

MI Missionary Transition & Re-entry Retreat Meeting
30 June 12.30 pm

MINUTES

Venue: Pioneers of Australia office (first floor) 1/39 Railway Road Blackburn (diagonally opposite Blackburn railway station on the North side). Should you wish to bring your lunch with you and eat it during the meeting you will be most welcome to do so and hot drinks will be provided.

- 1. Opening prayer and welcome:** Dawn read Psalm 67. Devotion headed: Blessed to Bless – God draws us in to send us out. From 'My Rock, My Refuge' by Timothy Keller.
- 2. Present:** Dawn Taylor, Michael Collie, Jane Window, Jenny Johnston, Roger Redford, Mark Glover, Ben & Robyn McLean (Skype)
- 3. Apologies:** Charlie Fletcher, Andrew Vines, (Deanna Richey)
- 4. Confirm minutes:** Michael
- 5. Business arising:**
 - a.** Brochure – Michael amended and to look at the brochure for 2018
Sent out by mid Feb.
 - b.** Action points – carried over to next meeting
 - c.** Donation – Victorian Member Care Network – for the accommodation. for 5th TCK facilitator and resources for TCK camp
 - d.** Banner – in process - Michael
 - e.** Glossary of terms – in process – Michael (including words that are not ambiguous or patronising – clearer and more sensitive)
- 6. Registrations:** 25 adults 11 males, 14 females, 17 children 7 boys 10 girls – varying ages - some university students. Application from another family with 4 primary school aged children 5 – 10 yrs old (returned in 2015). Dawn recommends that we accept this family = 9 facilitators

Team approved this family attending.

Website states: retreat is fully booked and registrations closed. People can go on the waiting list.
- 7. TCK ReConnect Camp:** Dawn met with Leigh re university students and pre-schooler (4 & ½ yrs at time of retreat – family will decide if this child can cope with the retreat closer to the time). Grandparent could possibly look after child – on or offsite not explored as yet.

University students – TCK program only meets needs of teens up to 14 years. TCK team looking at how needs of older teens can be met. ? University students attend the 2 seminars and then have own small group for reflection.

John Barclay would be most suitable to work with them = would need another facilitator for the TCK program.

This is affordable.

Jenny asked about the possibility of inviting another 18 year old boy TCK in Melbourne. without his parents. – Jenny would donate fees for this boy.

(To be explored in a few weeks time)

Dawn read a letter about a uni aged girl Natalia.

Robyn mentioned Emily Tilley as a possible TCK leader – Dawn to discuss with Leigh.

8. Facilitators:

Roger might not be available for retreat. Need **Andrew or Charlie**.

Offer small group leadership to **Charlie** and **Andrew** to sit in on **Michael's** group. But need to check finances closer to the time to ascertain if Andrew can be invited as a facilitator this year. Roger has offered a donation of \$300 to cover Andrew's fee. Team thanked Roger.

Deanna unable to attend retreat.

Maree Vines was contacted by Dawn and is able to attend this year as a facilitator.

9. Team allocations for retreat:

Michael – Coordinator

Worship time Friday & Saturday, Sunday (communion)

Friday: Andrew Vines to be asked about the worship sessions - Dawn

Saturday:

Seminar 1 Transitions - Ben McLean – Deanna can offer help with material– contact soon

Seminar 2 Grief & Loss – Michael Collie

Retreat introduction and rationale: Dawn Taylor

Reflection 1: Origin & call – Jane Window

Reflection 2: Gifts Given & Received – Jenny Johnston

Reflection 3: Troubles & Fears – Mark Glover

Reflection 4: Vision for the Future - Robyn McLean

Communion: Maree Vines to be asked - Dawn

Installations: Michael Collie

10. Finance report: To be circulated with minutes \$1309.62 & \$400 was being held in case Strong family decided to attend this year. No response from them. \$ 500 donation from MC and interest – on hand with fees - \$12,641.04 – Quite a number who have paid deposit and remainder due 31st Aug. \$1300 on hand.

11. Any other business:

12. Next Meeting: 25 Aug. 12:30pm Pioneers of Australia office – Mark Glover sends his apologies. (Is happy to pick people up at airport as is Fran S.)

13. Close in prayer: Jane

Next meeting: Discuss: Small group allocation, rooms, gift bags, bios, Welcome Folders, Ice breaker game, testimonies x 2, craft, celebration dinner, printing docs.

ACTION POINTS

Michael

1. Coordinator of Retreat
2. Brochure – continue work on 2018 brochure
3. Banner – continue work
4. Glossary of Terms – continue work
5. Present: Seminar 2 - Grief & Loss
6. Prepare Installations

Dawn

1. Discuss with Leigh
 - possibility of Emily Tilley to be invited as TCK facilitator as suggested by Robyn
 - possibility of another 18 yr old teen attending
2. Present: Retreat introduction and rationale
3. Contact Charlie re small group leadership.
4. Contact Andrew re leading worship sessions on Friday and Saturday mornings.
5. Contact Maree Vines to confirm leadership of small group and ask if willing to lead the communion service on Sunday afternoon.

Jenny

1. Distribute minutes with finance report
2. Donate fees for additional 18 yr old teen if able to be invited to participate
3. Present: Reflection 2: Gifts Given & Received

Jane

1. Present: Reflection 1: Origin & call

Roger

1. Donating fees for Andrew to attend

Mark

1. Present: Reflection 3: Troubles & Fears
2. Is happy to pick people up at airport

Robyn

1. Present: Reflection 4: Vision for the Future

Ben

1. Present: Seminar 1 - Transitions – Deanna can help with material

Charlie

1. To be offered small group leadership

Andrew

2. To sit in on Michael's group
3. To be asked to lead worship times

Maree Vines

1. Is able to attend
2. To be asked to lead Communion
3. To be asked to lead small group

Deanna

1. Can help with material for Seminar 1 (Ben)