

Southern California Council Meeting Minutes  
 7:00pm, 16 April 2009  
 First United Reformed Christian Church of Chino  
 6159 Riverside Drive, Chino, California

Opening Prayer and Devotion

The workshop (and devotion) on “Serving our Church as Cadet Counselors and How to Avoid Counselor Burnout” was led by Council DCE, Bernie Gabrielse, Head Counselor of 1<sup>st</sup> URC of Chino (Club No. 1530). Reading from Ephesians 1 – 2:10, Bernie highlighted several key passages and themes relevant to our calling as Cadet leaders/counselors. Bernie then asked the counselors to answer one of two questions – “What is your favorite Council event?” or “What other possible Council events could be held?” The Pinewood Derby and Field Day were both mentioned as positives. Possible future events that could be held would be “A Cadet Night at the Angels Game”. Bernie challenged those present to three realities of being a Cadet counselor and our relationships with Christ and the Cadets: (1) we should give our boys credit while acknowledging that they are young and need instruction to grow in grace and knowledge of God. (2) We should take our jobs seriously. Perhaps even to the exclusion of other worthwhile ministries within the local church so that we can focus on our calling as counselors. (3) We need to always remember that it was God who placed in these positions in His plan, before the worlds were made and He has given us tasks to accomplish for His glory and purpose.

After a coffee break and refreshments, the Business Meeting was called to order by Dave Dalton, Board President and Head Counselor Westminster OPC (Club No. 1566) at 8:50 p.m.

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

<b>Club Number</b>	<b>Church (or Club) Name</b>	<b>No. of Counselors Present</b>
1503	Anaheim CRC	0
1508	New Ground Harvest	0
1509	<b>Artesia 1</b>	2
1512	Artesia Trinity CRC	0
1515	<b>Bellflower 1</b>	2
1517	Anaheim Christ Reformed (URC)	0
1518	<b>Bellflower Bethany</b>	1
1521	Bellflower Rosewood	0
1547	<i>El Dorado</i>	

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1569	<b>Bellflower Bethel</b>	1
1530	<b>Chino 1</b>	5
1531	Crosspoint	0
<i>1532</i>	<i>Oaks Community</i>	
1536	Escondido URC	0
1539	Long Beach CRC	0
1548	The River (Redlands)	0
1557	Hope Riverside	0
1558	<b>Oasis Moreno Valley</b>	2
<i>1560</i>	<i>San Diego CRC</i>	
1561	San Diego New Life PCA	0
1563	Bethel Sun Valley	0
1565	San Marco CRC	0
1566	<b>Westminster OPC</b>	1
1585	<b>Bayview OPC</b>	1

Church name in bold indicates H/C attending

Church information in italics indicates club inactive for the 2008-2009 Cadet year

## **Old Business**

### Recap of the 2009 Pinewood Derby

Dave Dalton stated the receipts from the Pinewood Derby snack bar was around \$200. He asked for counselor input on what worked well (and not so well). Several counselors commented on the change in awards. Gary Evans, Head Counselor for First Bellflower CRC (Club No. 1515) noted that while the trophy stand idea for the winning car was a good idea, it didn't serve too well if a single boy won twice, e.g., for speed and also design. In this case, the boy has two trophies and only one car. He went on to recommend that regular trophies be awarded for best workmanship and most unique design while the trophy "stands" could be awarded for the winners of the speed competition. Another counselor commented that several attendees had made mention that a fourth place award was missing this year. Perhaps a ribbon or even a certificate could be awarded for those cars in each age group achieving a fourth place finish. Another counselor mentioned that the obstacle course is a good "second choice" after the Cadet's have seen their car race and

encouraged this for next year. It was mentioned that this particular design of obstacle course, while cheaper, was inappropriate for placement on the concrete driveway. Dave concluded the discussion by saying that, while the council's attempt to reduce cost was successful at this Derby, perhaps further discussion and decisions are needed to finalize exactly the makeup and type of awards to be given next year. The counselors from First Bellflower volunteered to host the 2010 Council Pinewood Derby on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

### 2010 Counselor Convention Needs

Dave Dalton continued this discussion by reiterating that our council hosting this event will take an "all-hands" effort by all of the clubs. There remain several key committee chairperson seats open and other helpers are needed in areas where the work has already begun.

Craig Doty, Head Counselor of Bayview OPC (Club No. 1585) and Chairman of the 2010 Planning Committee outlined what could be needed in several areas, most notably the finances where he limited the registration fees to cover the cost of the hotel and meals. All other costs for those attending should be covered by our council's fundraising efforts over the next fourteen months. Gary Evans and Ron Flietstra, Head Counselor of Bellflower Bethany CRC (Club No. 1518) commented that their clubs only have one fundraiser a year and that their church membership has become comfortable with this situation. Craig stressed that the Cadet convention comes around only once in a great while (twenty years since Southern CA hosted). He emphasized that our efforts should be to make visiting counselors and families as at ease as possible since they are, in a real sense, our guests. Bernie corrected one statement that was made earlier. He noted that the committee could use anyone who has a heart to serve. The Registration and Finance Chair does not require a finance or CPA background. The task of registration and finance can be quite simple to accomplish.

Dave noted that the committee has decided to use as our Convention Theme and Verse - "*Knotted Together in Christ*" from Ecclesiastes 4:12. The Corps Executive Committee will use this for the Cadet Theme for the 2010-2011 Cadet Year.

Action:

- Craig agreed to send an e-mail to all head counselors outlining the types of assistance that will be needed and in what key areas.

Dave went on to comment that the council still has a vacancy for another Congressman and a Vice President. Bernie asked about council elections. These will be discussed at a future meeting.

Dave and Bernie mentioned ongoing e-mail discussions with counselors from the other two California councils – Pacific Sierra and Golden Bear. These other counselors see great benefit in continuing our scheduled West Coast Conferences in February, even though Southern CA will be hosting the 2010 Convention in July. Several reasons were provided for holding the February conference in Visalia, most notably continuing an annual event that had not held in over a decade prior to 2007. Dave opined that having both the conference and convention the same year is akin to having our West Coast Camporee the same year as the International Camporee. Bernie agreed with the course of action proposed by the counselors of Golden Bear and Pacific Sierra to go ahead

and hold the conference. He stated that it could be detrimental to lose the “momentum” of having the conference each year if it were to be cancelled. Craig mentioned that the West Coast Conference would probably be held on the third full weekend in February (President’s Day weekend) at the Visalia CRC.

### Camping Certification (for all Cadets)

Dave mentioned the certification will be hosted by Westminster OPC on May 2<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 8:30am. It will include several events similar to Field Day events that should qualify Cadets and counselors for the Camping Certification patch. This patch is required for anyone desiring to attend the International Camporee. Gary Evans asked if this course is restricted to only Cadets. Dave replied that in off-International Camporee years, the council agreed to open this certification course to any Cadet or counselor. Ron Flietstra commented that it seems a bit young for a second or third grader who passes the course this year to receive the patch without some sort of recertification prior to attending the International. Craig noted that the 2011 Camporee (*Camp White Tail*) will be held in upstate Michigan. Any Cadet who is eleven years of age by January of that year is eligible to attend.

Action:

- Dave will contact individual clubs responsible for specific Field Day events to solicit assistance in running these events at our certification day.

### Council Campout

Bernie reported that initial conversation with Laurel Pines was positive and indicated that only a definite timeframe was needed to secure this location. A trip up to visit the site would be prudent, and he volunteered to do so. After some additional discussion about locations, the council determined that it is too late in this year to begin planning for a summer camporee. Council members did express some desire to hold a summer camporee next year, but acknowledged that it could cause some conflict with the 2010 Cadet Convention. Gary Evans noted that clubs that wish to join Bellflower One in its summer camping trip should contact him directly and make arrangements. The trip will most like be toward the end of July.

### **Reports**

There was no Congressman Report provided.

DCE Report by Craig Doty, Head Counselor of Bayview OPC (Club No. 1585). Several upcoming events were mentioned.

- ❖ Cadet Counselor Convention, in Des Moines, Iowa from 9-11 July 2009. Registrations can be made using the forms in the recent Clarion and the cost is \$300 per person.
- ❖ West Coast Conference in Visalia from 19-20 February 2010
- ❖ Cadet Counselor Convention in San Diego from 15-17 July 2010

- ❖ Cadet International Camporee, Camp White Tail, in Michigan from 27 July until 3 August 2011

#### Quartermaster Report by George Bell.

George numerated the many supplies on hand. He reminded counselors to place orders via e-mail, fax, or phone. George provided updated supply catalogs and price lists and noted that he has some blue Cadet wristbands on hand for only \$2,00 each.

Treasurer Report. In Dave Lewis' absence, Dave Dalton provided each club with a printout of the treasurer's report and reminded the clubs to send their checks to Dave Lewis at the address on the treasurer's report.

#### **New Business**

Dave mentioned ongoing discussions with Rob Balt, Head Counselor for Escondido URC (Club No. 1536) to host the next council Archery/Marksmanship Day in November 2009. It was also mentioned that the last time this was held (at Valley Christian in Cerritos), it was well attended and well-executed by Paul DeVries and Dave Lewis with five to seven archery and nine marksmanship stations. Ron Flietstra mentioned that the younger Cadets had some difficulty in operating the single-shot air rifles used at Field Day. He mentioned that younger Cadets in his club use a different model that is easier to handle.

After a question, Dave acknowledged that further discussions are needed in September to standardize the equipment used for both archery and marksmanship events at Field Day and individual club events.

Next Council Meeting by Dave Dalton. This meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at Long Beach CRC. Cadet Director Dick Broene will be attending. Dave asked that each club make every effort to have as many counselors as possible attend this meeting.

After thanking the counselors from First URC for hosting our meeting, Dave Dalton closed the meeting with prayer for the ministry to the boys in our clubs, the decisions and plans made tonight, and traveling mercies at 9:35 pm. The council concluded the meeting by singing the Cadet Hymn.

In Christ's Service,

Craig P. Doty