OF THE NETWORK

- 11.1 None raised.

12. CLOSE OF MEETING

- 12.1 The meeting was closed at 9:15pm; Gwenda provided a concluding prayer.