

CORPS COUNCIL MINUTES

Corps: Albany Bays Corps

Place: Officers Quarters

Date: June 5th 2012

Time: 7:30pm

Present: Cindy Tong, Paul Butler, Sharon Sawyer, Glenys Bycroft, Pearl Butler, Capt M & J Collings

Apologies: None

Opening prayer: Captain Marcus

TSMP FOCUS

Goal 1	Transforming Lives – Discipleship
Key issue	<p>Renewed emphasis on Soldiership</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To see existing soldiers/adherents/Friends of TSA capture a fresh vision of what the Salvation Army is and the part they have in it 2. To offer all people the opportunity to understand and possibly take on membership in the Salvation Army
Action due	Have run 5 Courses
Who	Capt's M & J
Report	PCC has approved Sam Parker for Soldiership Followed up required latest group who went through the Mission Matters Course. Covenant Renewal Sunday – July 1 st 2012 – For Soldiers and Non Soldiers.

Goal 2	Caring for People – Within the Corps
Key issue	<p>Set up and co-ordinate Pastoral Care teams</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To make sure that all those connected to the corps are cared for. 2. To visit and pray with each person at least twice a year
Action due	PCC still working on a strategy for groups.
Who	Capt's M&J and members of the PCC
Report	Please continue to prayerfully support the PCC as they try to determine the best course of action.

Goal 3	Stewardship of People and Resources
Key issue	<p>We need to commission our local leaders along with role descriptions - either through local officer bonds or warrants of service. This is how we empower local leaders in the Salvation Army. By doing this well, each leader will know what they are responsible for and the Corps and C.O.s can recognise their leadership and release them into specific ministries.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To see all those in Leadership roles commissioned/warranted. 2. For each leader to know and understand their roles and responsibilities.
Action due	<p>Undertake a review of the local leadership positions and roles. Develop ministry role descriptions. Also Accountability measures created.</p>
Who	Corps Council and Capt's M&J
Report	Focussed Intentionality needs to take place in creating the role descriptions and accountability measures. PCC currently discussing leadership criteria.

Goal 4	Childrens and Youth Ministry
Key issue	Employment of a Children's Ministry Leader/Youth Ministry Leader/Co-ordinator
Action due	<p>Planned for in the 12/13 Corps Financial Budget. Have received Job descriptions from DHQ. Neil Aitken has stepped back from working on contextualising the JD for the Albany Bays Context – his health requires him to do. Capts M & J will be working on the JD shortly.</p> <p>Suggestion was made to look at a previous Children's ministry staff member 'Kyra Lindsey' file – may have an old JD.</p> <p>The current JD from DHQ will be distributed to the Corps Council for comments.</p>
Who	Capt's M&J
Report	To establish a Job Description is of paramount importance. Once complete, will forward to PCC, Corps Council and DHQ for sign off. Then we advertise for the position.

SECTION REPORTS

Ministry feed-back and priorities – reports section	
Worship	<p>DC Visiting on Sunday June 17th Worship Planning Group going well – good cohesiveness. This past Sunday Morning meeting had good start with 'Tug of War' We are also addressing through PCC how to balance out the Response time – need to</p>

	develop a prayer team for those who require support – further discussion around at PCC.
Discipleship	A big thank-you to Haydn and Sharon Sawyer for their leadership of their home group. They have chosen to bring this group to its conclusion. A brief discussion was had with them concerning a potential follow-on group. This could be facilitated by Mike Anderson. Corps Council members were asked to prayerfully consider other people for Home Group Leadership and email Capts M & J with responses Corps has first prayer meeting in May – 13 People attended. Neil Aitken did a fantastic job in leading this time
Evangelism	Personal evangelism - alive in the workplace Alpha Course happening through CM Sharing of Gospel through CM
Service	We are seeing an increase in the number of people seeking Budgeting assistance. Mike Anderson and Bruce McCulloch to attend local training A small counselling ministry has commenced with Karl Saunders (Trainee counsellor through LaidLaw college). Max 5 persons can be seen by Karl. Linking in people from the corps and CM A men's cooking course is starting in July Homecare is going through a restructure – Be in prayer for its leaders and staff.
Fellowship	Women's ministries going well Monday night Men's ministry is good
Pastoral Care	The PCC are still working on a strategy for Pastoral Care, however in the meantime, Capt's M&J are visiting with people regularly, including Hospital and Resthome visits. Other members of the corps are also taking it upon themselves to connect with each other in a Pastoral way.
Youth	Jennette Thorne is making great progress with the teen girls on Thursday nights. Sarah Mann still wants to be involved in leadership – will make it when she can 7UP is still struggling to get of the ground for the guys – Sam is arranging to speak with the local intermediate schools regarding this programme
Children	June 252 Basics curriculum in use. Sue Aitken doing a great job in trying to co-ordinate leaders, but we are still struggling with consistency of leadership Kids can start passing out the bibles in our main Sunday gatherings.
Finance	See attached April Financial Statements. Still waiting to hear back from DHQ concerning budgets.
Communication	June 2012 newsletter published and on Corps Website Cindy Tong to takeover Corps Sunday Attendance from Sue – Thanks Cindy Corps Council Minutes to be published on website Discussion about a corps suggestion box – if this goes ahead, those who make suggestions must write their names. Items with no disclosure of name will not be addressed.

Family Stores	Browns Bay Store has seen a huge lift over the last month or so. Increased takings, increased positive comments from clientele. Increased number of volunteers. Torbay's takings are greatly exceeding expectation.
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OTHER BUSINESS

Issue	Corp Reviews 2012
Action	Documentation given out at Corps Council and PCC
Who	Capt's M & J
Report	Completed Feedback forms back into Capt M by Monday June 25. Combined Corps Council and PCC meeting – July 3 rd 7:30pm Last day to get review documentation to DHQ – July 9 th Corps Review Meeting with DHQ at Officers Quarters – July 17 th 7:30pm

Issue	PCC Progress with Pastoral Care development
Action	Team is working on developing a system to make sure that all those connected with the corps are pastorally taken care of – still under construction
Who	Capt's M & J are responsible for this team
Report	Still under construction

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday July 3rd 2012 – Combined meeting with PCC

PASTORAL CARE COUNCIL SUMMARY

Please indicate below the date of your latest PCC meeting and names of those who attended. Due to confidentiality a report is not required to be submitted.

Date: June 26th 2012

Members: Capts M & J Collings, Pearl Butler, Sue and Neil Aitken