



South Yarra Community Baptist Church

Decisions and Questions from the Host Group Meeting

1 December 2020

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 via Zoom were Eliz Cook, Shelley Taylor, Samara Pitt, Dennis Fisher, and Nathan Nettleton. Ian Cook sent his apologies.

Summary of the Decisions and Questions

1. The current **manse tenants** are now due to leave in February. Launch Housing are unable to organise another short term rental arrangement due to government restrictions, although this could change in March. David Jackson, a former congregation member, and his wife and child are moving back to Melbourne from Sweden in February and expressed interest in renting the manse temporarily while they look for housing. We will continue to talk to them about this possibility.
2. We are looking at the possibility of having some **small events at the church** where we can physically gather again within government Covid-safe restrictions. This is a good opportunity to have some **story sharing events**, contact Samara if you are willing - you don't have to fit in your entire life story, just one event or time you'd like to explore with us would be good!
3. We also want to hold a **pre- and/or post-Christmas picnic** at the church (partly to admire John F's great work on the garden!). Nathan will contact the church list soon to find out which dates would work for people.
4. **Nathan's regular work hours** have been higher over the past month due to the change of liturgical season and 2 weeks of preaching. He is taking 3 days of leave this week.
5. We have created a **draft church activities calendar for 2021** which involves a lot of guesswork! It will be distributed soon, but is subject to change depending on how 2020 pans out.
6. The **squatters who had been sleeping outside the church** have moved away.
7. We usually have our **annual review of the pastor or the church** at this time of year. We have decided to hold off as it's not a good time of year to plan and start a review. The host group will keep this item on the agenda and make a time next year when it feels appropriate to review Nathan's role in shifting church online in 2020.
8. Host meetings will continue to be held over Zoom. Anyone is welcome to **attend a host meeting**, please let Nathan know if you wish to do so. The hosts may also invite a congregation member to attend a meeting if we feel they have insights into a particular issue on the agenda.

Dates for your diary:	December 24	Christmas Eve service, <u>8pm on Zoom</u>
	January 6	Epiphany service hosted by us, <u>7pm on Zoom</u>

Next meeting: Tuesday 5 January 2021, 7:30pm, on Zoom