

SAFRON WALDEN CORPS COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Monday 9 May 2011

Venue: 4 Winstanley Road

MINUTES

Present: Captain Carol Baker
CSM Frank Jefferson
RS Kelvin Pipe
CS Steph Hall
Ray Andrews (start 12/3/10)
Kathryne Gill

1. Devotion

Captain Carol opened the meeting with prayer

2. Apologies

Lisa Watts

John West (mix up with venue)

3. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 February were accepted as a true record

4. Matters arising

4.1 Review of the Salvation Army leaflet is being looked at by Tony/Carol

4.2 The date planned of 9th July for Fun day does clash with the carnival. It was decided that it was now too late to organise this event for this year, but to plan early next year for the event to take place in Spring 2012. Carol to convey this to Murray.

4.3 Carol to speak to EDA computers re screens in hall to be carried forward to next meeting.

Carol has now spoken with EDA computers and will report back to next meeting.

4.4 Carol to look into emailing newsletter to be carried forward to next meeting.

4.5 From meeting held on 6 January 2011 Carol emailed the Corps Officer at Cambridge regarding the possibility of Cambridge Songsters coming to give a festival. He said he would pass this on to songster leader, but Carol has heard nothing since. She will chase this up.

5. Business/Finance

5.1 A donation of £5000.00 has been received from the St Raphael Club following the club being disbanded.

5.2 A building committee meeting and joint management group meeting need to be re arranged after postponement due to Carol's illness.

6. Health and Safety

6.1 Steph asked if the sign regarding the blind in the foyer by the fire panel could be laminated so that people could see that the blind needed to remain open when no-one was in the building. This was agreed. **Action following the meeting, this sign has now been done**

6.2 The protective covers for the seats tried out at the well were thought not to be sturdy enough and too slippery to sit on but it was again stated that some kind of protection was needed. Kathryne is to check on an internet site re thicker covers, and to order 1 to see the quality etc.

7. Corps Programme

7.1 Steph suggested that we had a cleaning day once a quarter to do the extra cleaning jobs that cannot be covered by Adrian on a week by week basis and that the well staff should not be expected to do on top of what they already do. Some things like the inside and outside of cupboards, drawers, behind fridges and freezers and cookers, stairs leading up to office and meeting room etc. Saturday 4th June was proposed and it was suggested that a list is put up of what needs to be done.

7.2 It was also suggested that a rota should be drawn up to cover the cleaning while Adrian is on holiday so that it doesn't always fall on the same people.

7.3 The Well – both days have lost some volunteers and so it was suggested that a plea for more help is put out to our own congregation and to the other churches via Churches together. Peter Kidman who is a volunteer helper is asking at New Life church and adverts for help will be put in next newsletter and also announced from platform.

7.4 Jam club – Kathrynne is finding her feet in this new role and continues to work towards being commissioned as YPSM. Leaflets regarding JAM club are to be pushed more at the well and a recruitment drive is being considered.

7.5 Cameo – this continues to grow under the superb leadership of Gaynor.

8. Mission

8.1 Alpha Course – Carol has spoken to Tony who is prepared to run the course on a Sunday afternoon but wouldn't be able to do Jam club on the Sunday's concerned. Carol needs to check on interest in this course before we go any further.

Consideration to be given to seeing if any people that come to the well could be encouraged to come along onto the course

8.2 – Ceilidh – Carol has checked with Cherry re use of URC hall for this event and Saturday 29th October would be available. Frank to speak with Peggy to check if Kevin Davies would be available on this date.

8.3 – London trip. Frank advised the meeting that the replies indicated that 32 seats would be needed. With the cost of the coach being £530.00 this would make the seats too expensive. Carol to speak with Murray about inviting URC members. If still short on numbers, Frank will contact Lt Col Alan Hart, CO at Bishops Stortford to see if any of their members would be interested in joining us.

9. AOB

9.1 – Carol had details of a leaflet rack which was with a supply of Christian leaflets. The meeting discussed this and thought it to be a good idea but felt there was a lack of space within our building to be able to have this on display.

9.2 – Tony had given details about a coffee machine to Carol but again after some discussion it was felt that again this was a good idea but that there was no room in the kitchen to be able to house this.

9.3 – Kelvin advised the meeting that unfortunately due to several circumstances he needs to step down from his position as representative on Saffron Walden Churches together. John West is happy to continue. We need to see if someone else is prepared to take on this role.

10. Date of next meeting – Thursday 22nd September 7.30

11. Closing prayer – the meeting closed at 9pm with prayer offered by Kelvin

Summary of Actions

Ref	Action	By Whom
4.2	Carol to confirm to Murray that Fun day will not go ahead this year	Carol
4.3	Carol to contact EDA computers re screen	Carol
4.4	Carol to look into emailing newsletter to save on printing	Carol
4.5	Carol to chase up re visit of Cambridge songsters	Carol
6.2	Kathryne to check out thicker chair covers for the well	Kathryne
7.1	Announcement re cleaning of hall and list of what needs to be done	Carol
7.3	New helpers for well to be mentioned in newsletter and announced from platform	Carol/Frank
8.1	Carol to check on interest in the Alpha course before dates are decided on	Carol
8.2	Frank to speak with Peggy to see if Kevin Davies could do Ceilidh on Oct 29 th	Frank
8.3	Carol to speak with Murray about inviting URC members on London trip	Carol