



South Yarra Community Baptist Church

Decisions and Questions from the Host Group Meeting

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

Summary of the Decisions and Questions

1. We encourage congregation members to consider as part of our Lenten reflections **how we give to the church financially and in kind**. Nathan will send out more on this soon. We also encourage people to consider whether they might become a designated **host of our congregation**. Please contact Nathan or any host group member if you wish to discuss this.
2. We are looking for someone to take on **purchasing of cheese and dips** on a permanent basis, using church funds (preferably someone who is not on the soup roster). Please contact Sylvia or Nathan asap if you could offer this. If no-one takes this on, we will return to having those on the soup roster also purchase cheese and dips, although they will be reimbursed.
3. The **letter of apology to the congregation from Jill Friebe** was read at a congregational meeting on Sunday 4 March, and will continue to be made available to those who wish to hear it and were unable to attend on that day. Please contact Nathan to organise this if you have not already done so.
4. For the purposes of the **Reportable Conduct Scheme**, Samara will be designated the Head Of Organisation, responsible for ensuring that we have systems in place to prevent child abuse, and for ensuring that complaints or suspicions of child abuse are dealt with appropriately. The work of this role will be carried out by the host group as a whole and with the support of the BUV.
5. We have agreed to continue our **auspice of Sanctuary Warrnambool** by providing administrative support (mostly bookkeeping) for an additional 12 months once the current arrangement expires mid-year.
6. A congregational ballot to approve those seeking **membership of the congregation** this Easter will be held on Sunday March 18 during supper.
7. The **Lenten readings discussion** will be held on Palm Sunday (March 25) – more details to follow.
8. In response to expressions of interest, we will have an **Ancient Wisdom workshop** later in the year that introduces and explores the elements of our liturgy.

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