

Southern California Council Meeting Minutes  
7:00pm, 25 August 2011  
Crosspoint CRC  
6950 Edison Avenue, Chino, California

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The first regular meeting of the Southern California Cadet Council in Cadet Year 2011-2012 was called to order at 7:20p.m. by Dave Dalton, Council President and Head Counselor at Westminster OPC (Club No. 1566).

**Prayer and Devotion**

Devotions were provided by Gary Conrad (Head Counselor of Club 1531, Crosspoint CRC). Reading from the International Camporee devotion booklet on Romans 12:1-4, Gary noted that God calls us to be transformed (a total change) in our mindset. We are often tempted to conform to the image and expectations of the world (which disappoint our Savior), but we need recognize that are calling is to be transformed. Gary likened this transformation to the popular toy – “Transformers”. These toys begin as one thing but become something else. One absolute necessity for this transformation is our Bible reading; renewing our minds and understanding and knowing the Word. As counselors, we need to recognize that this transformation is accomplished in Jesus Christ. We need to be bold, step out and get other counselors to see the big picture.

DCE Craig Doty (Head Counselor of Club 1585, Bayview OPC) provided a workshop on the marks of an effective Cadet counselor. This workshop, based on the presentation given by Dr. Roger Wagner (pastor of Bayview OPC) at the February 2011 West Coast Counselors’ Conference addresses the spiritual concerns, motivations, and potential detriments to becoming, and remaining, an effective Cadet counselor. Craig noted this workshop is being presented at all three California Cadet councils in a concerted effort to “begin the year on the right foot”, by presenting this material to each council at its first meeting of the year. Copies of the workshop PowerPoint presentation will be available either by emailing Craig and requesting it, or on the council website.

Prior to the business meeting, Dave Dalton asked for a brief report on the International Camporee.

**Report on the 2011 International Camporee.**

Gary Conrad said that the international is “Cadets on steroids”. There were so many great opportunities for fellowship; between counselors and Cadets, and between fellow counselors. Gary said that the camporee itself wasn’t hard, just boys (and counselors) should prepare early. He went on to say that one lesson would be for counselors to assist boys more in tasks (like cooking) rather than letting them lead. Find something the boys want to do and are good at it and encourage it. There were many opportunities for great spiritual growth, and Gary encouraged each boy to take one thing back to their clubs. Another great opportunity was later at night, after lights out, counselor sharing around the campfire, the ups and downs. One challenging aspect of the camporee was the time allotted to cook and clean after meals. Sometimes, dishes would have to wait. As a final thought, Gary encouraged everyone – “You’ve got to go; it is the coolest thing to experience.”

After a coffee break and refreshments, the Business Meeting was called to order by Dave Dalton at 8:20 p.m.

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

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

\* attending from off-site via teleconferencing or Skype  
 Church name in **bold** indicates H/C attending  
 Church information in *italics* indicates club inactive for the 2011-2012 Cadet year

Two at-large council members attended – Dave Lewis, Council Treasurer and Gary Evans, Council Vice-President.

## **Old Business**

### **Report on the 2011 Camporee Certification Course.**

Dave Dalton reported that about 35 attended the last course.

### **Council Calendar of Events.**

Craig reviewed the council schedule; noting that Escondido would host Field Day on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Calvin Christian High School. Bernie Gabrielse, (Head Counselor of Club 1530, First URC of Chino) asked if Friday night camping would be available. Rob Balt, (Head Counselor of Club 1536, Escondido URC) responded positively.

The Archery/Gun Invitational was discussed. Dave Dalton noted that neither location nor date has been selected yet and asked those present if anyone would like to spearhead this event. Gary Conrad indicated that Crosspoint would be willing to host on November 12<sup>th</sup>. More information will be provided.

Craig reported on efforts for Anaheim CRC to host the special council meeting on Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. He asked all clubs to make every effort to send as many counselors as possible to hear Cadet Executive Director Dick Broene. Bernie asked if a Council Executive Board meeting would be held prior to the council meeting, as in years past. Dave Lewis, Southern California Council Treasurer, and Dave Dalton both replied affirmatively, but planning for the board meeting would be done later.

## **Reports**

Dave Dalton addressed a situation with his employer which may necessitate Dave to step aside from many of the weekly duties and limit his involvement to the bigger events, e.g., Field Day.

**Congressman Report.** Craig reviewed the contents of the registration packet, asking that registration forms and the fee be forwarded to Jim Grasmeyer not later than 30 September. Dave Lewis asked that Bell Rosewood counselors ensure the packet gets filled out, since it is apparent that club is in need of a new head counselor.

**DCE Report.** Craig informed the council of the decision by the California Training team (DCEs from the three councils and the RTC) to hold the West Coast Counselors Conference in Escalon, on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. This conference will be hosted by Escalon CRC. Many of the workshops will focus on the Cadet theme for 2011-2012 – “Prepare Yourself” based on the verse in 2 Timothy 2:15 “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth”. Craig noted some of the items the team is looking at for workshops,

- Personal devotions
- Proper planning of events (campouts, etc.)
- Personal evangelism
- Preparing for a Cadet year (or even meeting)
- Teamwork
- Proper Tool Use

Craig presented the following Rob Balt with his Head Counselor certificate.

Quartermaster Report. Report not provided. Dave Dalton stressed that cadet orders should stipulate his club number and “Cadets” in any correspondence to George Bell. It was mentioned that the email link on the council website for George does not appear to work. Craig agreed to investigate and fix the link as necessary.

Treasurer Report. Dave Lewis, Southern California Council Treasurer noted the council’s finances are in “good shape”. The council is owed about \$554 in receivables and has over \$5,000 in checking. A large supply order is expected, once George returns so Dave asked that invoices be paid promptly by the individual clubs.

Secretary Report. The website calendar has been updated with the events for next year to aid clubs in their planning. For updating the website information, Craig asked each club to find out when they meet and confirm the club head counselor for the 2011-2012 year.

Blue Star Committee. Bernie said that current members are Bill Mulder, himself, and Jim Grasmeyer. It was asked if the council membership list could list all Blue Star awardees. Craig agreed to color code those counselors on the counselor list who have the Blue Star.

### **New Business**

Red Cross/First Aid for Council. Gary Evans, Council Vice President noted that his research so far has revealed that CPR or wilderness first aid are different depending on the government agency overseeing the area - different classes, locations, and lengths. Orange County does not offer wilderness; but Riverside County may offer such a course. Gary asked for a show of hands of how many people would be interested in either of these courses. He will continue to research and provide more information at the September council meeting.

Next Council Meeting. Dave Dalton announced a special meeting of the Southern California Cadet Council will be held on September 26<sup>th</sup> at Anaheim CRC, beginning at 7:00pm. The next state meeting of the council will be held on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at First URC of Chino, beginning at 7:00pm.

Dave Dalton thanked the counselors from Crosspoint for hosting our meeting. Gary Evans closed the meeting with prayer for the ministry to the boys in our clubs, the decisions and plans made tonight, and traveling mercies at 9:05 p.m. Council members closed the meeting by singing the Cadet Hymn.

In service to the King and His Kingdom,

Craig P. Doty