



Southern California Cadet Council Meeting Minutes  
7:00pm, 26 August 2010  
First United Reformed Church of Chino  
6159 Riverside Drive, Chino, California

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Opening Prayer and Devotion. Bernie Gabrielse, Council DCE and Head Counselor Chino 1 URC (Club No. 1530) began the meeting at 7:13pm with prayer and then asked counselors to read selected texts from God's Word. The texts selected were Psalm 78:1-8; Matthew 18:1-10; and Mark 10:13-16. After the readings, Bernie reminded the council members that God has given us, as counselors, a great gift of being able to work with these young boys. He noted that some children's development is still forming up until age twelve, and as counselors, we have opportunity to mold these young men and further their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Workshops were provided by Bernie and Craig Doty, Council DCE and Head Counselor Bayview OPC (Club No. 1585). The two workshops offered were "Counselor Certification" and "Planning Ahead! Getting Your Clubs and Cadres Up and Running".

After a coffee break and refreshments, the Business Meeting was called to order by Dave Dalton, Council President and Head Counselor Westminster OPC (Club No. 1566) at 8:35p.m.

Roll Call was taken with the following clubs reporting counselors attending:

Number	Name	Present
1503	Anaheim CRC	0
1509	Artesia 1 (inactive)	
1512	<b>Artesia Trinity CRC</b>	1
1585	<b>Bayview OPC</b>	2
1518	<b>Bellflower Bethany</b>	2
1569	Bellflower Bethel	0
1515	<b>Bellflower 1</b>	1
1521	<b>Bellflower Rosewood</b>	1
1531	<b>Crosspoint CRC</b>	3
1530	<b>Chino 1</b>	4
1517	Anaheim Christ Reformed (URC)	0
1536	<b>Escondido URC</b>	1
1539	<b>Long Beach CRC</b>	2

<b>Number</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>
1558	Oasis Moreno Valley	0
1548	The River (Redlands)	0
1557	Hope Riverside	0
1560	San Diego CRC (inactive)	
1561	San Diego New Life PCA	0
1563	<b>Sun Valley</b>	1
1565	San Marcos CRC	0
1566	<b>Westminster OPC</b>	1

Church name in bold indicates H/C attending

### **Old Business**

2010 West Coast Camporee and Certification Day. Dave Dalton reported the West Coast Camporee is a “must”, especially for anyone who has not attended a Cadet International Camporee. He also noted that the Camporee Certification Day, held last May at Westminster OPC, was sparsely attended by only 10 boys.

2010 Cadet Counselors’ Convention Report. Craig provided a verbal report of the convention and informed the council that the executive summary of the convention will be available on our council website. Matt reported our final balance as \$15,703.00. A check for one-half the balance (\$7,851.50) will be sent to Grand Rapids for use by the Corps along with the executive summary.

The executive board provided a recommendation to the council for the disbursement of remaining funds (\$7,851.50) from the 2010 Convention. The recommendation will be for each club that provided funds to receive that percentage back as a reimbursement. Following a lively discussion about what the funds could be used for, the council approved the following motion.

“All funds should be disbursed on a prorated fashion to those clubs which raised funds for the convention.”

Dave Lewis noted that IRS regulations require designated monies to be used for their designated purposes. An organization that fails to do so could be in trouble with the IRS tax code and risk losing tax exempt status with the IRS. In keeping with that admonition, the council further agreed that reimbursed monies must be used only for Cadet-related purposes. Following a question from the floor, the council agreed that if any club wants to designate any portion of these funds for council-related items, or return the money to the council for its use, the club head counselor should do so in writing to our Council Treasurer - Dave Lewis.

Executive Board Member – Vice President. Dave Dalton reminded the council that his three-year term as Council President will be expiring this year and that a Council Vice-President seat remains open on the Executive Board.

2010 AGI (Valley Christian High School). Dave Dalton read from an email from Paul deVries, counselor at Bellflower Bethany (host club for the event). In the email, Paul asks for some assistance with setup and running the AGI, which will be held on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at Valley Christian High School. Several counselors volunteered to help and more information will be forthcoming via email

## **Reports**

The Congressman Report was provided by Matt Gabrielse, Counselor at Chino 1 URC (Club No. 1530) and Jim Grasmeyer, Head Counselor at Long Beach CRC (Club No. 1539). Club registrations are due to Corps by 15 October. Registrations and the annual fee can be sent to either Jim or Matt in time to be sent to Corps before the deadline. Matt noted that Artesia 1 still owes a love gift from last year. Bill Mulder, Head Counselor Artesia Trinity CRC (Club No. 1512) said that he would speak with Artesia 1 and get the check sent in to Corps. Jim then illustrated for the council some of the discussions that occur at congress, highlighting the particularly contentious issue of changing the name of the organization from Calvinist Cadet Corps to a more non-descript Christian Cadet Corps. He noted that evangelical churches looking for a youth program appear turned off by the reformed nature inherent in the name “Calvinist” and therefore often opt for a different youth program. Several counselors from the floor joined in on the discussion, offering opinions and illustrations both for and against this issue.

The DCE Report was given Craig Doty. He noted that each council meeting will have two workshops offered. The West Coast Counselor Conference will be held at Chino 1 on February 18-19, 2011. More information and registration materials will be forthcoming to all clubs.

Quartermaster Report was not available.

The Treasurer Report was given by Dave Lewis. Dave distributed copies of the treasurer’s report and council annual budget. He explained that each year, the council’s spending just about matches our income. This trend has remained consistent over the past several years. He asked the council for suggestions or ideas on ways to improve the financial situation. Dave went on to note that one-time purchases or other items could be funded by asking each club to add a \$20 assessment to their annual registration.

Secretary Report was provided by Craig Doty. Craig noted the council’s calendar on the website is up to date. He also noted that our website has a list of clubs and that if any information needs updating, the head counselor should let Reuben Settergren, Council Webmaster and Counselor at New Life PCA (Club No. 1561) what needs updating. A counselor list was distributed and updates requested. Craig noted that this list does not go outside the council and is intended solely for use in passing on information to the clubs. He does distribute the list electronically to each club head counselor.

Bernie stated that for the past two Field Days held at Ontario Christian School, a fee was assessed by the school and paid for by the council. Dave Lewis noted that this amount is not part of the annual budget. The council discussed this item, noting that supporting churches for Ontario Christian should feel free to discuss this issue with members of the school board. John deVries, Head Counselor at Crosspoint CRC (Club No. 1531) and Bernie both noted that up until recently, no fee was charged and that the facilities are left in a better condition than when the council arrives for Field day. Jim Grasmeyer noted that Valley Christian High School does not charge a maintenance fee. He also stated that he would prefer the current three-school rotation (Ontario, Valley, and Calvin) as it allows him “two years off”. Bernie said that one of his club counselors sits on the Ontario School board and has not yet replied to Bernie’s question about a fee for the upcoming Field Day in December.

### **New Business**

Cadet Ages for Field Day Events. Dave Dalton introduced this item. He noted that at the past Field Day, older children are participating in some events, most notably the racing events. He asked for council clarification on the age breakdowns and limits for Cadet participation. While the council recognized that a small number of boys remain in Cadetting past the normal cutoff (8th grade), the intent is for boys of that age to begin to transition to leadership positions within the club, e.g., junior counselors and thus should not be participating in regular R-P-B activities like Field Day. After some discussion, the council confirmed the following age breakdowns for Field Day (and by extension Pinewood Derby). Cadet participation is broken into four age groups.

- A group – first and second grade
- B group – third and fourth grade
- C group – fifth and sixth grade
- D group – seventh and eighth grade

If a group of older boys wish to participate in an athletic event, i.e., track race. They can do so as a separate group (an E group for example) but will not be included in the point total for Field Day club participants. This is similar to the “counselor race” that occurs at Field Day.

Film-making Badge. Brad Peterson, Counselor at Bellflower Bethany (Club No. 1518) sought council approval for a new R-P-B merit badge on film-making. Brad noted that boys in his club have used the material and had developed short (one minute) films of their own design and production. Several counselors provided comments as ways to improve the badge requirements.

Bill Mulder asked that badge expectations be clearly defined.

Ken Klaasen, Head Counselor at Sun Valley (Club No. 1563) suggested that a strong Christian component be incorporated.

Jim Tanis, Head Counselor at Bellflower Bethany (Club No. 1518), noted that the language in the badge might use redemptive terms to help the boys understand that film-making, like other pursuits, falls under God’s kingdom umbrella.

Bernie Gabrielse noted that a Guide Trail for Media Tech exists and offered a copy to Brad to help refine any potential differences between the Guide Trail material and the new R-P-B badge.

Jim Grasmeyer offered to assist Brad in developing the badge material in preparation for this year's Congress. He noted that any proposal for new badges needs to be submitted prior to 1 October. Jim also noted that the last R-P-B badge that came from Southern California was the Surfing badge. Dave Dalton stated that one boy attending the convention, took time to earn the Surfing badge while his family attended the convention in San Diego.

Craig noted that an attempt had been made to demonstrate the utility of telephone conferencing to facilitate meetings and involve more counselors. Unfortunately, the demonstration will need to be put off until our next council meeting.

Council President Dave Dalton announced the next Council meeting at Bellflower Bethany in Bellflower, beginning at 7:00pm on November 4, 2010. Workshops will be announced.

Dave Dalton thanked Bernie and the other counselors from Chino 1 URC for hosting the meeting. Dave closed the meeting with prayer to our Great God and King at 9:45p.m. for the ministry to the boys in our clubs, the decisions and plans made tonight, and traveling mercies. The council concluded the meeting by singing the Cadet Hymn.

In Christ's Service

Craig P. Doty