



South Yarra Community Baptist Church

Decisions and Questions from the Host Group Meeting

7 February 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 are continuing to research options for our **kitchen refurbishment**. If you come across other comparable churches who have redone their kitchen in the past 10 years to a level less than a full commercial kitchen, Ian would be interested to hear about details and cost.
2. The **2018 church calendar** has been distributed. Please let us know if you spot any issues!
3. A special working bee will be organised soon to tackle the **storeroom refit** in order to store hall hirer belongings more effectively (and our own).
4. We have received a **letter of apology to the congregation from Jill Friebe**, former pastor at South Yarra Baptist. She has requested that it not be distributed in writing, so there will be an opportunity to hear and consider it on March 4 after supper for those who wish, or at another time to be organised individually with Nathan if you are unable to attend on that day. This option will also be available to former members of the congregation.
5. The annual **pastoral review on Nathan** has been completed with 8 people responding. This year's area of focus was the areas of preaching, teaching and worship. The report will be distributed via email and hard copies made available for those who require it.
6. The **Lenten reading** this year will be a booklet of short excerpts for reflection compiled by Nathan. We are **cancelling the Lenten Retreat Day** as no venue or leader has been organised.
7. **Uncle Den is leading a discussion this Sunday from 2:30pm** on how Aboriginal people experience some of the structures of non-Aboriginal society, and how we in this church might respond. [**This has been postponed.**]
8. We are considering scheduling an **Ancient Wisdom workshop** that introduces and explores the elements of our liturgy. Please let Nathan know if you would like to attend this so we can decide whether there is enough interest to go ahead.

Next meeting: 7th March 2018, 7:30pm