



MINUTES – DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED

MEETING OF KNOX INTER-FAITH NETWORK

Held Monday 18 March 2013 at Knox Civic Centre

### PRESENT:

Representatives of Faith Communities present:

(President)	Uniting Church, FTG
(Vice-president)	Janssen Spirituality Centre, Boronia
(Treasurer)	Temple Society Australia
(Secretary)	St Simons Catholic Church, Rowville
	Uniting Church, FTG

### APOLOGIES:

Jaya Manchikanti	Knox City Council, Community Development Officer - Diversity
	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
	Egyptian Coptic Church
	Islamic Society of Melbourne, Eastern Region (ISOMER)
	Blood 4 Harmony Program
	Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Bayswater

### GUESTS

Hindu Foundation  
 Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Bayswater

### WELCOME AND OPENING BLESSING:

Pat opened the meeting at 7:35pm. Gwenda provided the opening prayer.  
 The draft agenda was confirmed.

Peter noted the sad news of the death of Lee's brother and will write a note of condolence to Lee on behalf of the Network.

### 1. MINUTES/ACTIONS FROM LAST NETWORK MEETING

#### 1.1 Minutes of meeting of 4 February 2013:

Trish confirmed the spelling of her surname as Adrichem – minutes to be amended.  
 Minutes moved for acceptance with this change: Mark; Seconded: Peter. Approved.

- 1.2 *Treasurer's Report:* Mark reported the bank balance at the end of February at \$xxx. The balance net of unrepresented cheques associated with the pictorial event is \$xxx. The balance net of these unrepresented cheques as well as the amount remaining from the OMAC grants for the pictorial event (2013 - \$xxx) and presentations (2012 - \$xxx) is \$xxx. Peter is still to present a claim for \$72 for hosting of the web-site in 2013. Mark added that the \$50 annual fees are due for some Network Members – some of which were paid on the night.

**2. EVENT REPORTS**

- Gwenda attended the Community Kitchen Launch at the Sant Nirinkari Mission and commented positively on the enthusiasm of the young people present.
- Trish described the World Day of Prayer event.

**3. 2013 PHOTOGRAPHIC EVENT**

- 3.1 There was open discussion about the good and challenging aspects of the first stage of this event – held as part of the Knox Festival.
- 3.2 Mark provided feedback from Angie Malley, which was generally positive. Members present agreed that Angie had done an outstanding job pulling the event together as part of the Knox Festival. Angie will be away the first two weeks of April.
- 3.3 EMAIL re Channel 31 – CONFIRMED we are interested.
- 3.4 Logistics: We may need to use new display boards at other locations. Lee will be investigating options from her community upon her return.
- 3.5 Upcoming locations may include:
  - The foyer of Coonara House, 22 May-11 June
  - Other Eastern Region Libraries – dates TBD
  - Knox Council Foyer – subject to approval by Council – late April / early May?
- 3.6 **ACTION:** Peter will write to the following organisations / people:
  - Knox Photographic Society – thanking them for their involvement, confirming our willingness to attend one of their meetings to explain why we chose the images we did and informing them of the interest from Channel 31.
  - Communities from which photos were used – thanking them, including a copy of the photos used in CD format and asking for interest to have the photos displayed for a period at their community.
  - Knox Council – asking if it would be possible to host the event for a period in the Council foyer and associate that with a launch event involving the Mayor.
  - Angie Malley – thanking her for her contribution.
- 3.7 The following ideas were discussed and considered viable for ongoing use of the assets created by the photos – both digital and printed:
  - Printed calendar with inter-faith dates by month opposite 12 of the photos.
  - Providing a copy of the CD to all faith communities in Knox, along with an invitation to join the Knox Inter-faith Network. The CD might be an auto-play version dubbed over with some audio – either voice or music (subject to copyright).
  - Printing the photos in a self-published book – coffee table style format – for sale.
  - Putting the best photos into a digital photo frame which would then provide a portable asset for use at Knox Inter-faith Network events and where the Network is attending other inter-faith / multi-faith events. (This idea from Mamta was very well received by the Network members present.)
  - Selling copies of the photos.
 Any of these uses will need to consider and resolve any rights management / digital rights management issues.

**4. KNOX MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (KMAC) EVENT**

This runs 20-21 April (10am-5pm both days) at the Hungarian Community Centre, 760 Boronia Rd, Wantirna. It will be opened by the Minister with the Mayor at 1pm and all members of the Network are invited to attend.

**5. ITEMS FROM KNOX COUNCIL**

Mark outlined the grant application for increasing social cohesion in Knox. Members present noted the application.

## **6. OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS**

- As noted in the agenda

## **7. OTHER PLANS FOR 2013**

- 7.1 *Third segment of event funded by OMAC* (“Policing and sensitivity to faith in Knox”): This could still potentially run on 3 June to allow it to run within the 2012-2013 financial year. A decision needs to be made on the June date no later than end April.
- 7.2 Mamta could make a presentation on the Hindu Foundation and its activities – possibly in June (as a back-up in case the event above does not run) or August.
- 7.3 Other topics could include a forum on what exactly is inter-faith dialogue.
- 7.4 Members noted that the funding available through the Unity through Partnership Program (which closes in 2013 on 5 April) is mainly for large events. We could consider such an event in future, possibly arranged around faith-based music.
- 7.5 Dates for future meetings:
  - 3 June
  - August: this was moved initially to 12 August as Ramadan is 9 July – 7 August. (Note post meeting by the Secretary: This has since been moved to 19 August due to room availability at Knox Council.)
  - 7 October
  - 2 December – subject to the possible annual joint meeting with KMAC on a date to be advised

## **8. OTHER MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST**

Charity Registration Commission – Mark/Peter

Mark suggested that we arrange for name tags for new members – Mamta, Lee, Trish as well as a few tags with Knox Inter-faith Network and without a name. Members present supported this proposal.

## **9. NEXT MEETING**

Monday, 3 June, 2013

Meeting closed at 9:00pm.