

Southern California Council Meeting Minutes
7:00pm, 26 April 2012
Crosspoint Christian Reformed Church
6950 Edison Avenue, Chino, California



The fourth (and final) regular meeting of the Southern California Cadet Council in Cadet Year 2011-2012 was called to order at 7:14p.m. by Dave Dalton, Council President and Head Counselor at Westminster OPC (Club No. 1566).

Prayer and Devotion

Devotions were provided by Ed Haringa (Counselor of Club 1531, Crosspoint CRC). Entitled “Clothed with Power from on High”, Ed encouraged the counselors from two passages in the New Testament. In Luke 24, verse 49, our LORD promises his soon-to-be-apostles they will be imbued “with power from one high, which is to mean the Holy Spirit. Given as a sign of unity amongst the apostles, this power from on high has a corollary in Cadets; one which is shared by Cadets and counselors – our Cadet uniform. Along with this power from on high, the church is also given other signs of unity – the gifts and the fruits of the Spirit. Colossians 3, verses 12 through 17 remind us to “let the peace of God rule in our hearts”, even when we may disagree with one another.

Ed stressed for the council members that these two points, taken together, show that we function as a unit – an organization which is empowered by the Holy Spirit to share the gospel as well as demonstrate Christian love both outwards to the community, and inwards with one another.

Counselor Training

Two workshops were held by the council DCEs. Attendance was evenly split between the two workshops. Both workshops had previously been presented at the 2012 Southwest Region Counselors’ Conference in Escalon in March.

- Craig Doty (Head Counselor of Club 1585, Bayview OPC) presented a workshop designed to provide four principals which could be used when counselors visit with the Cadet parents before, during, or after the Cadet year.
- Bernie Gabrielse (Head Counselor of Club 1530, First URC of Chino) presented a workshop designed to help counselors with presenting an exciting badge program to their Cadets.

After a coffee break and refreshments, the Business Meeting was called to order by Dave Dalton at 8:15p.m.

Roll Call was taken with the following clubs reporting counselors attending. A total of twenty-one counselors were present, which represents approximately 20% of the total counselors in the Southern California council.

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

Church name in bold indicates H/C attending

Church information in italics indicates club inactive for the 2011-2012 Cadet year

Three at-large council members attended –Gary Evans, Council Vice-President, Dave Lewis, Council Treasurer, and George Bell, Council Quartermaster.

Old Business

Council Camporee. George Bell gave council members the dates for the summer camporee: July 28th to July 1st, and a probable location: Laurel Pines. He noted that Bill Mulder still needs to finalize the location, but the dates are firm.

Wilderness First Aid Certification. Gareth Evans, Council Vice President presented this item to the council. He recapped discussions with the Orange County chapter of the American Red Cross. That organization's website provides a good synopsis of the wilderness first aid course, which would be held on a Saturday prior to Field Day, 2012. Any counselor who wants more information about the course may download the information from the Red Cross website - <http://www.redcross.org/>. Counselors should type "wilderness first aid" in the search box. The first selection is the course that the council would be receiving. This course would be for counselors only.

Reports

Executive Board. Gary Evans, Council Vice President and at-large member, provided a synopsis of the board minutes from the March 31st Executive Board meeting. The full meeting minutes will be posted onto the council website.

Pinewood Derby - clubs which had not pre-registered were taking much longer to register and these same clubs were, for the most part, clubs which did not attend council meetings were the derby was discussed and demonstrated.

Cadet Night at Petco in May with Padres hosting the California Angels (more information later in these minutes).

Archery/Gun Invitational needs to be confirmed/scheduled (more information later in these minutes).

Is there any interest in pursuing hosting the Cadet International Camporee (with assistance from Pacific Sierra and Golden Bear councils). The council discussed and decided not to pursue citing a lack of adequate location as the main reason.

Council growth - several methods for contacting local churches and clubs were discussed. Board members agreed that a "cold" mailing with material patterned after the Corps' advertising brochure, but with a decidedly Southern California flavor would be the best. Certainly extra money exists in our checking account for advertising to local churches. The council agreed to fund this to a \$500.00 limit.

Mentoring of Clubs - board members agreed that more work needs to be done with clubs that are isolated or currently not meeting. A "Buddy" system" for counselors to match up with clubs that do not attend was one method thought to improve and encourage clubs to become more involved.

Additional Club Dues for Council. several ideas were discussed for clubs to help raise funds for special council activities. Gary and Dave Lewis noted that, while current funds are adequate, it would not take much to deplete our account quickly, thus returning us to our financial state

only a few years ago when we could not even pay for our supplies ordered from Corps without seriously stressing the checking balance. The council tentatively concurred with a \$1.00/per registered Cadet assessment, but further discussion at council is warranted.

Congressman Report. Jim Grasmeyer, Council Congressman and Head Counselor, Long Beach CRC (Club No. 1539) informed the council that only about 50% of clubs have submitted the annual love offerings to Corps. Cutoff for submission without a penalty is 30 June. The deadline for submitting any additional votes for the constitution changes is 30 April. Votes should be forwarded to Jim for tabulation and forwarding to Corps.

DCE Report. Craig reported on the Southwest Region Counselors' Conference 6 (SWRCC6), held at Escalon CRC. He provided the dates and location for next year's regional conference, which will be in Visalia on March 1-2, 2013. A host club(church) is TBD.

Craig also reported on a meeting of the Southwest Region DCE team. He provided council members with an (incomplete) list of available workshops. Once finalized, this list will be posted on the websites for all three councils to provide information to clubs as to what workshops are available.

Bernie added that the DCE team has assigned each member some actions to facilitate club(council) growth and strengthen communication between council members and with families. He reminded the council members that the summer months provide an excellent opportunity for counselor training, and both he and Craig stand ready to provide workshops. "All you got to do is call!"

Quartermaster Report. George Bell, Council Quartermaster, reported that some supplies are getting low, e.g., R-P-B manuals. So next year will be a restocking year in addition to the regular orders. He asked if the supply order form could be placed online to make club ordering easier. Craig agreed to consult with Reuben Settergren, Council web dude and Head Counselor for New Life PCA (Club No. 1585), and post the order form online as soon as possible.

George reminded the council members the 10% surcharge placed on each order from Corps does not equate to any profit margin for the council.

Paul deVries, Counselor for Bethany Bellflower (Club No. 1518) asked what venue would be appropriate for seeking another material to be used for binding the R-P-B Cadet manuals. He stated the current design is prone to come apart. Dave Lewis, Council Treasurer, mentioned there is a "suggestion box" on the Corps website. Bernie suggested that clubs obtain simple leather pouches (from George) at \$1/each for the boys to use to carry the R-P-B manual and Quest magazine.

Bernie thanked George for his years of work as council quartermaster. Council members heartedly agreed with a round of applause.

Wrapping up his report, George mentioned that he has moved his offices to another location. Taking advantage of the move, he is planning on bringing "freebies" to the next council meeting.

Treasurer Report. Dave Lewis reviewed his report, currently available on the council website. He noted that there has been some invoice changes and a revised report will be posted online. If any club needs a current invoice, he would be happy to provide one via email.

Secretary Report. A draft 2012-2013 council schedule was distributed for comment. The date for the AGI was determined, and the Wilderness First Aid course is planned prior to Field Day. The website calendar will be updated with the events for next year to aid clubs in their planning. A council membership list was passed around and updates solicited. This list will be provided only to club head counselors and the executive board.

Craig showed a proposed (new) website for the council at www.socalcadets.com. This website has been developed by Reuben and Ken Marcus (from Escondido) and will be hosted free-of-charge. Craig noted this move will save the council \$200/per year. During the summer, Reuben will work to transition the information to the new website from the old one.

Craig also mentioned that when the new website is activated, every counselor will be “subscribed” to receive updates. This feature allows for easy and quick information distribution and will be a primary method of information distribution in the future among the council.

Jim Tanis, Head Counselor of Bellflower Bethany (Club No. 1518), asked if this new website allows others to post questions or comments. Both Gareth and Craig replied that they believed this feature was available, but Reuben will confirm as the website is developed.

The council concurred with the recommendation to transition to the new website effective immediately.

New Business

Niagara Council Convention Booklet Advertising. Gary Evans reviewed the correspondence from the 2012 Convention Committee requesting each council purchase advertising space in this coming convention’s booklet. The council agreed to forward SOCAL council artwork to the Niagara council and a \$250.00 donation to help with convention costs.

Pinewood Derby. The following report was provided from Paul deVries and is posted on the council website.

What started out last year as a dream came to fruition this year only because of your dedicated contributions. Many thanks to each of you! I've already had a parent and grandparent tell me their Cadet had a great time and that they themselves enjoyed knowing who was racing and being able to easily see the competition. They thought it was a great success!

We set two goals for this year's Pinewood Derby: 1) Get Cadets involved and 2) Keep the racers and their families informed There's no doubt we hit the first goal 100 percent. If a Cadet had a car on the track he was involved! We did exceptionally well on the second goal too. The Grand Prix software, track-end cameras and overhead projection guaranteed a great seat everywhere in the house and that anyone who wanted to know what was going on did. The fact that we had no problem with people crowding the track is a testament to this success.

Thanks to Jim Tanis for the outstanding atmosphere and first class snack bar; to Brad Peterson and Gareth Evans for a fantastic AV setup; to Reuben Settergren, Keith Cok, Ginger DeVries and Mark Willoughby for pulling us through some tense software

challenges; to Gary Conrad for making the dual track setup possible; and to all of the other volunteers who made registration, track operation, car judging, and snack bar operation possible. Congratulations on a job well done!

Paul acknowledged there was some issues with late registrations which caused the “red track” start to be delayed as the tech team attempted to correct the faults. Paul reported that 168 derby cars were registered with about 400 people attending. Jim reported that a financial report will be provided to Dave Lewis.

Some suggestions for future derby races:

Make separate entry/exit points to avoid crowding

Entry at top of track for the racers and the exit at the end.

Drop clothes on the pit tables to keep them as clean as possible

Archery/Gun Invitational. Rob Balt, Head Counselor for Escondido URC (Club No. 1536) confirmed the invitational will be held on November 3rd, 2012 on the grounds of Calvin Christian High School in Escondido. Some revisions to the guidelines for running the invitational were discussed. It was agreed that Paul deVries, Rob Balt, and others will meet to work out the details. Their report and recommendations will be presented at our next council meeting.

Cadet Day at Petco. Craig asked if there was any interest for a “Cadet Day at Petco” on May 19th, when the San Diego Padres host the California Angels. Only First URC expressed interested with about 15 tickets needed to fill the demand.

Next Council Meeting. Dave Dalton announced the next statement meeting of the Southern California Cadet Council will be held on August 30th TBA, beginning at 7:00pm. Since no club was forthcoming with hosting, Dave Dalton volunteered to host at Westminster OPC, but another club in the east area may be asked to host instead. Further information on the location will be provided via email, or posted on our council website.

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 9:40p.m. Council members closed the meeting by singing the Cadet Hymn.

In service to the King and His Kingdom,

Craig P. Doty