



South Yarra Community Baptist Church

Decisions and Questions from the Host Group Meeting

5 April 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 Eliz Cook, Ian Cook, Nathan Nettleton, Sylvia Sandeman, Shelley Taylor and Samara Pitt.

Summary of the Decisions and Questions

1. The **plaque acknowledging the traditional owners** of our land, the Boonwurrung people, has been ordered.
2. The company who installed the **data projectors** have now visited and inspected them. The problem is in the projectors themselves and they are still under warranty from the manufacturer, so the claim process has been commenced.
3. The Host group recommends that **Nathan's time fraction** be increased to 0.8 beginning 1 April 2017 given that he regularly works this many hours to cover his current job description. We have no expectations of additional work in increasing his time fraction. Nathan made it clear that he doesn't want to be paid full time because he doesn't want to have to do more hours than he presently does. This decision will be implemented unless we hear a request from the congregation for further consideration.
4. **Suppers** in Lent have been well received, with some interesting conversations about whether elements of this simpler meal might be worth carrying over into the rest of the year. At this stage, we will revert to the usual arrangement after Lent, and we will investigate what barriers might exist to people continuing or becoming involved in the supper roster. Would you like to be involved, but cannot commit to the current expectations? We'd like to enable all who wish to contribute to do so in a way that is manageable for them, and that our meals together continue to feel abundant and generous but not wastefully extravagant. Samara would love to hear your responses and will be in touch!
5. We have asked **Sanctuary Baptist Warnambool** to provide us with a report on their first year. We will continue to provide admin support until their newly formed leadership team is ready to take this on themselves. You can check out their new website:
<http://www.sanctuarybaptist.wordpress.com>

6. **Church camp** is scheduled for July 28 to 30 at Araluen Lutheran camp in Anglesea. We are waiting for final indications of interest to see if we have the numbers to go ahead. Please speak to Sylvia ASAP if you are planning to attend.
7. The issue of how we might, as a congregation, more actively **welcome rainbow families (the LGBTIQ community)** to the church has been raised. We ran out of time to discuss it at this meeting, but we are keen to hear further ideas and suggestions to bring to our next meeting.
8. The issue of **what space is available for people to request personal prayer or ministry** during or after the service has been raised. (Now that we have supper in the worship space, that location is busier after the service.) We ran out of time to discuss it this meeting, but we are keen to hear further ideas and suggestions to bring to our next meeting.

Next meeting: May 3rd, 7:30pm, Nathan's place