

Peralta Retirees Organization
Minutes
February 6th, 2008

Present: Jerry Herman, President; Shirley Timm, Treasurer; Odell Johnson; Sondra Neiman; Ned Pearlstein; Alex Pappas.

Absent: Linda Japzon; Juanita Peterson; Bruce Jacobs; Remo Arancio; Pat England.

Jerry convened the meeting at 1 p.m. Alex agreed to record the minutes in Juanita Peterson's absence.

Officers' Reports

Treasurer's Report – Shirley (Mac) Timm

There is a balance of \$16,797.90 in our bank account. Mac feels that the prepaid membership dues should be held in reserve and not spent until their accrual period. Approximately \$8,000 of our funds fall into this category. Alex thought that a minimum balance of \$4,000 always be maintain except in extreme emergencies (as decided by the board). To be discussed again at the next board meeting.

Secretary's Report – Juanita absent. No formal report. Odell moves to accept the minutes of the last board meeting (December 5, 2007). Second by Ned. Approved unanimously.

President's Report – Jerry Herman

Jerry reported that Linda has bronchitis and that Juanita pulled a muscle. Happy that a quorum was present and the board could do its business.

Jerry reported that all the incumbent board members were reelected (Remo, Pat, Odell, Sondra, and Alex).

26 theater tickets have been sold for the "Chicago" show on March 28th.

Jerry is in correspondence with Tom Smith over the problems caused by dropping Blue Cross as the out of state network provider for PCHS. Two of our PRO members in Washington State are claiming discrimination due to the fact their providers do not want to join PCHS. The District maintains the PCHS has 70 providers in their area to choose from. Smith has agreed to reconsider each case individually.

Committee Reports

Membership – Odell Johnson

There are approximately 400 PRO members. About 114 have not yet renewed their membership for 2008. Odell needed some help to call so many so Ned, Alex, agreed to make some of the calls. Some take ten minutes when old friends get on the line.

Jerry agreed to have membership cards printed and hope to have them for the next board meeting.

Alex suggested that if PRO members are reminded by mail to renew their membership a return envelope be provided with a printed (not stamped) return address.

Service Committee – Sondra Neiman

Sondra reported that there is \$4,600 designated and available for the 2008 scholarships. PRO provided \$2,000 of the funds and the balance came from PRO member's donations. The guidelines for publicizing the scholarships will be discussed at the May PRO board meeting. Ned recommended that a PRO faculty member from the college awarding the scholarship be the presenter.

Old Business

Non-profit status of PRO – Shirley Timm

Shirley says the paperwork is still in process. IRS is slow. Alex recommended that all PRO computer records have a back up copy off premises (at a different location than the original records).

Liability Insurance

Alex discussed several points:

1. Director and Officer Liability (errors real or allegedly made by the board).
2. General liability (bodily injury and property damage claims at events, etc.)

Jerry got a quote of \$1,300 per year for D&O. Ned suggested getting a quote from a group perhaps at a lower rate. He agreed to contact other groups like PRO to see how they handle their insurance, etc. Alex thought it best that at PRO events that include meals be at restaurants where much of the liability is eliminated such as food poisoning (but the some risks remain). Alex also recommended an attorney be contacted for an assessment of PRO's exposures. It was agreed that this would be done contingent upon Ned's report at the next meeting.

Deferred Revenue

See treasurer's report.

Alex moved the meeting be adjourned. Second by Sondra.