

Southern California Council Meeting Minutes
7:00pm, 21 August 2008
Westminster Orthodox Presbyterian Church
10101 Cunningham Avenue, Westminster, California

Opening Prayer and Devotion by Dave Dalton, Head Counselor Westminster OPC (1566) at 7:18pm. Dave reminded the council of this year's Cadet Theme verse: Psalm 36:9 (*Experience the Light*). He went on to say that we as believers receive God's blessing, and experience the comfort when we remain in the light by living a life of obedience to His word. Dave cited several Scripture passages; 2 Corinthians 4:6; Ephesians 5:8; and Matthew 5:14-16 during the discussion.

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.

Reordering of Council Events

Ron Fleistra, Head Counselor Bellflower Bethany (1518) stated that having all council events in the spring season made for a very busy and often hectic schedule. Several counselors cited similar feelings about having a new council event every month from February until May. John DeVries, Head Counselor Crosspoint CRC (1531) said that while he prefers Field Day be in December, but he recognized the council's reasoning for moving Field Day to May was an attempt to keep boys involved in Cadetting after Pinewood Derby. After several more counselors spoke, Dave Dalton summarized the discussion as generally positive and leaning toward a return to the traditional council schedule of Field Day in December and Pinewood Derby in March.

Field Day

Dave Consalvo, Head Counselor for Riverside (1557) noted the Marksmanship event went off without and difficulties and thanked everyone for their help in ensuring the boys were truly qualified to participate in the event. Bill Mulder, Head Counselor for Artesia Trinity CRC (1512) recommended that since so few older boys (the "D" group, eighth grade and up) attend Field Day, the council consider dropping the group designations to the following:

- A Group - Grades 1-2
- B Group - Grades 3-4
- C Group - Grades 5-6
- D Group - Grade 7 and up

The council discussed this recommendation for a few minutes and then gave the Executive Board consensus approval. The council also adopted Bill's recommendation to encourage all clubs to participate in the Friday night sleepover before Field Day. This allows the boys to experience camping and the fun and fellowship prior to the activities of Field Day.

Action: Craig Doty contact Escondido URC to determine if they can host Field Day on the first weekend in December.

Camporee Certification. Dave Dalton reiterated a previous decision by the council to hold certification courses annually. Since this upcoming Cadet season will not involve an International Camporee, this certification course will be open to all counselors and/or cadets.

After a break for coffee and refreshments, the Business Meeting was called to order by Dave Dalton at 8:25pm.

Roll Call was taken with the following clubs reporting attendance:

Number	Name	Present
1503	Anaheim CRC	0
1509	Artesia 1	0
1512	Artesia Trinity CRC	2
1585	Bayview OPC	1
1518	Bellflower Bethany	3
1569	Bellflower Bethel	0
1515	Bellflower 1	0
1521	Bellflower Rosewood	0
1531	Crosspoint CRC	2
1530	Chino 1	0
1517	Anaheim Christ Reformed (URC)	0
1536	Escondido URC	0
1539	Long Beach CRC	0
1558	Oasis Moreno Valley	0
1548	The River (Redlands)	0
1557	Hope Riverside	1
1560	San Diego CRC	0
1561	San Diego New Life PCA	0
1563	Bethel Sun Valley	0
1565	San Marco CRC	0
1566	Westminster OPC	2

Church name in bold indicates H/C attending

Reports

DCE Report by Craig Doty. Escalon CRC (Golden Bear Council) will host the annual West Coast Counselor Workshop Conference on 20-21 February 2009. Hawkeye Council will host the Cadet Counselor Convention from 9-11 July 2009 in Des Moines, Iowa. Several council clubs have not yet paid the assessment (\$15.00) to Dave Lewis for DCE Phase III training.

Treasurer Report by Dave Lewis. The council has \$3,768.32 in the checking account. Council accounts receivable are \$906.93. Dave mentioned the "Jim Greenfield Fund" as a resource for new clubs joining the council, or for clubs that are facing deep financial difficulty. The current balance in the fund is \$1,036.42.

Quartermaster Report by George Bell. George was not able to attend; thus no quartermaster report was provided.

Congressman Report by Dave Consalvo, Head Counselor for Riverside (1557). Dave noted that clubs should have received their annual registration packets. Each club should make every effort to turn annual registrations in on time to avoid penalty assessments by Corps.

New Business

The council discussed the possibility of holding a Camporee at Laurel Pines next June. No further action was taken. The issue was tabled until our next council meeting.

The council discussed which club would be hosting the Pinewood Derby in March. No further action was taken. The issue was tabled until our next council meeting.

Dave Dalton noted that Dave Consalvo will be moving to Stockton area in September. Since our council warrants two congressmen, this opens an opportunity for someone from either the Eastern or Southern clubs to assist Jim Grasmeyer as council representative to the Cadet Congress. It was also noted that the council is still without a Vice President. Dave Lewis, Council Treasurer, announced his intention to remain as treasurer for the foreseeable future.

Dave Dalton announced the next meeting will be September 25th and stated that he would contact Redlands to determine if they could host the meeting. If Redlands is unable to host, then either Artesia Trinity or Bellflower Bethany will host the September meeting.

Paul DeVries, counselor from Crosspoint CRC (1531), asked about the possibility of the council hosting a Marksmanship event on a Saturday. He noted the positives of this kind of event would be to provide another opportunity for the Cadets to shoot rifles (or archery) in a safe and controlled environment in preparation for Field Day events. This could also serve as an opportunity for boys to earn the merit badge. The council discussed and agreed this was a good idea.

Action: Paul and Dave Lewis will spearhead this effort to determine location and dates and report this at the council's next meeting.

Bill Mulder reminded the council of the importance and value of awarding Blue Stars to counselors that have gone "above and beyond" to serve the council. He recommended that each club look seriously at nominees and then send any recommendations to any Executive Board member for consideration.

In an effort to improve information sent to clubs, Dave Dalton asked that any (and all) counselors send him an email at dd4x6@aol.com so that he may capture their return e-mail address for his address book.

The meeting was closed with prayer at 9:15pm 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

