



South Yarra Community Baptist Church

Decisions and Questions from the Host

Group Meeting

6 December 2017

Listed below are the main decisions and questions from our recent Host Group meeting. This is not the full minutes, but a summary of the main decisions and questions. In line with our church policy, these are circulated not only for your information, but to allow you to consider the decisions and ponder the questions 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@southyarrabaptist.church

Those in attendance at the recent meeting were Nathan Nettleton, Eliz Cook, Sylvia Sandeman, Shelley Taylor, Ian Cook and Samara Pitt.

Summary of the Decisions and Questions

1. The **Safe Church** policy that complies with the new Child Safe Standards has been ratified by the congregation and is now available on our website.
2. Thanks to those who gave ideas on **kitchen refurbishment** options. We will seek a quote for initial advice from Fred Batterton, an architect who works a lot with churches and specialises in sustainable design.
3. The electrician has done a thorough inspection to try and find the reason for the **recurring problem with circuit breakers and our lights**. He didn't identify the problem, but replaced several items that were likely suspects – we will monitor the situation!
4. Our **church and laughingbird email** has been moved to the free non-profit Gmail platform, hopefully the problems some people were experiencing with emails not getting through should now be resolved.
5. The **church camp** has been booked for **August 24 – 26, 2018**.
6. We decided to take down the **church signs supporting the marriage equality campaign** once the law has been passed by Parliament.
7. In order to store hall hirer belongings more effectively (and our own), we will **refit the storeroom** with adjustable shelving and charge a small fee for storage. This will be done in two stages so we can assess how the shelving is working before completing the refit.
8. The annual **pastoral review on Nathan** is underway, focussing on preaching, teaching and worship. A questionnaire has been distributed by email, and Samara and Sylvia are available to take verbal responses if you prefer to participate in this way. Please return feedback to Sue McDonald by Friday 15 December.
9. The **final Advent service and Vigil for the Feast of Nativity** is on Christmas Eve Dec 24. The (shorter than usual) Advent service will begin at 5pm, followed by a shared meal, and then the Vigil will begin at 9pm, followed by celebratory food and drink.
10. We host the ecumenical **Epiphany service** on Saturday January 6, please mark this date and attend to welcome visitors from our neighbouring churches.

11. The **2018 annual dates calendar** will be distributed once final changes are made.
12. Nathan is acting as **moderator for Footscray Baptist**, which means he will assist them as they search for a new pastor. He plans to use Open Space as part of the process!

Next meeting: 7 February 2018, 7:30pm