



South Yarra Community Baptist Church

Decisions from the Host Group Meeting

7 May 2014

Listed below are the main decisions from our recent Host Group meeting. This is not the full minutes, but a summary of the main decisions. In line with our church policy, these decisions are circulated not only for your information, but to allow you to consider the decisions and, if you have any concerns about any of them, to seek more information or ask for them to be reconsidered. Where possible, we will not implement the decisions for at least seven days, in order to allow time for people to respond. Questions or concerns can be raised with any member of the Host Group, or by emailing all of them at once at hosts@laughingbird.net

Those in attendance at the recent meeting were Eliz Cook, Ian Cook, Nathan Nettleton, Alison Sampson, Sylvia Sandeman, Shelley Taylor. Steven Wong was absent due to illness.

Summary of the Decisions

1. The **working bee**, originally scheduled for next Sunday has been postponed until the following week, 18 May, so as not to clash with mother's day.
2. The investigation of changing the fluorescent **lights in the hall** to LED tubes looks promising and the installation is likely to go ahead.
3. Sylvia agreed to take on the central coordinating role for this year's **church camp** and will be contacting a number of people about organising particular activities. It was agreed that the camp worship service might use a different liturgy to our normal Sundays. It was also agreed that we will make a decision before this year's camp about whether to rebook the site for the next year.
4. Ian had circulated a **Financial Report** for the first three quarters of the financial year which showed that things are about where they were expected to be.
5. New offerings pledges to enable us to begin **paying Alison** have been enough to pay a stipend at close to 50% of the BUV recommendation. This will now be set up, with payments backdated to 17 February. Changes to her statement of understanding will be made to reflect this.
6. We have been investigating the possibility of installing ceiling mounted **data projectors**. A quote has been received from a company recommended for their work at St Kilda Baptist. The quote is around \$7500, which is considerably more than we had hoped and budgeted for. We will seek further quotes before deciding whether to proceed.
7. We decided not conduct a **review** of the Music Director's work this year, because the last review was a major one and the implementation of its outcomes has only just been completed. We will do Jenny's next review in June next year.
8. The **Church Covenant** is reviewed annually, but since no suggestions have been received for changes to it this year, we agreed that the covenant be readopted, unchanged, for the next year.
9. This year's **Church Anniversary lunch** will be organised as a potluck, and Sylvia and Alison will coordinate it.