



MINUTES – DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED

MEETING OF KNOX INTER-FAITH NETWORK

Held Monday 3 December 2012 at Knox Civic Centre

PRESENT:

Representatives of Faith Communities present:

(President)	Uniting Church, FTG
(Treasurer)	Temple Society Australia
(Vice-President)	Janssen Spirituality Centre, Boronia
(KIN rep to KMAC)	Egyptian Coptic Church
(Secretary)	St Simons Catholic Church, Rowville
	Uniting Church, FTG
	Janssen Spirituality Centre, Boronia

APOLOGIES:

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
 Blood4Harmony Program
 Islamic Society of Melbourne, Eastern Region
 (ISOMER)

1. WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

Pat opened the meeting at 7:40pm, welcoming all. Gwenda provided the opening prayer.

2. MINUTES/ACTIONS FROM LAST NETWORK MEETING

2.1 Minutes of meeting of 1 October 2012:

Minutes moved for acceptance: Mark; seconded: Maher; approved unanimously.
 The various action items were all completed and the agenda confirmed.

2.2 Treasurer's report:

Mark noted an October balance of \$xxx plus the annual membership payment from <A MEMBER> of \$50 for a total of \$yyy. This also includes the balance of \$zzz unspent OMAC grant money for the remaining "Policing and sensitivity to faith in Knox" component of the project as well as the new grant of \$mmm for the photographic exhibition. This leaves an effective operating balance of \$nnn. Payment of \$50 is pending from the <A MEMBER>.

Peter requested approval to spend \$72 to renew the annual web hosting. This was approved unanimously.

3. PLANNING FOR 10TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

3.1 Progress to date:

- Photos have been taken to date at the Blessing of Animals (Boronia Uniting Church) and Oneness Games (Sant Nirankari).

- **ACTION:** Maher will check permission from his church to reuse the photos from there.
- Members agreed that any non-Christian communities which have not responded yet should be contacted a second time.
- Peter reported on a letter confirming that three of the four libraries in the Eastern Region are willing to host the event – Knox, Ferntree Gully and Boronia; Rowville is too small.
- We will still seek to launch the event at the Knox Festival in March. Cr Karin Orpen is Mayor this year.
- **ACTION:** Mark and Peter will progress the agreement for the curator (Angie Malley). Subject to checking the budget, this would likely be for \$xx per hour for 100 hours.
- **ACTION:** Mark and Peter will relook at the budget overall.

4. ITEMS FROM KNOX COUNCIL

4.1 New Councillor Contact

Cr Peter Lockwood is the KIN Councillor contact this year.

4.2 KMAC proposal for Harmony Day:

Maher reported on work on this activity as he has been deeply involved in preparing the application. It will be run on 20-21 April at the Hungarian Community Centre, 760 Boronia Rd, Wantirna. KIN will ensure its banner is present on the day.

5. EVENT REPORTS

5.1 VINAC Annual Conference, 28 October, Fitzroy Town Hall:

Gwenda and Peter attended on behalf of KIN. Gwenda reported on a good networking opportunity at an event attended by more than 200 people. The number of networks continues to increase. Young people were involved in organising part of the event, but they commented that they felt peripheral to the main activity.

5.2 City of Greater Dandenong Inter-faith Network Annual Meeting, 24 October:

Pat attended representing KIN. Pat reported it was a large event, including a concert, and was very enjoyable.

5.3 Bayswater Community Festival, 24 November:

Mark was present representing his faith community and Peter attended representing KIN. Peter reported it was a very hot day and there was limited contact with interested parties.

5.4 Joint KMAC/KIN Meeting:

Fr. Michael Hardie presented on refugees at the meeting. Attendees reported this as an inspirational and positive meeting. There were no specific outcomes requiring KIN action.

5.5 Oneness Games (Sant Nirankari):

Pat attended representing KIN and provided a brief speech on behalf of KIN. This was streamed to India.

6. UPCOMING EVENTS

- The City of Greater Dandenong is seeking funding to run tours of places of worship in south-east Melbourne. Mark reported he has prepared a letter of support.

7. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Peter and Mark noted the Incorporation Act changes – no action needed.

8. CONCRETE PLANS FOR 2013

8.1 KIN is still committed to run the last part of the event under the 2012 OMAC grant – probably in May or June, after the 10th Anniversary Event.

ACTION: Gwenda will contact OMAC to seek guidance; Peter will contact the local police to see if they are able to help.

8.2 Regular meetings in the first half of the year will be on:

- 4 February 2013 (AGM)
- 18 March 2013
- 3 June 2013
- Others may be needed early in the year related to the 10th Anniversary Event

9. NEXT MEETINGS

Monday, 4 February 2013

Maher noted he will be away 5-15 February 2013.

Meeting closed at 9:20pm