

Southern California Council Meeting Minutes  
 7:00pm, 25 September 2008  
 Bellflower One Christian Reformed Church  
 17603 Ardmore, Avenue, Bellflower, California

Opening Prayer and Devotion was given by Gus Robles, Counselor of Bellflower One CRC (Club No. 1515) at 7:04 p.m. After reading from Titus 2:6-8, Gus reminded us that our lives must represent Christ at all times, not just on Cadet Nights. We counselors should always be on guard; our character, attitudes, and actions as disciples of Christ need to reflect Him in our lives. Showing forth Christ will reinforce to the Cadets the truth that a Christian walk is more than just what happens on Sundays or Cadet nights; we live out our faith moment by moment.

The workshop on “Game Time” was led by Bill Mulder, Head Counselor of Artesia Trinity CRC (Club No. 1512). Bill spoke of the importance that a game can have on the Cadet evening. Many clubs view a game time as a time for the boys to “roam” and let off steam while counselors focus on setup or planning the evening’s activities. Bill exhorted us to incorporate the game time as a vital part of Cadetting. Our boys love to play games and interact; game time provides an invaluable tool to the counselor to show and demonstrate many of the Christian values integral to the mission of Cadetting. He provided a brief list of games that may be possible to play on Cadet nights, while traveling, or during brief periods of inactivity when the Cadets are waiting to occupy their time and minds.

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 8:05 p.m.

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

Number	Name	Present
1503	Anaheim CRC	0
1508	New Ground Harvest	0
1509	Artesia 1	0
1512	<b>Artesia Trinity CRC</b>	1
1515	<b>Bellflower 1</b>	3
1517	Anaheim Christ Reformed (URC)	0
1518	<b>Bellflower Bethany</b>	3
1521	<b>Bellflower Rosewood</b>	1
1547	<i>El Dorado</i>	1
1569	<b>Bellflower Bethel</b>	2

<b>Number</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>
1530	<b>Chino 1</b>	1
1531	<b>Crosspoint</b>	2
<i>1532</i>	<i>Oaks Community</i>	
1536	<b>Escondido URC</b>	2
1539	<b>Long Beach CRC</b>	1
1548	The River (Redlands)	0
1557	<b>Hope Riverside</b>	1
1558	Oasis Moreno Valley	0
<i>1560</i>	<i>San Diego CRC</i>	
1561	San Diego New Life PCA	0
1563	<b>Bethel Sun Valley</b>	1
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**

**Council Discussion and Vote for Corps President**

Jim Grasmeyer, Council Congressman and Head Counselor of Long Beach CRC (1539) introduced each candidate. He briefly reviewed each man’s history with Cadetting (as provided in The Clarion) and from his personal interaction. Several other counselors spoke on behalf of the candidates, Mike VanderMeer’s leadership at this year’s International Camporee was highlighted as an example of the type of man necessary to serve as Cadet Corps President. It was noted that Larry Dehaan has a wide history with Cadets. However, he appears to lack the time and experience at the Corps level, e.g., serving on the Executive Committee, which could complete his qualifications as Cadet Corps President. It was moved and seconded that the Southern California Cadet Council endorse Mike VanderMeer to another three-year term as Cadet Corps President. An oral vote was taken; the council unanimously endorsed Mike VanderMeer as Cadet president.

Action: Jim Grasmeyer provide the council decision to Corps and the Executive Committee.

## Discussion of Creation of a Blue Star Committee

Dave Dalton provided a brief history of Blue Star activity by the council. He mentioned the discussions from the 21 August 2008 council meeting. Noting that he has received several recommendations from council members, he proposed the creation of a “Blue Star Committee”. The committee would review each proposed recipient of the star. The committee would then provide a recommendation to the Council Executive Board for decision. The committee would be comprised of two Blue Star recipients, a council congressman, and one at-large member. Bernie Gabrielse, Council DCE and Head Counselor of First URC of Chino (Club No. 1530) recommended that the Blue Star should be awarded at a “public” event, i.e., Field Day or at a church’s annual Cadet Sunday service. Thus, the Blue Star recipient would have his service publicly commended. The ministry of Christ – through Cadetting – would therefore be publicly honored. Jim Grasmeyer noted that the qualifications for awarding a Blue Star, along with the recommendation form, is available on the Cadet Corps website. The recommendation was made that any Blue Star recipient have a brief biography and picture placed onto our council website. The council concurred with this recommendation.

The following counselors agreed to serve on the committee: Bernie Gabrielse and Bill Mulder (Blue Star recipients), Jim Grasmeyer (council congressman), and John DeVries, Head Counselor of Crosspoint CRC (Club No. 1531).

## Marksmanship/Archery Day

Paul DeVries, counselor of Crosspoint CRC (1531) and Dave Lewis, council treasurer, reviewed plans for the council’s inaugural *Annual Southern California Cadet Archery/Marksmanship Invitational*.

Paul estimated about 60-70 Cadets from the Bellflower, Long Beach, Cerritos and Westminster clubs will attend; however, the invitational is open to all council cadets. The invitational will be held at Valley Christian High School. Bellflower Bethel will provide insurance underwriting. The council determined the invitational would be held on November 1<sup>st</sup> beginning at 9:00am. Dave Lewis reviewed the equipment that will be used and the designs for both the archery and marksmanship events.

Gary Evans, Head Counselor of Bellflower One CRC (Club No. 1515) noted that his sister, who works at Valley Christian, will be holding an archery practice for her class on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Gary asked if the two events could be held concurrently. Several counselors commented that the November date conflicted with other events. However, Dave Lewis agreed to contact her for possible assistance with equipment and setup.

Dave Dalton noted recent discussions with Orange County Archery. This group has mobile equipment for holding an archery event. They could be contracted to supply both the equipment and instructors – similar to the support provided by UC Riverside at last year’s Pinewood Derby for the Rock Wall event.

After additional discussions, the council agreed that a registration fee of \$5.00 to help offset any costs (purchasing new equipment or renting the services of Orange County Archery).

Action: Dave Dalton will coordinate with Dave Lewis and Paul DeVries to determine the best method to proceed regarding costs and equipment.

### Congressman Candidates

Dave Dalton introduced the topic. He cited the need for a second congressman from either the eastern clubs (Riverside region) or southern clubs (San Diego region) to provide for maximum “coverage” for our council. Jim Grasmeyer reviewed the duties and responsibilities of a Cadet congressman. Since no counselor stood for vote as congressman, Dave Dalton continued this item to a future council meeting.

### Camping Certification

Dave Dalton reviewed an earlier council decision to hold this event each year. Since this is a non-International Camporee year, the certification course will be open to anyone (Cadet or counselor). After some discussion, the council decided the event should be held at May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 at a location to be announced (TBA).

Action: Dave Dalton will confirm Westminster OPC as the host church.

### Council Calendar

Dave Dalton reviewed the current council Calendar of Events:

- December 5-6: Field Day at Calvin Christian High School in Escondido
- Pinewood Derby: March, 2009. The location was recommended to be Bellflower Bethel. John DeVries noted the availability of the metal track from his club if the host church does not have a track.
- May 1: Camping Certification at Westminster OPC

Action: Dave Dalton will confirm Bellflower Bethel as the host church for Pinewood Derby.

### Reports

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

Jim asked clubs to send registrations and fees to him rather than to Dave Lewis by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Jim noted the 2009 Congress will be held in Grand Rapids, MI from January 8-10. He read an e-mail from John Palmer, Head Counselor of San Diego CRC (Club No. 1560). The e-mail read,

The San Diego Club 1560 will not have a Cadet program this year. There are not enough boys interested and Dave Van Ommering's family will be going to a different church. Those boys who want to participate in Cadets will be joining the OPC Cadets headed by Randy Dykstra.

After more than 20 years of being associated with the Cadet program at SDCRC, this is very difficult for me but I know that God is leading the way. He is in control of all and this

is part of His plan for a greater glory. If the SoCal Council needs help in any way please don't hesitate to ask

Jim mentioned that Dick Broene, Cadet Corps Director, will be visiting southern California as part of his triennial visit to all clubs. Dick hopes to visit the 2010 Counselor Convention committee at the same time to confirm progress on the convention. He plans to visit Southern California on September 14-15, 2009. Dave Dalton mentioned that since these dates are a Monday/Tuesday, the council meeting will be shifted from its normal Thursday date.

DCE Report by Craig Doty, Head Counselor of Bayview OPC (Club No. 1585).

Craig noted the upcoming West Coast Counselor Conference at Escalon CRC on February 20-21, 2009. He acknowledged the distance will be a factor, but encouraged counselors to plan early to make arrangements to attend. Escalon counselors are developing 4-5 workshops; other workshops are possible.

Craig also noted the 2009 Counselor Convention will be hosted by Hawkeye Council on July 9-11, 2009 at Des Moines, Iowa.

Quartermaster Report by George Bell.

George numerated the many supplies on hand. He reminded counselors to place orders via e-mail, fax, or phone.

Treasurer Report by Dave Lewis.

Dave noted that current receivables from orders made to George totaled approximately \$2,800. He stated the current checking balance is \$3,600.00. A check in the amount of \$2,923 to Cadet Corps is required.

Dave mentioned that in the past, proceeds from Counselor conferences have been split between the three California councils – Southern CA, Golden Bear, and Pacific Sierra. However for the 2007 and 2008 conferences, the money remained with the host council (Southern CA received \$750.00 from the event held in Chino). He recommended this practice should be formalized for the upcoming February 2009 conference and in the future. The proceeds could help defray any costs incurred by the host council/church. The council agreed.

Action: Dave will provide an updated financial spreadsheet for posting to the website.

Action: Craig will confirm this decision and plan with the other council DCEs.

### **New Business**

Bernie Gabrielse announced that his club will be visiting the Miramar Air Show on October 4<sup>th</sup>. He invited any club and/or counselor to join First URC at the show.

Dave Dalton announced that the club event list for Field Day will be included in the minutes. Craig asked that any club that has changes to the list provide them to him no later than 4 October.

The next council meeting will be held on January 22, 2009 with Redlands hosting. Counselors should anticipate a confirmation e-mail/web posting on the Council website.

After thanking the counselors from Bellflower One 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 9:15pm. The council concluded the meeting by singing the Cadet Hymn.

In Christ's Service,

Craig P. Doty

