

ReEntry Retreat Team Evaluation Meeting
19 October 2018 1.30 pm

MINUTES

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

1. **Welcome and short devotion:** Dawn: Ps. 9: 1-2 - I will tell of all the wonderful things you have done, Miraculous or supernatural. 2018 retreat one of the best, made a difference to participants. Time of thanks for an aspect of the retreat.
2. **Present:** Dawn Taylor, Graeme & Maree Vines, Michael Collie, Andrew Vines, Jane Window, Mark Glover, Jenny Johnston
3. **Apologies:** Roger Redford, Deanna Richey
4. **Confirm previous minutes:** Michael
5. **Business arising:**

Michael Thanks for preparing and producing

- handout on signs of depression
- banner
- glossary of terms

Introductions at first meal of retreat – went smoothly and will be followed next year

Microphone – **Mark** – Unit appeared to work beforehand but was problematic at the retreat

Action: Purchase:

Unit that can handle:

1 hand held

1 head set

Discussion re El Kanah having permanent system – offer donation to same

Action: **Mark** to scope out prices and **Dawn** to contact El Kanah

Possibly work out a plan with others who use audio at El Kanah for monetary collaboration.

Team members – discussion re feedback regarding facilitators being back a long time - adults: All team available unless otherwise notified. Andrew Vines definite, Roger & Deanna (uncertain) – need to notify by Feb.meeting

Participants possible facilitator: See past minutes

2018: Sandra Oh – **Jenny** to follow up

: Glenn - Salvation Army – **Mark**

: Daniel Templeman -Twells – **Michael**

: Kevin Unicom and Rachel Sinclair from previous years were mentioned

Dawn to contact Salvation Army MC first re Salvation Army participants then let Mark and Michael know whether to follow up on these two possibilities

Dawn to look back at those who were considered in the past and will make a list and distribute to team

– TCK Re-Connect Camp Beth Donker joined the team. All available 2019 as far as known.

– ATCK – Nate & Merrin Raiter – based program on Tanya's material. Not available 2019 due to timing.

Kath Williams was a participant 2018 and was recommended for the ATCK – role in Interserve in Adelaide. Has a heart for ATCK's – we need to obtain feedback on ATCK program other than from the leader and provide Kath with this. No commitment has been made. Depends on number of ATCK's. Seek some feedback from the Raiters. Kath spent some time with ATCK's. Seek John Barclay's feedback. Set parameters.

Action: **Dawn**

6. Feedback: Why are we collecting feedback – to be statistically valid need everyone.

Online – **Michael** - 5 responses – some strong messages – little family time, long celebration lunch (only 10 minutes into free time), long day for children, no time to debrief with children, ATCK's not appreciating the Celebration Meal (being thanked for obedience), program retrospective – more time for forward looking and strategies

Be more strongly emphasised that God is with you as you go forward. He has way prepared for us and things to do. Look at questions in the 4th reflection – are these really relevant?

Origin & Call - less time suggested; we feel it is important and is safe territory – reassuring

Non-verbal presentation – some felt pressured to produce something – possibly when re-entry story is presented use object as modelling.

Mention in Welcome Letter – clear expectations on length of day and program

Feedback format in future: (few responses online) – paper feedback – compromises the experience and puts people in a critical frame of mind.

Action: Online: follow up email to remind of survey, 7 questions rank 1-5 room for comment.

Reports – ATCK – Not to incorporate the ATCK's with adults. ATCK leader should speak at final session or not be involved. ATCK's no input. Morning devotions – no advantage having ATCK's at devotions – ATCK leader had been told re Friday/Sat. only for devotions. Leader used old timetable. **Dawn** apologised for this missed point.

ATCK's wanted to sit together at meal times – ascertain – make provision. Second conference room good for ATCK – **need data projector for film night.**

Issue – ATCK's being on balcony outside small group – also when on stairs can see group - weeping

ACTION:

Dawn to talk to Nate about his comments

– TCK Re-connect Camp – previous feedback from the team indicated that they were not hitting the mark with 14-16-year age group. They have worked hard to improve this and believe that this is much better now. Sometimes include Year 6 with high schoolers and older teens with ATCK's – varies each year depending on numbers. Jenny found it awkward when older teen didn't have name tag to be offered – this was probably a one-off situation as this group of siblings arrived without their parents.

Make gift bag for any ATCK attending without parents.

Parents – good feedback

Comment: 3 calendars being separate creates loss of information at different points.

Suggest Google calendar – programs side by side – **Action: Mark** to investigate

7. Other feedback:

Email communication prior to retreat – **Dawn** thanked team

Printing – **Michael** happy to print reflections for all team.

Celebration meal - covered

Barbecue – some were out on balcony – food was served from inside. BBQ hasn't worked out as we had hoped, so we will not do this in the future.

Prices for young adults – Change – 16 -18 one price; 19+ will be same as shared single.

8. Finance report: (Distributed to team prior to meeting)

Donations: Thanks to team who didn't claim reimbursements (donation)

Resources: TCK Re-Connect camp have asked if they could buy 25 scrap books \$100 for next year.

Some of the team have made donations – **Dawn** gave permission to buy the scrapbooks.

Nate asked how much Merrin should pay – her costs have been covered by funds

Deposits: Winterburns – keep non-refundable deposit – remainder of fees to be returned. Waiting on bank account details from Salvation Army to do this.

Some resources yet to be reimbursed – Barclays yet to tell the receipts for which they need refunds.

Strong's – SIM – Andrew had not been well, which was the reason for them waiting for five years after their return to attend the retreat then at the last-minute Susan was not well enough to drive the family from Deniliquin. Sadly, Andrew passed away this year.

Action: Deanna will check at an appropriate time to see if Susan Strong would like to attend 2019 retreat with her 2 children. (Deposit retained.)

9. Other business:

2019 ReEntry Retreat – dates 19-22 September (1st weekend Victorian & Qld school holidays) – the other states and ACT begin their holidays a week later.

– waiting list – Kube Family

- Winterburns
- 10 units enquired after registration 2018 closed

– Nataliya – keen to have a 2nd retreat in a year. Advertisement for Re-entry Facilitators in MI newsletter. **Dawn** spoke with Nataliya explaining the process for selection.

24 is a good number for plenary – break-out rooms

(**Dawn** has communicated with the NSW team, sent our notes.)

Child safety requirements: **MI not MIV** is the organisation to be noted on the WWCC – out of program time parents are responsible if they choose someone to look after their children.

MI will be making new policy in 2019 for all facilitators to have a WWCC

ACTION: Details of MI to be provided by **Dawn**

MI Annual Dinner – Dawn, Barclays & Bethany Sim attended

10. Next meeting: Friday 8th Feb. – Jenny offered PoA offices and will book

11. Close in prayer: Michael

ACTION POINTS:

Dawn

1. Contact El Kanah re audio re El Kanah having permanent system – offer donation to same
2. Contact Salvation Army MC first re Salvation Army participants as possible future facilitators
3. Look back at those who were considered as potential facilitators in the past and will make a list and distribute to team
4. Obtain feedback on ATCK program other than from the leader and provide Kath Williams with this. Seek some feedback from the Raiters. Seek John Barclay's feedback. Set parameters
5. Talk to Nate about his ATCK program feedback
6. Details of MI to be provided to team by **Dawn for WWCC**

Michael

1. Contact Daniel Templeman -Twells regarding possible role as facilitator if receive the go-ahead from Dawn
2. **Future feedback survey:** Online: follow up email to remind of survey, 7 questions rank 1-5 room for comment.
3. Include in Welcome Letter clear expectations of length of day and program if the retreat co-ordinator in 2019.

Mark

1. Purchase: Unit that can handle: 1 hand held, 1 head set if donating towards a permanent set-up at El Kanah is not an option
2. Contact Glenn - Salvation Army (**Dawn to contact SA first**)
3. Investigate Google calendar – programs side by side

Jenny

1. Contact Sandra Oh regarding possible role as facilitator
2. Make gift bag for any ATCK attending without parent if performing this task for 2019 retreat
3. Book PoA rooms for Feb 8 2019 meeting
4. Distribute Minutes

Deanna

1. Check if Susan Strong would like to attend 2019 retreat with her 2 children.