



MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEMBERS MEETING

Held at

Northside Christian Centre Inc
31-61 McLeans Road, Bundoora

Tuesday, 11 December 2001

CONFIDENTIAL

1. PRESENT

C&A Ariaratnam	L Ilustre	J Preston
F&E Azzopardi	M Jenner	H&V Robinson
J&J Amore	L&R Lea	J&L Spinella (BOD)
D Baguley	S&M Kalepo	J Speight
B Bengtsson	S Kilby	D Schembri
J&J Bezemer	David Lake	K Shanmugam
S Brew	C&I Len	C Spencer
S&S Bartlett	S&S Len	B&V Sharan
B Craven	R Loganathan (BOD)	R&I Shivakumar
K Cook	D Liu	S&M Skorobogaty (BOD)
A&K Chivell	M Lopez	S Scifo
T Creedy	R Marcucci (BOD)	E Thomson
P Chew	K&C Marsh	W&J Wong
D De Zilwa	K McVeigh	K Wheatley
O Ellis	A McGregor	
G&B Emmerson (BOD)	D&M McClements	
C French	R Narciso	
J&S Grassie	R&Y Nielsen	
K Greenwood	T Panozzo	
D&T Harrison	M&P Palmer	
R Helou (BOD)	J Peake	
K Holden	D Peake	

2. WELCOME & PRAYER

The Chairman, Pastor John Spinella, thanked members for attending and opened the meeting in prayer at 7:40pm.

3. FUTURE DIRECTION OF CHURCH

Pastor John told the members that he was excited about the growing congregation and the future of the church. He said that he wanted members to be a part of decisions concerning the future, and the need to change the present structure of the church.

4. MATTER CONCERNING THE PAST

Pastor John told the members that he felt it was important to be open and transparent, and went on to explain that a teacher at Northside Christian College was found guilty of sexual misconduct. This incident occurred 18 years ago. Claims have been filed against the teacher and the Incorporation. The church will be loaning funds to the college to pay costs.

5. CONFIDENTIALITY

Pastor John, as Senior Pastor, asked the members to treat information discussed regarding legal proceedings as confidential, as obligated by law.

Pastor John is confident that the situation will soon be resolved and asked members to stand in prayer.

6. WELCOME MURRAY BAIRD FROM MOORES SOLICITORS

Murray Baird from Moores Solicitors was officially welcomed to the meeting at 7:45pm by John Spinella.

7. MURRAY BAIRD

Murray Baird assured the members that the leadership has dealt with legal matters responsibly, and that he has suggested an alternative to carry out ministries of the church in the future.

He then went on to give a presentation of his proposal.

8. NORTHSIDE CHRISTIAN CENTRE TODAY

The structure at present is broken up as:
Church - Land - Building - School. The recommendation is to have Northside Christian Centre Inc, Northside Ministry Resources Inc, and Northside Christian College.

9. WHY RESTRUCTURE?

- The church has grown bigger and more diverse:
- Running both church and school calls for different considerations:
- To have one Board for three tasks is a "big" ask:
- At present the school is still a ministry of the church with an ongoing connection:
- Land is now shared between church and school:
- It is usual to separate risk activities from assets:
- It is usual to separate risk areas. Should something come across our path, it can be contained to one area of ministry, with insurance taken out for each.

10. HOW TO RESTRUCTURE?

This is a plan for the future, not a stop-gap measure for the past.

- Incorporate school separately:
- Incorporate land and buildings separately, as resources for ministry:
- Transfer the land to "Ministry Resources Inc.":
- Make land available for both church and school for their needs.

11. GOVERNANCE

- Church members and Board for the church:
- School Board approved by the church:
- Resources Board approved by the church:
- Church control through Board appointments.

The church board will have power to ask board members to step down. Control will come through board appointments.

12. KEY FEATURES OF RESTRUCTURE

- Clear identity for each aspect of ministry:
- Separate accountability of each arm of ministry:
- Spread and focus Board workload:
- Avoid spreading risk of each activity.

13. CHOICE OF CORPORATE STRUCTURE

Company limited by Guarantee

- Governed by Corporate Act
- Carries greater reporting requirements

Incorporated Association

- Governed by the Association Incorporated Act
- Current structure for church
- A "matching set"

14. THE PROPOSAL

"That this meeting gives approval in principle to the restructure plan and asks the leadership to prepare documents for presentation for the new year."

Agreed by an overwhelming majority show of hands.

15. APPRECIATION

Rajith Loganathan expressed his appreciation to Murray Baird.

16. CLOSE

John Spinella closed the meeting in prayer at 8:50pm