

Sept 9th  
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**AGENDA**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Tuesday, September 4, 2001**  
**NORTHSIDE CHRISTIAN CENTRE INC.**  
**31-61 McLeans Road Bundoora Vic 3083**

1. Welcome - Chairman
2. Apologies –
3. Minutes of previous meeting – 05.2001  
“Minutes 05.2001 accepted”
4. Business arising out of Minutes.
  - .1 ANZ Bank Loan acceptance – Richard Nielsen
  - .2
  - .3
5. Correspondence
6. Senior Pastor’s Report
7. Matters Arising from Senior Pastor’s Report:
  - .1 Administration staff - 2002
  - .2 Mediation Case – Ken Sandilands, Ansvar, and NCC Inc.
8. College Council minutes
9. Business arising from College Council minutes
10. Other Business –
  - .1 Principal report
  - .2 Denis Smith - Superannuation
9. Financial Report – Richard Nielsen
  - .1 Financial Statements Centre
  - .2 Financial Statements College
10. Next meeting –October 16 7:00PM  
(Please note a special meeting could be called before this meeting.)
11. Close

## **SENIOR PASTOR'S REPORT**

### **Progress on new Building**

I have been very pleased with the progress. Both Peter Anderson our Architect and Jeff King our builder from Prime Building Services have been able to further cut costs without it affecting the quality of the construction which means we will get more for our money. We were able to save \$15,000 by using Delta carpets rather than another company. This will enable us to make considerable progress in fitting out the kitchen.

Site meetings continue on a fortnightly basis, which is very necessary for the coordination of different trades. We have to date only made one payment to the builder but we are due for another substantial one in the next couple of weeks.

Richard will give us more details on this in the meeting. Right now the concrete panels are being designed according to shop drawings. The Multipurpose hall panels should be up within the next two weeks. A continuous record of the building progress is being recorded on film by Jack Robertson and on video by William Wong.

Praise God we are finally seeing the dream come to pass.

### **Building for life giving**

On July 29 we took up a miracle offering of over \$25,000. This was over and above the regular giving of God's faithful people. On the day with regular giving almost \$28,000 was collected. This brought our overall giving over the \$400,000 mark. A real milestone in anyone's language for a church our size. Praise God.

Richard Neilsen will update us regarding the total BFL giving at the meeting.

### **Mediation Case – Ken Sandilands, Ansvar Insurance, and NCCentre Inc.**

On Friday August 31<sup>st</sup> Raff Marcucci, Lois Spinella and myself attended a special mediation meeting to resolve the claim against our Incorporation in respects to a number proven sexual abuse cases that took place in our college from 1983 onwards. Ken Sandilands one of our previous teachers (left our College in 1993) was convicted of sexual abuse and is presently serving 2 years imprisonment. During approximately half of the period when these crimes took place we were insured with Ansvar. Ansvar insurance cover includes sexual molestation.

Ansvar 31\8\82 – 31\8\87

Zurich 31\8\87 – 1992

Ansvar 1992 – 2001

However I discovered recently that Northside changed insurance companies to Zurich during the dates indicated above. Zurich has a sexual molestation exclusion clause in its documents. This potentially opens us up to being sued if we are found in any way to have been negligent in our duty of care to these children.

I am sure this causes many questions to be raised in your mind. At the meeting I will seek to explain our position more clearly to you. I have also taken the liberty to contact Tim Adams from Moores Solicitors who will represent the College and the Incorporation in the cases where we have no insurance. He was present at the mediation case meeting and made clear to us our position. I will very shortly set up a special meeting between him and the Board of Directors. You would understand that this is a highly confidential matter, which must not be shared with any one outside of the Board. This is why I am sending you this Senior Pastor's report from my home computer. Personally this situation which has arisen is the last thing I need while I am in the middle of a building program. I would covet your prayers especially during this time.

#### **New Accountant 2002**

At our last meeting I informed you that Mark Bezemer would be returning to University to complete his studies and Anthony McGregor would be leaving us at the end of the year. We began looking for a very qualified bookkeeper but no one with the suitable qualifications came forward.

As we considered the expanding needs of our incorporation we felt an even better replacement for Mark and Anthony would be a sharp junior accountant. Ruby Narcisco was a name put forward by Richard Neilsen as a possibility. Richard, Ken and I interviewed her at length and were impressed with her work experience and her capacity. Ruby has a degree in accountancy and is presently obtaining her CPA. She has indicated to me verbally that she has accepted the position.

#### **Senior Pastor's holiday's**

I would like to inform the Board that I will be taking 5 days Annual leave from October 3-10 to attend my mother in laws 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday in Queensland.

#### **New Members**

Tammy Ariaratnam  
Rohan Hack

#### **Tami Church**

I have received the following resolution from Richard Neilsen in regards to the present link that we have with the Tamil church under the leadership of Pastor Sampath. He will explain the reason why this suggested resolution needs to be passed by the board of directors.

"The Tamil church is a branch of Northside Christian Centre and is a non profit sub entity and it will not register for GST.

**Denis Smith Long Service**

I have received a resolution from Mark Bezemer who has been in contact with Robert Nixon concerning the best way to offset Denis and Gwen Smith Long service leave against their \$30,000 loan from the Centre.

Further to Minute 04.9 (iii) concerning matters of the Founding Pastor's Long Service leave entitlements and discussion with the Senior Pastor, Accountant and Auditor, the following resolutions are agreed to-

1. "In the light of direction received from Auditor, Robert J. Nixon, Minute 04.9(iii) be rescinded"
2. "Denis V Smith and Gwenda Smith informed the Board of Directors of their willingness to forgo all Long Service entitlements up to and including 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2001 since the commencement of their ministry at Northside Christian Centre."
3. Accountant, Mark Bezemer has calculated that their entitlements are – Denis V Smith -\$22,135.76 and Gwenda Smith \$5200.00 – Total \$27,335.76