

**2010 Cadet Convention Committee
Meeting No. 6 Minutes
Crowne Plaza Hotel on 12 September 2009**

Opening Prayer

Dave Dalton opened the meeting at 5:10pm with prayer for the committee's work.

The Corps Connection

Dick Broene, Director of Cadets, said that he was always pleased to be able to visit a local convention committee and see how the work is progressing towards another Cadet Convention. He noted that it has been twenty years since the convention has been held in Southern California.

Subcommittee Reports

Program. Bernie noted that he has spoken with Mike deBoon about being the convention's challenge speaker. Bernie then stated that he still needed to speak with Bill Mulder. After being reminded of the publication deadline of The Clarion (early to mid-October), the committee discussed many options for workshops and came to a consensus that a majority of the workshops need to be defined quickly and that information passed to Corps. Some additions/changes may be made after The Clarion is published for the winter, but these changes should be kept to a minimum. The Clarion is normally mailed to counselors prior to the Christmas holiday.

Bernie confirmed with Dick that the Corps staff could be utilized as a resource, especially for the women's workshops. Kathy Door was mentioned specifically as a resource for decorative workshops for the ladies program. Another workshop that needs a facilitator is one that addresses a wives' support role for the counselor. It was asked if a "panel" of ladies might be a better format for this workshop, if a main leader could be located.

The committee discussed several possible Convention Theme songs but deferred any final decision to a future meeting. The song, "Bind Us Together LORD" was mentioned as a more upbeat song that may be appropriate for the convention. Jim and Dianne will continue to discuss this with other musicians at Long Beach CRC.

Children's Program. The committee discussed various aspects of the draft children's program, focusing on the chaperones that would be needed and transportation aspects. It was mentioned that event prices should be factored into our convention budget.

Food/Lodging. Craig mentioned that the registration forms will provide for a selection of meals for Friday. Mary Broene asked if the prices would include applicable taxes and/or surcharges. Craig agreed to modify the prices accordingly.

Transportation. The committee discussed the estimated costs provided by Jim on renting vans and a bus. Most schools have given up renting of buses because of liability issues; however Calvin Christian High in Escondido should be contacted. Also discussed was where and when passengers arriving at Lindbergh Field would be picked up. An idea was raised to ask counselors to inform the committee via e-mail when the flight reservations were determined so adequate transportation would be available.

Publicity. The committee discussed various correspondences being sent to councils and clubs. Also discussed was our Corps website.

Convention Booklet. Much discussion focused on the cost of advertising in the convention booklet. George developed a sponsorship/advertising cost form and provided copies to the committee. It was decided to add a second column for any advertising that would be in color. As previously agreed, ten copies of this form, along with a letter to the club/church will be provided to each head counselor or club represented at the Southern California council meeting. Dave mentioned that since one of our workshops will be on Dutch oven cooking, he would approach a local manufacturer of the ovens for possible advertising/sponsorship at the convention. Bernie provided the committee with a copy of a letter of introduction that he will be using in his efforts to raise funds. He encouraged the committee to do likewise.

Registration and Finance.

Dick expressed some concern that a draft convention budget was not completed. He noted that the Cadet Executive Committee will be meeting on October 2 to approve this budget. Dick provided the committee with the approved 2009 convention budget. The committee agreed to review the draft 2010 budget provided by Craig as soon as possible so this draft could be given to Dick at the council meeting held on Tuesday, September 15. Matt provided some modifications to the online registration format.

Craig thanked the committee for its work and reviewed the action items from this meeting. He encouraged everyone to continue in their efforts to provide counselors with the best possible time in San Diego.

Action Items Review

The following actions were accepted; responsible person in parenthesis and due date, if noted.

- Dave will determine the ticket/event prices for the budget and provide them to Matt and Craig. **(Done)**
- Jim will investigate where at Lindbergh Field our shuttle services would wait for pickup, as well as designated locations within the airport where arriving passengers could congregate while waiting for our next shuttle.
- Bernie provide a list of workshops and descriptions to Craig as soon as available.
- Craig email information concerning the New Life PCA Praise Team to Bernie.
- Craig obtain an updated Congressman list from Corps so that invitations can also be sent to these men.
- Dave investigate prices for shoulder bag giveaway **(Done)**
- George find out how many black leather pouches are in storage **(Done)**
- All comments on draft budget to Craig by 30 September. (Craig will forward complete budget to Corps office for the Executive Committee meeting on 10/2/09.)
- All comments on Children's Program sent to Dave and Kim by 15 October

Operating Procedures for the 2010 Convention

- All chaperones must be at least 17 years of age (11th grade)
- Confirmation letters will be sent upon receipt of registration and fees. A copy will be provided upon arrival.
- Colored tickets for the Friday meals will be provided upon registration

Next Meeting Location and Date

The committee determined our next meeting to be held on November 5th at George and Mary Bell's home, beginning at 3:00pm.

Closing Prayer

George Bell closed the meeting with prayer at 7:30pm.