

Southern California Council Meeting Minutes  
7:00pm, 22 January 2009  
The River Christian Reformed Church  
459 East Highland Avenue, Redlands, California

Opening Prayer was offered by Council President Dave Dalton (Head Counselor for Westminster OPC (No. 1566)) and the devotion was given by Troy Shelton (Counselor for The River CRC (No. 1548)). He provided the devotion using material and formats provided in the *Getting Dusty* series, noting that expectations for teaching our young men are important. We are training our Cadets to live and work in Jesus' army.

Instead of a workshop, Dave requested the council take some time before the business meeting to discuss the ups and downs of last year's Cadet season; specifically what did the council feel worked well or areas of improvement.

Roll Call was taken with the following clubs reporting attendance:



<b>Number</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>
1503	Anaheim CRC	0
1509	<b>Artesia 1</b>	1
1512	Artesia Trinity CRC	0
1585	<b>Bayview OPC</b>	1
1518	<b>Bellflower Bethany</b>	2
1569	Bellflower Bethel	0
1515	<b>Bellflower 1</b>	1
1521	Bellflower Rosewood	0
<i>1547</i>	<i>El Dorado</i>	
1531	<b>Crosspoint CRC</b>	1
<i>1532</i>	<i>Oaks Community</i>	
1530	<b>Chino 1</b>	1
1517	Anaheim Christ Reformed (URC)	0
1536	<b>Escondido URC</b>	2
1539	<b>Long Beach CRC</b>	1
1558	<b>Oasis Moreno Valley</b>	1
1548	<b>The River (Redlands)</b>	2
1557	Hope Riverside	0
<i>1560</i>	<i>San Diego CRC</i>	
1561	San Diego New Life PCA	1
1563	<b>Bethel Sun Valley</b>	1
1565	San Marcos CRC	0
1566	<b>Westminster OPC</b>	1

Church name in bold indicates H/C attending

Church information in italics means the club is inactive for the 2008-2009 cadet year

## 2010 Counselor Convention Needs

Dave Dalton introduced this item and briefly described the needs for the subcommittee to continue its efforts. He then turned the meeting over to Council Secretary Craig Doty (Head Counselor for Bayview OPC (No. 1585)). Craig provided greater detail as to the needs for several subcommittee chairpersons. He also noted the need is for the council to develop the Convention Theme and Verse. These will be carried through by the Corps office as the Cadet Theme and Verse for 2011. The chairperson needs are listed:

- Family Program
- Registration and Finance
- Publicity- to Council and other councils

It was noted that any suggestions for a theme verse or theme should be forwarded to the committee or to Craig. Any counselor wishing to participate in the planning of the 2010 Cadet Convention should contact either Dave or Craig for further information.

### **Quick Word on Blue Stars**

Dave Dalton first congratulated the Council's four Blue Star awardees and then mentioned that any club can nominate a counselor to receive the Blue Star using the guidelines provided on the council website.

### **Pinewood Derby**

Dave Dalton opened the discussion by asking for suggestions for a side event. Several counselors recommended an obstacle course. It was decided to research an inflatable type since the groundcover at Bethel is not conducive for a type of obstacle course used at Field Day.

The Council confirmed March 28<sup>th</sup> as the date for the Pinewood Derby.

The Council then took up a discussion concerning what to award the Cadets as prizes. Some counselors wanted to continue with our tradition of four trophies per age group with an overall Fastest Car and Turkey trophies. Dave Lewis (Council Treasurer) provided the cost for the past several years and noted that sufficient funds are generated through the snack bar to continue this practice. John DeVries (co-Head Counselor for Crosspoint CRC (No. 1531)) asked if the Pinewood Derby was planned as a money-making event. Dave Lewis replied negatively, stating that it was never planned as a revenue-generating event. The recommendation was made to modify the trophies so that only the first place winner receives a trophy. Cadets winning second or third place would receive an engraved stand on which they could place their winning car. It was recommended to eliminate the fourth place award.

Dave Dalton made a motion for the Council to approve this "blended" approach to the awards. Jim Grasmeyer (Head Counselor for Long Beach CRC (No. 1539)) seconded the motion. After a call for further discussion, the motion was put to the floor and was passed with a voice vote, with one nay vote recorded.

A question was asked if the age groups for Pinewood Derby will be altered to match those used during the 2008 Field Day, e.g., A group – first and second grade; B group – third and fourth; C

group – fifth and sixth; and D group – seventh and up. It was stated that the age groups would be the same as for Field day.

Dave Dalton ended the discussion by noting the Pinewood Derby rules and registration forms will be put onto the Council website and will reflect the changes mentioned.

Action:

- Jim Tanis (Counselor Bellflower Bethany CRC (No. 1518)) will investigate the availability, cost, and mobility of an inflatable obstacle course.
- Dave Dalton will confirm with Chris McGahey (Head Counselor for Bellflower Bethel (No. 1569)) that they will host this year's Pinewood Derby.
- Craig Doty will locate a copy of the Pinewood Derby rules and registration and place onto the Council website.
  - Post-meeting note: A copy of the registration and rules is attached and will be placed onto the website.

**West Coast Counselor Conference in Escalon (2/20-21/09)**

Craig provided an information/registration packet to all counselors. He went on to recommend anyone interested in attending this conference to contact Mr. Chuck VanGorkum (Golden Bear DCE and conference host).

## **Congressman Candidates and Open Executive Committee Seats**

Dave Dalton reintroduced this item and called for any counselors wishing to assist as either Council Vice President or a second Congressman should contact him. Jim Grasmeyer provided a job description for the council congressman, noting the desire for a volunteer to come from either an eastern (Chino or Moreno Valley) or southern (San Diego) club.

## **Recap Field Day 2008**

Ron Flietstra (Head Counselor for Bellflower Bethany (No. 1518)) recommended that a workshop be held for the Council on both the Shelter Building and Tripod Lashing events from Field Day. He went on to note that many of the Cadets who attempted these events did not know the basics behind simple knot tying or lashing. Bernie Gabrielse (Head Counselor for First URC of Chino (No. 1530) noted the need is for counselors who can teach these skills at the club level so that the boys come to Field Day prepared to participate in these events. The Council agreed and decided to have the workshop at the September 2009 meeting.

Rob Balt (Head Counselor for Escondido URC (No. 1536)) noted that proceeds from the snack shack at Field Day were \$1,500. Dave Lewis stated that there were 250 cadets at this year's Field Day. Craig asked if there had been any complaints from the staff at Calvin Christian High School; Rob said that the staff was very impressed with how the facilities looked after Field Day concluded.

At the recommendation of several counselors, the Council went ahead and decided to hold the 2009 Field Day on December 5<sup>th</sup> at Valley Christian High School.

## **Camping Certification (All Cadets)**

Dave Dalton introduced the camping certification by saying that the Council had decided to hold this certification on off-International Camporee years for any counselor or cadet wishing to earn the badge. Furthermore, Westminster OPC will host the event on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009. Jim Grasmeyer provided additional details on what was taught following a question from Steve Graham (Head Counselor for the Oasis Church (No. 1558)).

## **Council Campout**

Several counselors noted disparate ideas for a camping trip: some noted that past years' events were poorly attended or poorly organized, even going so far as to call the most recent Laurel Pines event a "joke"; other counselors desired not to lose this important event and asked for venue ideas. Several locations were suggested, but everyone agreed that it would take more than just a handful of counselors to properly organize such a camporee. The Council agreed that the maximum number of boys would be around 300. The Council also noted that the use of firepits could be difficult if a high fire danger were to exist.

Action:

- Dave Dalton will investigate the Alpine campground as a possible location
- Juan Jimenez (from New Life PCA (No. 1561)) will contact Palomar Christian Conference Center
- Bernie Gabrielse will contact Laurel Pines as a possible location

It was also noted that permits would need to be obtained if either a marksmanship or archery event were held in a public, i.e., county or state park. Additional regard should be taken to the availability of port-a-potties and/or potable water at any campsite chosen to hold the camporee.

**Reports**

Congressman Report by Jim Grasmeyer. Highlights from the 2009 Congress were:

- Some clubs have not yet provided their love offering to Corps for the 2007-2008 Cadet Year
- A modification to the name to “Christian” Cadet Corps vice “Calvinist” was rejected for at least two years
- A proposal to restrict the use of propane stoves at camporees was rejected.
- A proposal to restrict the use of cots or air mattresses at camporees was rejected.

DCE Report by Craig Doty noted that the 2009 Escalon Conference as previously mentioned herein. He also described 2009 Cadet Counselors’ conference to be held in West Des Moines, Iowa from July 15-17 2009. A registration form and workshop information is in the latest *Clarion*.

Quartermaster Report by George Bell stated that the pinewood derby cars are available for any club who wishes to order them.

Treasurer Report by Dave Lewis provided the following:

The Council has approximately \$3,000 in checking and \$1,407 in the Jim Greenfield fund. This fund is designed to provide monies to any club facing financial difficulty. Dave Lewis reiterated that this money is available for clubs who cannot afford uniforms or other staple items; he also encouraged counselors to make use of the fund. Dave Lewis concluded his report by stating that accounts receivable stands at \$1,500.

Dave Dalton recommended, due to the lateness of the hour, that the new business listed below could be tabled until the next regular meeting. The Council concurred.

- Archery Equipment/Standardization
- Council Projects/Community Involvement
- Counselor Training/Recruitment
- Council Events – Fishing, Hikes, Water Park

Bernie Gabrielse stressed the importance of more counselors attending Council meetings. He noted that with twenty clubs, there exists almost 100 counselors in the Council. Council business and decisions should not be decided by only a few men; rather, with a multitude of counselors comes wisdom.

The meeting was closed with prayer for the ministry to the boys in our clubs, the decisions and plans made tonight, and traveling mercies, by Ron Flietstra at 9:10pm. The Council concluded the meeting by singing the Cadet Hymn.

In Christ's Service,

Craig P. Doty

