

Southern California Council Meeting Minutes
7:00pm, 15 September 2009
Long Beach Christian Reformed Church
5559 East Wardlow Road, Long Beach, California

Prayer and Devotion

Devotions were provided by Bill Mulder (H/C of Club 1512, Artesia Trinity CRC). He read from Ephesians 3. Bill reminded the counselors that since God has called us to this ministry, we should heed the call even to the exclusion of other ministry opportunities if serving elsewhere causes our ministry in Cadetting to be less than what is glorifying to God.

The Council workshop was provided by visiting Cadet Director, Dick Broene. He opened the workshop by asking the assembly if anyone knew the goal of cadeting. He noted that the Cadet Congress opens each meeting with a recitation of the goal of cadeting, taken from the Gospel of Luke 2:52 *“to help boys grow spiritually in all areas of life, — devotional, mental, physical, and social — by providing Christian men with a uniquely designed structure, program, and materials so that they can mentor boys effectively”*.

Dick then went on to discuss a new group formed within the Cadets – The Visioning Group – to address certain trends recently revealed within the Cadetting organization. As examples, Dick mentioned downward trends in overall percentages of boys joining Cadets; of counselors serving in churches; and in the number of Quest/Clarion magazines used by Cadet Clubs. These trends will be addressed by the Visioning Group during discussions patterned after the five committees of the Cadet Congress:

- Membership and Promotion
- Program
- Communications
- Education
- Uniform

Dick finished up by asking the counselors to formulate some reasons for these downward trends. While summarizing our council’s ideas, Dick provided a list of issues that had been previously developed by the Visioning Group at its August meeting. Interesting to note is that more than half of the issues dealt with being a counselor:

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| • Quality of Counselors | • Counselor Education – it’s not happening as much as we’d like at council meetings |
| • Building Enthusiasm in Counselors | • Recruiting Counselors |
| • Educating a new Counselor in the Importance of His Job | • Retaining Counselors |
| • Dwindling Number of Men and Boys | |

The Business Meeting was called to order by Dave Dalton, Board President and Head Counselor Westminster OPC (Club No. 1566) at 7:15 p.m. Roll Call of council churches was taken:

Club Number	Church (or Club) Name	Counselors Present
1503	Anaheim CRC	3
1508	New Ground Harvest	
1509	<i>Artesia 1</i>	
1512	Artesia Trinity CRC	1
1515	Bellflower 1	3
1517	Anaheim Christ Reformed (URC)	
1518	Bellflower Bethany	3
1521	Bellflower Rosewood	4
<i>1547</i>	<i>El Dorado</i>	
1569	Bellflower Bethel	2
1530	China 1	2
1531	Crosspoint	4
<i>1532</i>	<i>Oaks Community</i>	
1536	Escondido URC	1
1539	Long Beach CRC	1
1548	The River (Redlands)	
1557	Hope Riverside	1
1558	Oasis Moreno Valley	
<i>1560</i>	<i>San Diego CRC</i>	
1561	San Diego New Life PCA	2
1563	Bethel Sun Valley	2
1565	San Marcos CRC	1
1566	Westminster OPC	1
1585	Bayview OPC	1

Church name in bold indicates H/C attending

Church information in italics indicates club inactive for the 2009-2010 Cadet year

Old Business

2010 Counselor Convention

The 2010 Cadet Convention Planning Committee's efforts have reached a critical junction said Chairman Craig Doty (H/C of Club 1585, Bayview OPC). The advertising has begun with the latest issue of The Clarion and letters being sent to all council presidents, RTCs and independent Cadet clubs. Our next milestone will be the approval of the convention budget by the Cadet Executive Committee at the October 2nd meeting in Grand Rapids.

Craig highlighted several potential fundraising efforts. He distributed letters to supporting churches and club head counselors outlining the need for the fundraising. Also distributed were ten copies of an advertising signup form for businesses and/or sponsors to advertise in the convention booklet. Craig stated that, in order to meeting the convention budget, each supporting church/club should have a goal of raising a minimum of \$2,000.00.

Bernie Gabrielse (H/C of Club 1530 (First URC of Chino)) provided the council with a copy of a letter of introduction that he will be using in his efforts to raise funds. He encouraged each club to do likewise. Craig then offered a fundraising idea that works well at the local Crisis Pregnancy Center in San Diego. He asked that any counselors/club interested in using this contact him directly.

Camping Certification (for all Cadets)

Dave Dalton reintroduced this issue as tabled from the council's last meeting. He noted that his club remains willing to host the event but that the specific topics and instructors need to be identified. The council agreed to hold the course at Westminster OPC on May 15th, 2010.

West Coast Camporee

Dave reported that discussions with counselors from Pacific Sierra council are favorable toward having a summer West Coast Camporee (early to mid-August). Pacific Sierra council will host the camporee and is looking into several campgrounds in the area suitable for our numbers.

Escondido Archery/Marksanship Day

Paul deVries (counselor for Club 1518, Bellflower Bethany CRC) reviewed last year's invitational. He noted that the leaders attempted to follow standard National Rifle Association (NRA) safety rules for the air rifles and our Cadet Archery merit badge requirements. After Paul briefly reviewing the event Planning Guide developed for last year's invitational, Rob Balt (H/C for Club 1536 (Escondido URC) confirmed that his club will host the event on November 14th on the grounds of Calvin Christian High School in Escondido. He sought assistance from any counselors who will be willing to help supervise/run the event. Rob thought it best if local clubs review the merit badge range and safety procedures with each club prior to coming to the invitational. Dave Lewis (Council Treasurer) noted that about 30 boys attended last year's invitational at Valley Christian School in Cerritos. Dave Dalton mentioned that the planning guide will be available on the council website.

Open Executive Board Seats

Dave Dalton opened the floor to nominations for positions of congressman and council vice president. Matt Gabrielse (counselor for First URC of Chino) volunteered to serve as congressman. After a brief introduction by his father Bernie, Dave Dalton called for a voice vote to approve Matt's election as second council congressman. Matt was elected by a unanimous voice vote. Jim Grasmeyer (H/C of Club 1539, Long Beach CRC) offered thanks to God for Matt's willingness to serve the council in this office.

Reports

Congressman Report by Jim Grasmeyer, Head Counselor for Long Beach CRC (Club No. 1539).

Jim reminded everyone that the current year registrations are due to Corps by October 15th. Clubs should submit these registrations, along with the dues to him. The following clubs are delinquent for the 2008 love offerings to Corps:

- Anaheim CRC
- Bayview OPC
- Bellflower Bethel
- Crosspoint
- 1st Chino URC



Jim also noted that the October 15th date is the last day for any council to submit proposals for consideration on the upcoming 2010 Congress held on 7-9 January in Grand Rapids.

DCE Report was provided by Bernie Gabrielse noting that the task of DCE is provide clubs/counselors with training designed to assist and help counselors in their ministry. He encouraged counselors to contact either council DCE if a particular topic/class is desired. Bernie then awarded several head counselor and counselor certificates/stripes. Craig mentioned the February 2010 West Coast Counselors Conference which will again be hosted by Trinity CRC in Visalia from 19-20 February.

Quartermaster Report by George Bell.

George noted that pinewood derby cars will soon be ordered. He asked for any club orders to be done soon since he will be undergoing back surgery and will be limited for the next few months following the operation.

Treasurer Report by Dave Lewis.

Current checking balance: about \$4,000

Current Greenfield Fund balance: about \$1,000

Dave mentioned that about \$3,000 in accounts receivable are due. Rueben Settergren (Counselor for Club 1561, New Life PCA La Mesa (and council webmaster)) noted that the treasurer's report will be available on the council website.

Secretary/Web Report by Craig Doty (H/C for Bayview OPC (Club No. 1585)). He noted that our council website now has information on each club, as well as a form for submitting changes for an individual club. Also available now on the web is a council-wide calendar of events. He solicited inputs from the counselors for these calendars, noting that churches/clubs may make these events open to those from outside a local congregation. A counselor information list which contains contact information will be made available to head counselors only. This list will not be posted on the website for privacy, but will be sent via e-mail to each club head counselor. Finally, our council list of events was reviewed. The current schedule is attached.

New Business

Archery Equipment/Standardization. Tabled until our November meeting

Council Projects/Community Involvement. Tabled for a future meeting.

Council Events – Fishing, Hikes, Water Park. Tabled for a future meeting.

Next Council Meeting by Dave Dalton. This meeting will be held on Thursday, November 5th at Crosspoint Church in Chino. This meeting will focus on plans for our Council Field Day.

After thanking the counselors from Long Beach CRC for hosting our meeting, Dick Broene closed the meeting with prayer for the ministry to the boys in our clubs, the decisions and plans made tonight, and traveling mercies at 9:40 pm. The council concluded the meeting by singing the Cadet Hymn.

In Christ's Service,

Craig P. Doty

**Southern California Cadet Council
Schedule of Events 2009-2010**

Event	Location	Date
Cadet Executive Committee meeting	DYM Headquarters, Grand Rapids	2 October
Visioning Task Force Meeting	DYM Headquarters, Grand Rapids	30 October
Council Meeting	Crosspoint Church, Chino	5 November
2010 Committee Meeting	Bell Home	7 November
Archery/Marksmanship Invitational	Escondido URC	14 November
Field Day	Valley Christian, Cerritos	4-5 December
Cadet Congress	Grand Rapids	7-9 January 2010
West Coast Counselor Conference	Trinity CRC, Visalia	19-20 February
Pinewood Derby	First CRC of Bellflower	27 March
Cadet Counselors' Convention	Crowne Plaza, San Diego	15-17 July
Camporee Certification	Westminster OPC	15 May
West Coast Camporee	TBA	TBD August