



MINUTES – DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED

MEETING OF KNOX INTER-FAITH NETWORK

Held Monday 3 February 2014 at Knox Civic Centre

PRESENT:

Representatives of Faith Communities present:

(President)	Uniting Church, FTG
(Vice-president)	Janssen Spirituality Centre, Boronia
(Publicity Officer)	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
(Treasurer)	Temple Society Australia
(Secretary)	St Simons Catholic Church, Rowville
	Egyptian Coptic Church
	Uniting Church, FTG

APOLOGIES:

Blood 4 Harmony Program

GUESTS

Nil

WELCOME AND OPENING BLESSING:

Pat opened the meeting at 7:35pm.

Gwenda provided the opening prayer.

The draft agenda was confirmed.

1. MINUTES/ACTIONS FROM LAST NETWORK MEETING

- 1.1 *Minutes of meeting of 7 October 2013:*
 Minutes moved for acceptance: Maher; Seconded: Gwenda. Approved.

2. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

1. Mark reported that KIN's financial year ended 31 December 2013 and the year-end summary has been provided to Peter for review prior to the AGM.
2. The current balance is approximately \$xxx, including some unpresented cheques for Angie Malley for the work done on the Photographic Event. The balance would have been \$xxx if these cheques had been presented.
3. Funding remaining from OMAC is about \$xxx from the Golden Rule / Police event and \$xxx from the Photographic Event.

4. Peter noted he is owed \$181.10 for receipts not yet presented (but presented at the meeting) – web hosting for 2013 for \$72, domain name for 2 years for \$59, presentation of report for the incorporated body of \$50.10.
5. This leaves a net balance of about \$xxx.
6. Annual subscription fees are due before the AGM.

3. EVENTS ATTENDED / UPCOMING:

1. Gwenda noted that the JCMA Women's Conference is coming up.
2. Gwenda noted there will be a presentation on 6 February 2014 from 10am-1pm at the Janssen Spirituality Centre on the meaning of ecumenism.
3. Pat noted the City of Greater Dandenong has a breakfast on 8 February 2014 at 7am and she will be attending representing KIN.
4. Maher noted his community has been invited to the Anglican Church in Rowville on the evening of 6 March for the World Day of Prayer.
5. Lee noted upcoming events within her community:
 - a. Family History facilities and resources.
 - b. Worldwide Women's broadcast associated with a project.
 - c. Family Forum with guest speakers.
6. Tina presented a diagram reporting on the history of the Church in China.

4. MAIN TOPIC 1 – STRATEGIC PLANNING

A robust discussion considered a range of approaches for the strategy for KIN in 2014 and beyond.

- Key goals were agreed to be:
 - Increasing the number of active members
 - Increasing the diversity of membership, with representation on KIN by at least 3 non-Christian communities by the end of 2014
 - ISOMER will be approached again to encourage their participation
- The main tactics agreed for achieving the goals centred on using projects to engage communities and show the value of membership:
 - Finishing existing open projects (see Minute Topic 5 below for more detail)
 - Photographic Event (2013 OMAC funding)
 - Golden Rule / Police (2012 OMAC funding)
 - New projects, including localising projects run by other inter-faith networks
 - Looking at the Knox local variant of the Tree of Life project run by the Ballarat Interfaith Network in November 2013
 - To be planned in the second half of 2014 with funding sought from appropriate sources to run this in 2015
 - Partners could include other inter-faith networks, e.g., those in the Eastern Region, with whom KIN has met in the past
 - Other faith communities within Knox could be approached to participate and share their creation theology / stories
 - Peter noted the recent email from Harry about a possible focus on environment for KIN, which listed the large number of "World" days associated with the environment
 - Peter has sourced a copy of the keynote speech by the Chris Parnell of the Shepparton Inter-faith Network and will distribute this to members as an example.
 - Picking up the project with schools running in the Maroondah Inter-faith Network area (as described previously by Lee and Harry)
 - There was discussion about whether this could qualify for funding using the residue of the OMAC funding for the Golden Rule / Police event – views were mixed on this

5. MAIN TOPIC 2 – USE/ACQUITTAL OF REMAINING OMAC FUNDS

5.1 Photographic event

Members agreed to run a final event using the funding as well as purchase a digital photo frame to load the best photos so the Network has an asset to reuse at KIN events and where the Network is attending other inter-faith / multi-faith events

- *Date:* This is tentatively set for the KIN meeting of 2 June 2014, probably starting earlier at 7:00pm; it needs to be advertised as soon as possible
- *Format:* Present the photos displayed plus other good photos not selected in an electronic format, accompanied by discussion of the photos among those present and possibly accompanied by recorded music from various faith communities. Some food / hospitality would be present, within the budget.
- *Goal:* Run a successful event and use it to try to recruit some new members.
- *Invitations to include:*
 - Angie Malley
 - Knox Photographic Society
 - All faith communities photographed
 - All faith communities present in Knox
 - KMAC?
 - Knox Council?
- *Task Assignments:*
 - Contact council for use of venue: Mark
 - Draft budget: Mark
 - Draft plan: Peter
 - Preparation of presentation: Lee to check
 - Catering: Possibly the Sant Nirankari Mission?
 - Advertising / Communication: Maher
 - Preparation of communication materials: Peter
 - Location of CD's with all photos: Mark via Angie
 - Choice of additional photos: All (1-2 CD's each for a first scan then a joint meeting)
- *Presentations to be made on the night to communities photographed:*
 - CD with the best photos taken
 - One of the framed photos from their community
 - Poster of the Golden Rule (see below)
- *Presentations to be made to communities not photographed but attending:*
 - CD with the best photos taken
 - Poster of the Golden Rule (see below)

5.2 Golden Rule / Police event

- Some of the remaining funds could be used to purchase items to present at the June event:
 - large posters of the Golden Rule (for communities photographed) and
 - small posters of the Golden Rule (for communities not photographed but attending)

Mark to check cost.

6. ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

6.1 2013 AGM

Peter alerted members to the 2013 AGM being the next meeting (7 April) and that notice of the AGM is required to be sent out no later than 17 March 2014.

6.2 Incorporation Rules Update

Mark provided a brief overview of the background for this (the new legislation passed in 2012) and the work he has done. Peter raised the possibility of using the new class of membership in the Act and Model Rules (Associate Member) as a way of allowing individual (non-voting) members and organisation (voting) members. There was broad support for this suggestion. Mark and Peter offered to prepare a marked up version of the 2012 Model Rules including KIN specific items in time for distribution before the April AGM.

RESOLUTION: That Mark and Peter be appointed as a subcommittee to complete a mark-up of the 2012 Model Rules including KIN specific items in time for distribution before the April AGM. Moved Pat; Seconded Lee. Passed unanimously.

7. OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mark requested permission to use some or all of the framed photos at an event at his community on 16 March 2014 – agreed by all present.
- Knox Harmony Festival, 29-30 March 9am-6pm
 - Anticipate that KIN will be part of the Knox Council stand; Mark will talk with Jaya to confirm this is possible and the arrangements
 - Tasks were assigned as follows:
 - Banner – Mark
 - Folding Table – Mark
 - Digital Photo Frame – source and load files – Peter
 - KIN booklets – Tina / Peter (and any others with booklets left)
 - Prepare an expression of interest for the 2 June event – Peter
 - The roster is as shown below

Saturday	Person	Sunday	Person
9-11	Pat, Lee	9-11	Lee
10-1:15	Gwenda	11-2	Gwenda
1-6	Peter	2-4	Pat
		4-6	Mark

8. PLANS FOR 2014

8.1 Dates for meetings:

- 7 April – AGM
- 2 June – likely to be the final event in the Photographic Show
- 4 August
- 6 October
- November – likely to be the annual joint meeting with KMAC on a date to be advised

Note: Easter in 2014 is 20 April, Ramadan in 2014 runs 28 June – 27 July

9. NEXT MEETING

7 April – AGM – Location TBC

Meeting closed at 9:40pm.