

St Columba's Social Justice  
Minutes 6 March 2019

Attendees: Fay Hair, David Hair, Evelyn Umali, Dan Umali, Therese Briggs, Anne-Marie Whelan

Apologies: Fr Peter Smith, Maree Lucas, Elizabeth Mulrennan, Belinda Morrissey, Maria Fiataroni Singh, Desiree Leone, Vasile Tiano, Tim Nelson, Maria Panuccio, Julianne Bates, Carmel Shaw

Item	Action	
<b>Acknowledgement of Country</b>	David Hair read acknowledgement	
<b>Prayer and reflection</b>	Fay Hair lead the prayer following the question of "what sustains us"?	Anne-Marie Whelan agreed to lead next prayer.
<b>Evaluation of SJG</b>	Fay presented the 30 January evaluation of the SJ. Copy provided. In summary "what works" is also "what we might need to change". Agreed that there are a lot of tasks between a few. Agreed to send more specific "call out's" to the parish i.e. what we need, where we need it, how many or how much and for how long. Agreed that our list of events can be just a mention or full blown event. Thank you to Maria Panuccio for her bulletin productions.	All - Share admin events, call outs and (representations at PC for example)
<b>Shop for good</b>	St Bakhita's day was well run and well attended. Along with members of the SJ committee Jenny and John Wilson from the parish volunteered their time. Fay shared information and products from the Anti-slavery Task Force, Sydney Diocese. We agreed that it would be ideal for the parish and parishioners to buy ethical products and agreed to promote and advertise through posters, brochures and bulletin.	Therese - provide information to Marcia for purchasing tea, coffee etc for the parish.  Fay to distribute posters and brochures
<b>Housing Assembly</b>	Planning is being finalised for the Sydney Alliance, Vinnies assembly. Last day for nomination is Monday. All instructions, wristbands and badges have been delivered. A number of parishioners are going and all are looking forward to the event.	David and Elizabeth
<b>Jesuit Refugee Service: Parish Support</b>	Anne joined us from JRS and talked about the initiatives and plans. She also updated us on events since the change in refugee centrelink entitlements for eg a 60% increase in the foodbank. Fay advised that the parish is being asked to support JRS by donating a different item to the Foodbank each month. For March the grocery item is Basmati Rice. Advised opportunities to participate in the Palm Sunday March (14 April) for refugees. And suggested some banner and poster making before hand. Also asked us to share employment and pro bono opportunities. For eg services of an orthodontist required.	Therese to ask Marcia about storage of the Foodbank item (rice).  Therese to ask Marcia about availability of parish hall on the 6 and 7 April.  Palm Sunday March, call for food (rice) and employment opportunities to be included in the bulletin.

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<b>Fundraising for Eden School</b>	Therese updated the committee on the Eden school, stall and fundraising.	Therese and Desiree to discuss and advise SJ team.
<b>Raising awareness of people seeking asylum at St Cols School</b>	Fay advised that the Table Talks will start at St Columba's school on March 12 with staff only. Fay advised that the school is planning several events to raise awareness on people seeking asylum this year. Mouna, Anne, Anne and Fay will lead the event. Further program events planned are P and F table talk, participating in events at the refugee welcome centre such as cooking and conversations and year 5 and 6 table talk.	Fay will keep the SJ team updated
<b>Refugee Welcome Centre</b>	Volunteers are being sought to help with English at language cafes at the Refugee Welcome Centre at Callan Park. Participants would need to enrol in an AMEP course (Adult Migrant English Program) at TAFE	A call for volunteers and further information to be included in the bulletin.
<b>Other Business</b>	The SJ team welcomes Carmel Shaw. On another note Amy Shipp is very interested in the SJ activities but unable to make the meetings because of commitments. She will follow our SJ activities through the bulletin. Thanks Amy!	
<b>Administration PPC delegate Weekly bulletin</b>	Fay and Dave agreed to do the Bulletin .	All - send articles and points of interest for the Bulletin to Fay - in particular any ideas on Laudato Si/ care of environment.  PPC delegate will be either David or Fay
<b>Next meeting</b>	Chair - David Minutes - Therese* (see email) Meal - Therese order pizza Castle Mola	

Next meeting  
Wednesday 3 April 6.30 pm in the Parish Hall.