

Southern California Council Meeting Minutes  
7:00pm, 3 November 2011  
First United Reformed Church of Chino  
6159 Riverside Drive, Chino, California

**Prayer and Devotion**

Devotions were provided by Bernie Gabrielse (H/C of Club 1531, First URC). Bernie spoke to the council about the Scriptural basis behind our Theme Verse – 2 Timothy 2:15. Reminding the counselors of the wider impact of these verses, written to parents, he noted these verses also address our relationships with the Cadets. Similar to parents, counselors should be helping the boys to be prepared – ever day, for the unexpected, for eternity and judgment. Bernie pointed to the current issue of Quest, and the Bible lessons for this month. Noting the similarities with parents, Bernie closed the devotion by asking each counselor to consider, “are we as counselors, going to be able to be heroes (of the faith) to our Cadets, and how can we do that?”

Council workshops were provided by Brad Peterson, Bellflower Bethany CRC (Club No. 1518) and Craig Doty, Council DCE (Club No. 1585).

Brad led some counselors through the recently approved RPB badge – Film-making.

The goal of the badge is to expose cadets to the process of film making. Two major topics for the workshop are: Simplifying production and the technology available. The production planning is most important when making any film.

Brad outlined some of the roles that are needed when producing a film and how a cadet could fill these roles. A step-by-step run-through was presented, showing how the badge gives the Cadet an opportunity to be involved in the production of a film.

Craig provided a workshop for men who needed to begin/complete their Counselor Certification courses. Those in attendance were asked to send their completed certification booklets to Craig for grading. Certificates and counselors stripes will be given out at future council meetings.

After a brief break, the council was called back to the business portion of our meeting.

The Business Meeting was called to order by Dave Dalton, Board President and Head Counselor Westminster OPC (Club No. 1566) at 8:35p.m.

Roll Call of council churches was taken:

Number	Name	Present
1503	Anaheim CRC	
1509	<i>Artesia 1 (inactive)</i>	
1512	Artesia Trinity CRC	
1585	<b>Bayview OPC</b>	1
1518	Bellflower Bethany	2
1569	Bellflower Bethel	
1515	Bellflower 1	
1521	Bellflower Rosewood	
1531	<b>Crosspoint CRC</b>	5
1530	<b>Chino 1</b>	6
1517	Anaheim Christ Reformed (URC)	
1536	Escondido URC	1
1539	Long Beach CRC	2
1558	Oasis Moreno Valley	
1548	The River (Redlands)	
1557	Hope Riverside	
1560	<i>San Diego CRC (inactive)</i>	
1561	San Diego New Life PCA	1
1563	<b>Sun Valley</b>	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 George Bell, Council Quartermaster.

## Old Business

Crosspoint Archery/Gun Invitational.

Gary Conrad, Head Counselor for Crosspoint CRC (Club No. 1531) provided counselors with information on the "Crosspoint Shoot Day" scheduled on November 12<sup>th</sup>. The meet will begin at 10:00am and close down around 2:00pm. Some snacks will be available. He asked that clubs coming would notify him ([conrad0927@gmail.com](mailto:conrad0927@gmail.com)) with number of adults and boys attending.

Gary stressed that this will be a day for fun and earning the Archery and/or Marksmanship badges. Cadets are strongly advised to bring their Guidebooks to get some requirements completed and signed during the day.

## Reports

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

Jim reminded clubs to turn in their annual registrations to him or Matt Gabrielse. Also noted that one or two clubs still need to turn in their love offerings. Jim asked each club to please notify Corps office and let Mary Broene know of approximately when this year's love offering would be sent in to Grand Rapids. These notifications will help the Corps' staff with budgeting issues.

Jim then reintroduced the election of the Cadet Corps new Executive Committee President. Two men – Larry DeHaan and Henry Bosch are nominated. Jim spoke to the qualifications of each and asked the council members to vote. With one abstention, the council members unanimously voted for Larry DeHaan as Executive Committee President.

Several members of the council voiced objection to the recently-announced decision by Corps to stop paper distribution of The Clarion to counselors, preferring to distribute electronically via email.

Jim will forward these two items (Council vote for Larry DeHaan, and formal objection on the method of distributing The Clarion) to the Corps office in Grand Rapids.

DCE Report was provided by Craig Doty. He announced the upcoming Southwest Regional Counselors Conference hosted by Escalon CRC. The conference will be held at 2-3 March 2012. Dave Dalton, who attended the last conference hosted by Escalon, encouraged the council members to make the trip.

Quartermaster Report by George Bell.

George announced that he has received 500 sets of pinewood derby cars from S&W and these are available now for \$55.00 for a box of ten (includes wheels, weights, dowels, and screws). New supply catalogs and uniform order forms were made available. George noted that he is adding to his local stock for the new badges.

Treasurer Report by Dave Lewis.

The council checking account balance stands at about \$3,800.00. Dave asked that clubs quickly remit any outstanding invoices to bring our checking balance above \$4,000. Bank of America

charges \$19.00/month “service fee” if the checking balance falls below \$4,000. Several council members raised concerns over the council checking account remaining at Bank of America. Ken Klaasen, Head Counselor for Sun Valley CRC (Club No. 1563) suggested the council investigate transferring our account to a credit union. Dave agreed to investigate this suggestion.

Secretary/Web Report by Craig Doty.

The website still requires updates for club information. Counselors were asked to please review the information and provide and changes to Reuben Settergren, or to Craig. All events for this cadet year are provided on the website for clubs and counselors to review for planning purposes. Craig suggested (again) that clubs consider adding their own club calendars to the website using the functionality of Google Calendars. The steps to complete this are available on the council website.

### **New Business**

#### GEMS Borrowing GPS Equipment Request

Dave Dalton introduced a request from Denise Noble (wife of Artesia Trinity counselor Ron Noble) about borrowing several GPS units for their camp in March to demonstrate their use. Clubs which have GPS units should contact Denise at [denise.noble@bankofamerica.com](mailto:denise.noble@bankofamerica.com)

#### Field Day at Escondido

Matt Gabrielse read an email from Reuben Settergren, Head Counselor for New Life PCA (Club No. 1561) in which Rueben asks the council to consider changing the tent style for the Field Day and/or cancelling the event for Field Day. Evan Vis, counselor for New Life PCA noted that his club had “assumed” responsibility for this event from San Diego CRC. The equipment is quite old and weathered.

The council discussed the issue but ultimately decided to press on with the current event with Crosspoint CRC providing the equipment. The Council Executive Board will take the issue up at their next meeting.

Jim Grasmeyer asked for council’s opinions whether GPS should be added to the Compass Reading event or even replace the current event. Many counselors in attendance agreed that compass reading remains a skill that Cadets need to master. Some voiced opinions that the Compass Reading event could be augmented with an afternoon event for Geocaching. This will be included in the discussion on Field Day at the Executive Board’s meeting.

Craig reviewed the events listed for the morning and afternoon at Field Day and asked each club present to confirm the readiness to lead the events. An email (and/or phone call) will be made to each club not represented to confirm their readiness for Field Day.

The Landmarks event was discussed. It was noted by Dave Lewis that this event is designed to help young (or new) Cadets learn the Cadet Landmarks. The event is restricted to the “A” group, but this may prevent some “B” group boys who are new to Cadets from participating.

Two events of particular concern to the council are Pup Tent setup (previously discussed) and Marksmanship. Counselors are needed to run these events. Some counselors volunteered to

assist, but a general call is needed. Especially to those clubs who only are involved in the afternoon events.

Next Council Meeting by Dave Dalton. This meeting will be held on Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 at ~~Westminster OPC~~ *Bellflower Bethany, to allow for onsite practice for the new pinewood council derby race scheduling/software/procedures, etc.*

After thanking the counselors from First URC 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 9:20pm. The council concluded the meeting by singing the Cadet Hymn.

In Christ's Service,

Craig P. Doty

