



South Yarra Community Baptist Church

Decisions and Questions from the Host Group Meeting

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

Summary of the Decisions and Questions

1. The report on our **Open Space gathering** will be distributed soon. Thanks to everyone who attended – some enlightening conversations were had!
2. We have just today received our second **projector back from the workshop** after almost three months. The first one has been returned to the workshop, to address the new fault that it was returned with – a greenish hue across the whole image. They think they have identified the fault and we may have it back this week. We won't be returning the loan one until we are sure that both are working properly.
3. We will be discussing the **future of the church camp** at our AGM after we had a great time but also made a \$1600 loss this year – please come prepared with your thoughts on this as we decide whether to book for 2018.
4. The **church AGM** will be held on Sunday September 17 at 2:30pm. All are welcome to meet for lunch at the Flying Duck from 12noon before the meeting.
5. We are starting to look at the church's use of **social media** and any guidelines we may want to put in place. We started this conversation at the Open Space day, but please let Nathan or Samara know if you have further thoughts to contribute.
6. After the great appreciation expressed for the **story sermons** over the past weeks, we will keep offering this opportunity to congregation members on a regular basis. Samara will send around some information about the intentions of story sermons and how they can be developed. Please contact Samara or Nathan if you would like to explore this possibility.
7. **Sanctuary Warrnambool** celebrated their one year anniversary on August 27, and 19 people covenanted for the coming year.
8. We are looking at **replacing the fridge**, which is old and uses a lot of power. Please talk to Nathan or Ian if you have ideas about what we should consider for buying a more efficient replacement.
9. We have an **Advent Retreat day** scheduled for December 3. Samara is interested in whether congregation members would like to run a smorgasbord of Open Space style activities on Advent themes (Art? Lego? Meditation? Story circles?), and also whether an alternative date

would be possible. Please talk to Samara if you would like to contribute an activity or discuss possibilities.

10. Our next **working bee** is scheduled for October 15.

Next meeting: October 4th, 7:30pm