



South Yarra Community Baptist Church

Decisions and Questions from the Host

Group Meeting

6 June 2018

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, Shelley Taylor, Ian Cook, Sylvia Sandeman and Samara Pitt.

Summary of the Decisions and Questions

1. A meeting for feedback on the draft plan for the **kitchen renovation** will be hosted by Ian on Sunday June 24 at 2:30pm.
2. The **response to Jill Friebel's letter** of apology has been sent, and the BUV has been updated on this. We have also contacted the two main spiritual direction bodies, Australian Network for Spiritual Direction and the Australian Ecumenical Council for Spiritual Direction, regarding their processes for accrediting potential Directors wishing to use their websites. which has been received with appreciation.
3. The BUV has requested help from Baptist churches to document local services supporting people affected by **family violence**, to assist with advocacy on this issue by A Just Cause. If you are interested in helping Sylvia with this, please let her or Nathan know – resources on how to find and approach services will be supplied. We are also approaching our ecumenical church partners to see if they have anyone who would be willing to assist.
4. We will have our **church anniversary dinner** main meal catered this year, while Yvonne will provide her wonderful desserts. Please let Nathan know if you are attending, and any dietary requirements. If you wish to contribute to the cost of \$20 per person, there will be an offering bowl available on the day.
5. The **church covenant and host covenant** for the coming year have been circulated for approval. Sylvia has stepped down from her host group role after many years of generous contribution in this capacity. Hosts continuing are Eliz Cook, Ian Cook, Shelley Taylor and Samara Pitt.
6. The second **Open Space conversation on membership pathways** was well attended, thanks for your contributions and for initiatives that have come out of the conversations. Nathan will draft some proposals for changes to our membership structures based on the discussions, which will be shared for feedback.

Next meeting: 4th July 2018, 7:30pm