

## SAFFRON WALDEN CORPS COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday 27 January 2009

Venue: Salvation Army Hall

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### MINUTES

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

#### 1. Scripture and Prayer

Offered by Carol – read from Psalm 95

#### 2. Apologies

None

#### 3. Minutes of last Meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes of the last meeting, Tuesday 11 November 2008, were accepted as a fair representation of the meeting.

Matters Arising

**a)** (Sub-para 4) – Lisa Watts has agreed to be the Minute Secretary for the Corps Council. At the commencement of the Meeting Carol wished to record a Note of Welcome to Lisa.

**b)** (Sub-para 5a) – Tony Attwood has been approached regarding this role. Tony would be happy to be considered for this position, which he sees as a Consultative role. Whilst Tony would be able to develop the role, members were also asked to consider what the role could incorporate, such as the web-site, training, resources, advice and guidance, etc. Members asked to bring their suggestions to the next meeting. **ACTION – All**

Carol has asked Major Aubrey Draycott from DHQ to run a Contagious Christian course. The dates offered are: 25<sup>th</sup> April or 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Council agreed to proceed with 25<sup>th</sup> April.

The Carol Services at The Well were extremely successful and Carol expressed her thanks to Steph, Miriam and their teams for this superb success.

**c)** (Sub-para 5b) – Carol has approached Jenny Doncaster and Major Aubrey Draycott for advice on setting up small groups. Jenny advised that there is no set way and to do what feels right for the Corps. Aubrey recommended that at the Officers' retreat in April, Carol should attend the training session on Small Groups. Carol agreed.

In the meantime, the "Life Worth Living Course" is currently running and "Lenten Courses" are planned, in the run up to Easter. Kelvin has started Soldiership classes with Philip and Rona which will run for approximately 10 weeks.

The next step will involve consideration of what else can be covered for the rest of the Corps, and to identify who the leaders will be and train them accordingly. **ACTION - All**

**d)** (Sub-para 6) – Carol is currently considering offering an Alpha Course on a Wednesday morning, possibly to start after the Lenten courses are completed. **ACTION – Carol**

#### 4. Reports from 2008

##### a) YP Corps Report - Julia Attwood

*“YPSM’s vision: that the children who come to JAM Club would bring their parents to the meetings and they would become a part of the church family. This is happening, several children now attend meetings regularly with their families.*

*The team and I are looking forward to prizegiving on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March.*

*We are averaging 10 children a week at Jam Club and are enjoying growing and learning together. I am indebted to JAM club helpers as ever. The children enjoyed a recent outing to Saffron Walden pantomime.*

*The children are beginning to see Junior Soldiers as a natural progression from JAM club. There are 5 Junior soldiers who attend classes regularly, will be 6 on Sunday. Carol looks after the junior soldiers classes with help from Helen Irwin.*

*At last we have a Divisional Children’s Officer, on 7 March there is a Divisional day at Cambridge for Army children. Also more training opportunities.*

*For the future – looking for new members at lower end (eg those from the Well going to school).”*

Carol: Noted how pleased she was with how well it was going, and expressed thanks and congratulations to Julia and team.

##### b) Community Care Ministry Report – Karen Ralph

*“Food Provisions to 10 families and 19 single people ~ Clothing for 5 children ~ Bed & Breakfast for 6 people ~ Help with rent for 2 people ~ Rail Tickets on 3 occasions plus packed lunches ~ Meals supplied at the Well on several occasions ~ Escort for Prison Visiting on 2 occasions ~ Delivery Charge for Furniture paid for furniture supplied by Cambridge SA.*

*Harvest Gifts – produce received from Katherine Semar School and our own Harvest. Distributed to various families and pensioners.*

*Christmas Toys and Food – We gave to 11 families (20 children and 5 teenagers) ~ Food hampers/goodies to 5 families ~ Tesco vouchers and tins to family in Stansted.*

*Christmas Day meal and party – Enjoyed by 56 people*

*In Partnership with United Churches:*

*Food vouchers to 15 people*

*Help with rent and community tax*

*1 bed and floor covering*

*1 Washing Machine*

*Electricity supply for disabled buggy*

*In addition to this there are regular visits done by various members to the housebound, residential homes and hospital; cards sent to people that we have prayed for; occasional help with shopping/odd jobs etc.”*

Frank suggested that the contents of Karen’s’ encouraging report could go into the Newsletter for sharing the good news with others.

**ACTION – Carol**

### **c) Cameo Report – Gaynor Dexter**

*The Cameo Club has a membership of 36 (including the leadership team of 4). Average total attendance over the last 3 months is 23 (9 regular members being absent on 6<sup>th</sup> January due to icy conditions).*

*The fortnightly meetings have varied programmes including visiting speakers, outings and member participation meetings. We enjoyed three outings during the year including a mystery trip and our annual Christmas tea at Scotsdales. These were supplemented by a virtual visit to the seaside (which was especially enjoyed by those unable to join us on the outings) and even a journey to the stars*

*We welcomed three visiting speakers during the year, including a much enjoyed visit from Margaret Moore, our Christmas cake lady, who led members in decorating small cakes she had provided.*

*We are planning to hold a leader's meeting in the near future, for consolidating ideas for the club and for fellowship and prayer.*

Carol added that Gaynor is an excellent Cameo leader and is developing the role well.

### **5. Dates for 2009**

- YP annual and prize giving meeting being organised by Julia – 1<sup>st</sup> March 2009.
- Service will be led by Territorial Envoy Margaret Bale on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2009.
- Chocoholics Party – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March, Steph will organise event.
- Safe & Sound (Child Protection training) – designed for everybody and would be useful for anyone who works with children, but available to everyone in the congregation. It was agreed that initially the date should be set to suit JAM club leaders, but that as many as possible be encouraged to attend. Course lasts 2.5 hours and is mainly delivered by DVD and discussions. Of the potential dates proposed by Major Michelle Woodhouse, the following are the most suitable: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March (preference) or Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April (second choice). Carol to check availability and advise Julia. **ACTION - Carol**
- Divisional Ladies Retreat – 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March 2009.
- Good Friday Meditation – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2009.
- Contagious Christian Course – 25<sup>th</sup> April 2009.
- Coffee Morning – Julia wants the children to organise a Coffee Morning and preferred date is 15<sup>th</sup> August 2009. Carol to check hall availability with Cherry Hopgood. **ACTION – Carol**
- Churches Together for Residential Home Services – Kelvin will take responsibility for completing the hospital rota by approaching leaders to establish the dates they are able to help with. Carol to pass list to Kelvin. **ACTION – Carol & Kelvin**
- RA Butler School would like to visit the church as part of a school trip looking at the various churches in the town. They have suggested preferred times of Monday or Wednesday mornings during February or March. Unfortunately these times cannot be accommodated, however Julia suggested, if the school could attend on a Wednesday afternoon, she would

be able to assist. Carol to offer a Wednesday afternoon slot to the school. Kelvin advised that he may also be available to assist. **ACTION – Carol**

- Dedicated Divas – are a group of Army ladies who deliver a beautiful singing programme - all Christian based. Steph suggested that they are invited to perform here in Saffron Walden. Carol has sent an email to the group to see whether they could suggest some dates that they could attend, preferably on a Saturday or Sunday evening.
- SWYPE – will be holding a fund raising event on Friday (30<sup>th</sup> Jan) evening and will have a visitor from the charity SCOPE attending the function. Kelvin asked whether anyone would like to support and attend this event.
- Life Worth Living Courses – the post Easter dates were agreed as April 19<sup>th</sup>, April 26<sup>th</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Family Fun Day – following last years feedback meeting, a decision has been made to hold two separate events.  
18<sup>th</sup> April 2009 - Part 1 to be held at the hall and to include the bric-a-brac and stalls.  
20<sup>th</sup> June 2009 - Part 2 to be held at Broadacres and will incorporate the normal Fun Day.  
Carol advised she is looking for an additional person to assist with the planning and organising of the event.
- Ceilidh to be held again this year. The following dates were identified as possibilities: 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 30<sup>th</sup> May. Carol will check whether any of these are suitable and discuss further at next joint management meeting. **ACTION - Carol**
- Singing Group to present an evening programme at Haverhill Corps – provisional date set of Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May (subject to Peter's holiday commitment). Peter to advise Carol if this date is okay. **ACTION - Peter**
- VBS – 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> August 2009
- ASCA – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2009 – the first wedding will be conducted in our hall, for Karen's daughter Hayley.
- 5<sup>th</sup> September 2009 – Clacton Outing.
- 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> September 2009 – Corps Anniversary. Members were asked to give some thought to a programme, for discussion at next meeting. **ACTION - All**
- Annual Appeal – likely to be 12<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> September 2009.
- Harvest – 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> October – members were asked to come back to next meeting with ideas for a programme. **ACTION - All**
- Self Denial Alter Service – Carol to find out the self-denial missionary service launch and alter service dates. **ACTION - Carol**
- Carol Services – 9<sup>th</sup> December 2009 and 20<sup>th</sup> December (meditation in the morning and 3pm Carol Service)
- Sunday Afternoon. Carol advised that once the Life Worth Living Courses are completed, she would like to hold some kind of other Sunday afternoon praise meeting in the hall. Carol will come back to next meeting with some suggestions. **ACTION – Carol**

Frank suggested using one of the Sunday afternoon sessions for the Link video. Dates to be agreed at next meeting.

A chart reflecting a summary of all planned dates will be handed out at the next meeting, as some dates are still being confirmed. **ACTION - Carol**

**6. Additional Business**

The final report following the Health Clinic needs to be read and signed by Council members. Report to be passed round to each member and then returned to DHQ. **ACTION - All**

**7. Date of Next Meeting** – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February, 7.45pm at Army Hall

**8. Closing Prayer** – offered by Julia.

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**Summary of Actions**

<b>Action</b>	<b>By Who</b>
Consider areas which could be incorporated into the Evangelism Consultants role.	All
Consider areas to be covered by small groups	All
Consider holding new Alpha Course once Lenten Courses finished	Carol
Use Karen's good news from the Community Care Ministry report in next newsletter	Carol
Check availability of dates for Safe & Sound Training	Carol
Check hall availability for Coffee morning	Carol
Completion of hospital rota	Kelvin
Contact RAB School to propose revised Wednesday afternoon visit date	Carol
Check hall availability for Ceilidh	Carol
Advise whether 16 <sup>th</sup> May is suitable for Singing Group visit to Haverhill	Peter
Members to consider proposals for programme over Corps Anniversary period and bring back suggestions to next meeting	All
Members to bring back ideas for a Harvest Programme to next meeting	All
Carol to find out dates of Self Denial Missionary launch	Carol
Sunday Afternoon Praise Meeting – come back to next meeting with suggestion	Carol
Bring chart showing summary of all planned dates to next meeting	Carol
Members to read, sign and pass round Health Clinic Report. Last member pass to Carol for forwarding to DHQ.	All