

**NORTHSIDE CHRISTIAN CENTRE
BOARD MEETING 18/10/01
Start 7:10 pm**

PRESENT WERE:

Ps John Spinella

Ps Denis Smith

Steve Skorobogaty

Gary Emmerson

Ken Greenwood - invited to attend

Richard Nielsen - invited to attend

Tim Adams (Representing NCC – Sandiland case)

Apologies: Rajith Loganathan and Ray Helou

Minutes: R Nielsen

JS - Opened in prayer.

JS - Tabled 9 new church members. (see attached)

Tim Adams (TA) on Sandiland

As the lack of cover was due to the action of AOG Insurance, TA has written to Keith Ainge setting out why the AOG should *step into the breach*, both financially and at mediation in support of the NCC.

TA - recommended that JS follow up with a call to Keith Ainge.

TA - Also noted that ANSVAR is keen to talk with NCC pending a plan of action.

DS - As a follow up to TA's letter, DS will speak to AOG's John Lewis.

SS - An insurance agent suggested that Public Liability may provide some cover.

TA - Explained that this would not work and reiterated that the policy in question had a definite exclusion.

GE - Suggested that, at mediation, it should be argued that the parents bear some of the responsibility.

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DS - In a letter to the College, Sandiland had denied the allegations. However on the third reported incident Sandiland's employment was terminated. DS reminded the board that, based on the knowledge that was available and an understanding of the legalities at that time, the College acted as best it could.

(A general discussion ensued about the ethics of suing NCC.)

TA - It will be perceived that NCC was soft on Sandiland which makes NCC an easy target. (*bullets are sprayed to where the money is*)

Sandiland has now confessed and is currently in prison.

The board asked TA to explain the *modus operandi* from here on.

TA - There are 6 plaintiffs

- 2 are covered by insurance 100%
- 2 are covered by insurance 60%
- 1 is covered by insurance 20%
- 1 is covered by insurance 0%

AGC (born RED 01) will argue that as a result of the alleged incident his life been a severely effected. He will be last in the line of plaintiffs.

Mediation will take place next week.

Pressure will be applied on both sides to resolve the case as quickly and painlessly as possible.

T Adams/Barrister will argue that NCC has no funds and limited cash flow. The plaintiffs will site what they perceive to be considerable NCC assets.

TA - The NCC board needs to nominate a representative with the authority to give instructions and make decisions.

DS - Precedent occurred some time back when the Chairman/Snr Pastor took on such a role.

The Board agreed that John Spinella will represent NCC.

TA - Will need to instruct a barrister – TA currently seeking the right person and availability. Attributes needed will be forceful negotiator in this particular scenario, and although not one who shares our core beliefs will be one who understands them and will act with our best interests at heart.

The Board agreed that T. Adams be free to select the Barrister.

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JS - Hypothetically speaking, raised the issue of how to finance the final determination.

TA - Along with many other issues, method of payment is also subject to negotiation. There should be time to raise funds if required.

Action List:

1. TA to select barrister.
2. JS to contact K Ainge
3. JS to act as representative.
4. DS to contact John Lewis

Closing prayer by Ps. John.

Meeting ended 8:35 pm