

St Columbas Social Justice

Minutes 2 May 2018

Attendees: Fay Hair, David Hair, Fr Peter Smith, Evelyn Umali, Therese Briggs

Apologies: Belinda Morrisey, Maria Fiataroni Singh, Tim Nelson, Dan Umali, Elizabeth Mulrennan, Juliana Bates, Sue Draysey

item		Action
Laudato Si	SJ members reflected on Chapter 1 Sections I to III and agreed to read the remainder of the chapter (sections IV to VII) for the next meeting.	Read sections IV to VII all members
#right track Refugee Resource Centre	SJ committee agreed to promote the "Asylum Seeker Refuge Centre (ASRC) Community Action Workshop" on 19 May at the Leichhardt Uniting Church 3 Wetherill Street Leichhardt. https://www.righttrack.online/caw_leich_may19 Notice for bulletin.	Therese Brigs
Caring for Creation through Solar Power	Information session is to be held on the 15 May at St Columba's. Session will be run by members of Justice and Peace Office and Solar Power expert. Call for volunteers to make announcements at mass and distribute flyers.	David Hair to co-ordinate
Visitors for Refugee week	Fay is liaising with Oliver from Unicef and Samer a Syrian refugee to come and speak at the masses in conjunction with Refugee week. At this stage the 9 and 10 June is planned but not confirmed.	Therese Briggs and Fay Hair to report back to SJ committee when confirmed.
Asylum Seekers Table Talk at Local Schools	Fay and Therese to meet with Mouna from CEO Leichhardt to discuss opportunities to work with the schools in the area to run Asylum Seeker Table Talks to change the conversation.	Fay Hair to report back from the meeting.
Social Justice Gathering on 5 May	Justice and Peace Office will be running the Social Justice gathering on 5 May at St Columba's. Topics covered will include establishing a social justice committee and human traffic and slavery in the world. Fay and David Hair will represent St Columba's on the panel discussion. Other members of the SJ committee plan to attend.	Attendees report back to SJ committee
David's Place	Still on track to welcome our friends from David's Place on 6 May. Pastoral Committee and SJ are working together to manage the welcome, participation in 10am mass and the cooking and serving of the lunch afterwards.	Therese Briggs, Adrian Overs, Carmel Reid, Renata Pop

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Function for Eden School	<p>Desiree reported that function to raise at La Bua restaurant to raise funds for Eden School in memory of Andrew Chan was a great success.</p> <p>Peter commented that he and others worked with Andrew Chan's and Myuran Sukumaran's legal representatives to gain a reprieve or pardon from their execution.</p> <p>Desiree advised that Eden school will be able to accept donations in the near future.</p> <p>The SJ committee agreed to that the right to life is imperative and will support Eden School events in future.</p>	Desiree Leone keep SJ up to date on fundraising and activities.
Communication for Social Justice issues and activities	<p>SJ will have a column in the parish bulletin similar to the PC column. The idea is that this will have information about upcoming meeting, events, issues and ideas we'd like to share with the parish community.</p> <p>In addition the committee agreed that each member could send "10 great ideas". These could be links to favourite and helpful websites, hints on sustainability and environment. These can be sent to Therese and then would be shared in the SJ column.</p> <p>We also agreed that our SJ committee should have a logo. Fay suggested that Evelyn might like to design a logo</p> <p>The committee also agreed that there is a lot of important information available on SJ issues that we'd like to share with the Parish. There was discussion about the variety of ways to distribute this information (facebook, webpage, bulletin, church foyer). The committee agreed to send any information to Therese and she would work with Marcia (Parish Administrator) and Adrian Overs (Webmaster!) to determine the best way to distribute. Might be necessary to find another webmaster in the SJ committee.</p>	<p>All members SJ committee</p> <p>Evelyn Umali</p>
Representative for the Pastoral Council	David attended the PC meeting on the 1 May. The committee agreed to rotate SJ representation at the PC. Next PC meeting rep will be Fay	Fay Hair
Web page	Therese advised that she is working on a web page and will distribute to members for comment and feedback by 16 May.	Therese Briggs
Other items	<p>Fay advised that she has been assisting Moones Mansoubi with some events at the Refugee Resource Centre.</p> <p>To avoid the admin burden of establishing a Social Justice bank account Peter suggested that he can bank and hold any funds in the Parish account that might be collected on behalf of the SJGroup. These would be held as a separate item in the account.</p>	

Next meeting 5 June 6 pm St Columba's Parish Office

