



MINUTES – DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED

MEETING OF KNOX INTER-FAITH NETWORK

Held Monday 7 June 2010 at Knox Civic Centre

PRESENT:

Representatives of Faith Communities present:

(Chairperson)	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
(Treasurer)	Temple Society Australia
(Secretary)	St Simons Catholic Church, Rowville
(Publicity Officer)	Janssen Spirituality Centre, Boronia
	Knox Presbyterian Church, Wantirna
	Temple Society Australia
	Islamic Society of Melbourne, Eastern Region (ISOMER)

APOLOGIES:

Belinda Jordan	Knox Council
Cr Joe Cossari	Knox City Council, Collier Ward
Cr John Mortimore	Knox City Council, Chandler Ward
(Vice-Chairperson)	Boronia Church of Christ – Has resigned from KIN
	St Thomas More's Catholic Church, Belgrave
	Uniting Church, FTG
	Egyptian Coptic Church
	ISOMER

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER:

John opened the meeting at 7:35pm. Rowland provided the opening prayer.

Peter noted an email from Rod Brown tendering his resignation from the Network due to other commitments. Members present thanked him for his contributions and wished him well. **ACTION:** Peter will contact Rod to see if another member of his community can attend.

1. MINUTES/ACTIONS FROM LAST NETWORK MEETING

- 1.1 Minutes of meeting of 12 April 2010:
No change. Minutes moved for acceptance: Gwenda; Seconded: Riad. Approved
- 1.2 VMC/JCMA Schools Program.
Gwenda followed up with VMC after the last meeting and was told the decision was still pending. **ACTION:** Gwenda will follow up with VMC again about the proposal through the Grant Information Line: 1300 366 356.

1.3 Recruitment of members.

Rowland supported the comments added by Peter to the minutes of the last meeting. He suggested we needed to take up activities like trying to draft a common view on recent events related to Palestine. He added that we could set up a structured debate on such a topic if we could provide appropriate speakers.

ACTION: Members to provide comments on the proposal and possible speakers by email to Peter before 24 June 2010.

(Possible topic: *Is there a sea change coming ... or a flood? What are the prospects of Israel and Palestine finding a peaceful solution ... or should we build an ark?*)

Possible timing: October/November 2010.

Possible funding: Knox Council Community Development Fund.)

Gwenda suggested we have membership badges made.

Riad noted that involvement in the VMC/JCMA Schools Program (should we get funding) would also provide a means of advertising the Network.

ACTION: Peter to write to the Baha'i, Hindu and Buddhist communities in Knox inviting them to attend a future meeting. (Gwenda to provide contact details for the Buddhist community.)

1.4 Activities, events, visits.

The visit intended to the Egyptian Coptic Church was not able to be organised.

Members present stated a desire to have the visit if it can be arranged by Maher for September.

Riad reconfirmed his offer to arrange a visit to ISOMER (Wellington Road, Lysterfield) – targeting Wednesday 21 July, 12pm.

1.5 Treasurer's Report: Mark reported the current balance is \$XXX.

Mark has the form for updating signatories for the bank account.

MOTION: Add John Anitema and Mark Herrman to current signatories, and remove any people not currently active in the Network. Moved: Rowland; Seconded: Peter. Carried unanimously.

1.6 Business Update:

Peter noted the Incorporation, ABN and Tax File Numbers.

Peter outlined the history of the financial reconciliation related to the \$301 not used on the brochures. Members accepted the reconciliation, with Mark adding that the Council was requesting reconciliation as a matter of urgency.

ACTION: Peter to provide copies of receipts to Mark; Mark to reconcile with Council.

2. EVENT REPORTS

- Gwenda reported on the event at the Janssen Spirituality Centre Open Day on 18 April.
- John reported positively on an event run by the Maroondah City Council and the Maroondah Interfaith network during National Families Week on The Importance of Families (15 May 2010).

3. FUTURE ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Buddhism Today – One founder, many paths;
Sunday 27 June 2010, 9am – 6pm
Monash Caulfield, Room H116, Building H, 900 Dandenong Rd, Caulfield
For details, refer to www.arts.monash.edu.au/psi/buddhism_today/
Bookings essential (fee \$15 full / \$10 concession)– contact Peggy Page on 0412 590 624 or peggy.page@bcv.org.au or pkpage@optusnet.org.au

- Caring for the Earth – Interfaith representatives share their perspectives on sustainability. A free community event run by the Whitehorse Interfaith Network – Sunday 25 July 2010; 2-4pm, Waratah Room, Whitehorse Centre, 379 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading. RSVP by 21 July to Kate Patkin: 9262 6159 or kate.patkin@whitehorse.vic.gov.au
- Bayswater Street Party to celebrate Social Inclusion Week – Saturday 20 November, 10am-3pm; Macauley Place Bayswater Shopping Centre. KIN has been asked to consider being represented by Belinda Gillam at Knox Council. Contact is Leonie Deacon on 0407 527 121 or Leonie.Deacon@kchs.org.au

4. CONCRETE PLANS FOR 2010

Members discussed the possibility of applying for the Knox Community Development Grants for 2010/2011 for the possible event noted above under Item 1.3. Noting that the closing date for applications is 28 July 2010, Members decided to delay a decision until feedback is granted. Mark also noted the VMC funding timetable. **MOTION:** That the Executive (John, Mark, Peter, Gwenda) be empowered to decide whether to put in an application for the Knox Community Development Grants for 2010/2011. Moved: Rowland; Seconded: Riad. Carried unanimously.

5. MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST

Gwenda noted the intended actions by the Australian Government to deport the Imam in Marrickville – Sheikh Mansour Leghaei – after he has been in Australia for 16 years. Members are encouraged to review the information at www.savethesheikh.com and form their own views.

6. NEXT MEETINGS

Monday, 2 August 2010. (Gwenda to provide the opening prayer.)

Monday, 4 October 2010.

ACTION: Peter to confirm with Belinda Jordan that meeting rooms will be available.

Meeting closed at 9:00pm.