

SAFFRON WALDEN CORPS COUNCIL

MINUTES of meeting on Tuesday 11 November 2008, Salvation Army Hall

Present: Major Carol Evans
CSM Frank Jefferson
CS Steph Hall
RS Kelvin Pipe
YPSM Julia Attwood
Peter Dexter

1. Opening Devotions Carol read from Psalm 92.
2. Apologies for Absence received from Audrey Holgate and Jack Banks.
3. Corps Council Membership

Audrey and Jack had now completed their 12 month term and thanks was recorded for their work on the Council.

4. Minute Secretary

Members were asked consider who might become a minute secretary for Corps Council, not necessarily a Council member. Julia Attwood agreed to minuted the meetings in the interim. **ACTION: All**

5. Health Clinic

Following the recent Corps Health Clinic, the meeting considered the way forward for the 2 main priorities, namely a) evangelism and b) nurture.

- a. Evangelism

It was agreed to consider appointing an Evangelism Co-ordinator, someone would ensure that there was a mission focus in every aspect of the Corps' service activities. Julia Attwood suggested Tony Attwood. Carol to ask him how he would see the role. **ACTION: Carol**

Carol to ask Major Aubrey Draycott from DHQ about running a Contagious Christian course for the Corps. **ACTION Carol**

The vision of 'intentional bridge building' which came out of the Health Clinic was helpful and inspirational and in many respects was already happening, for example the Chocoholics Party held in the hall, Remembrance Day silences in the market square and the Well. Carol to encourage the whole Corps in this matter. Carol outlined an idea of having a simple carol service for the mums and children in the Well, this matter to be discussed in detail with Steph and Miriam as the team leaders. **ACTION: Carol with Steph and Miriam**

- b. Small groups

The first step would be to arrange training for any who would like to attend and appoint group leaders. The meeting agreed to have these steps in place by the next meeting at the end of January. The aim would be to allocate everyone to a small group, and regardless of whether or not they attend. A small groups co-ordinator would be required. Carol would approach people who have had some experience of setting up small groups for advice. **ACTION: Carol**

6. A Life Worth Living/Alpha

The meeting recognised that while the groups were being set up the nurture element of corps life would need to be addressed, therefore Carol would run a 'A Life Worth Living' Course in the hall as soon as possible and starting before Christmas. Also there will be another Alpha Course in the new year. **ACTION: Carol**

7. Diary Dates

Saturday 6 December – possible coffee morning in the hall, tbc. **ACTION: Steph**

Wednesday 10 December – Carol Concert at 7.30 pm, Town Hall

Sunday 14 December – Carol singing at Highfields (this date should also be our turn to do the Hospital service, it was agreed to cancel this and Kelvin to go in on another date to talk and pray with patients). Kelvin to telephone the hospital to arrange this.

ACTION: Kelvin

Tuesday 16 December – Cambridge band in Market Square, catering in The Well or in the URC vestry.

Also Hatherley have asked for a carol singing session, Carol to organise this.

ACTION: Carol

Sunday 21 December – Morning meeting to be a meditation around the Christmas story as last year. Afternoon Carol Service 3 pm.

Sunday 1 March 2009 - YP Prize giving

Lent Groups – Tony and Julia hosting a group, Kelvin helping to lead one. Carol would offer to do a daytime group on a different day.

ACTION: Carol

8. Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 27 January 2009, 7.30 pm.

Frank closed the meeting with prayer at 9.05 pm.