

St Columba's Social Justice Group Minutes: Wednesday October 3, 2018

Attendance: David Hair, Fay Hair, Maree Lucas, Belinda Morrissey, Elizabeth Mulrennan, Evelyn Umali

Apologies: Julianna Bates, Therese Briggs, Maria Fiatarone Singh, Desiree Leone, Tim Nelson, Maria Panuccio, Father Peter, Dan Umali

ITEM	DISCUSSION/DECISIONS	ACTION/BY WHOM
Acknowledgement of Country		
Opening prayer	A Prayer for Creation, <i>Laudato Si</i>	
Reflection: Ch 5, <i>Laudato Si</i>		All: October meeting: Chapter 6, <i>Laudato Si</i>
ACTION ITEMS (i) Contact with Anti-Slavery Taskforce (ii) Library (iii) Community Garden (iv) Real Bodies Exhibition	(i) Fay reported that Kim, from JPO, is passing on our request for a meeting to Alison Rahill. (ii) Dave reported that Library is up and running. Presentation of Library books was part of Offertory Procession at Masses on 8/9 September. (iii) Evelyn reported veggies and herbs were being harvested by some parishioners. Care needs to be taken. Rosemary needed for Church liturgies in November. (iv) Dave reported that notice was included in Bulletin.	(ii) Fay and Dave to continue to advertise availability of herbs and veggies. Include ask that garden be treated gently.
REFUGEE WELCOME CENTRE	Fay reported that: - Evelyn and Elizabeth continued to take part in Friday women's sessions. - Fay was asked to help in school holiday program. - Food and activities for Christmas party (December 14) not yet organised. - Moones liked idea of St Columba's bringing cakes etc to assist with Christmas party. - Moones will stay in touch with Fay and Evelyn.	Fay and Evelyn to continue to liaise with Moones about a way that St Columba's can assist with Christmas party.
Parish support of JRS in response to SRSS funding cuts	Fay and Dave gave brief recap on situation with people seeking asylum in relation to SRSS welfare payment cuts and ways communities could assist. Updated JRS proposal discussed. All agreed that St Columba's community would contribute through:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monthly donations of grocery items and specific goods, starting in a small way - Promotion of employment opportunities - Advertising general call out for medical services. <p>Belinda explained potential benefits for JRS clients (eg Christmas hampers) of <i>Good 360</i></p> <p>Belinda asked for plight of children on Nauru to be included in Bulletin.</p>	<p>Fay and Dave to be parish representative: to coordinate donations of groceries and any specific goods to advertise employment opportunities to liaise with Fr Peter about call out for medical services.</p> <p>Belinda to contact Jo from JRS and discuss. Fay to send Jo's contact details.</p> <p>Fay and Dave to include information and suggested actions in Bulletin.</p>
SOCIAL JUSTICE GATHERING	<p>Promotion needed</p> <p>Fay asked for volunteers to help with morning tea</p>	<p>Fay and Dave to continue advertising in Bulletin</p> <p>Fay and Dave to invite Bernard and Nicola</p> <p>Fay and Dave to write to Bernard asking for flyer to be distributed to families</p> <p>Belinda, Elizabeth, Evelyn and Fay to bring cakes/slices.</p>
SYDNEY ALLIANCE – HOMELESSNESS ACTION	<p>Elizabeth reported that she has volunteered to lead promotion of the Sydney Town Hall event within St Columba's. Agreed promotion start after January. Fay and Dave will assist.</p>	<p>Fay and Dave to write to Bernard in Primary School and ask for a meeting to discuss possible involvement of St Columba's families.</p>
“OCCUPATION NATIVE” DVD AND DISCUSSION GROUPS	<p>Agreed to run discussion groups to coincide with NAIDOC 2019.</p>	<p>Fay and Dave to inform Therese (for Parish Calendar)</p>
PARISH ECO FAIR	<p>Agreed to defer Eco Fair indefinitely</p>	
BULLETIN APPRAISAL	<p>Agreed to review SJG as well as Bulletin articles early next year.</p>	
ATTANDANCE AT PPC MEETINGS	<p>No SJG members available to attend next PPC meeting.</p> <p>Therese will be main liaison person with PPC once she returns early November.</p>	<p>Fay and Dave to send apology to Secretary of PPC on behalf of SJG</p> <p>Fay and Dave to inform Therese of upcoming SJG events for discussion with PPC</p>
BULLETIN	<p>SJG Bulletin column:</p> <p>Elizabeth to write article on poverty (covering 2 issues)</p> <p>Maree will send information on ethical clothing etc</p>	<p>Fay and Dave: Continue writing Mass Bulletin for now.</p> <p>Elizabeth to send articles to Fay and Dave</p> <p>Maree to send ideas and links to Fay and Dave.</p>
NEXT MEETING	<p>Agenda, Chiring, Minutes – Fay and Dave will continue</p> <p>Meal: take-away pizzas</p>	<p>Fay and Dave to continue to look after Chiring/Agenda and Minutes for the time being</p> <p>All to order takeaway from <i>Castelmola</i> at beginning of next meeting.</p>