

PRO Meeting September 3, 2008

Jerry called the meeting to order at 1:04PM

PRESENT: Jerry Herman, Bruce Jacobs, Shirley Timm, Ann Whitehead, Ned Pearlstein, Linda Japzon, Remo Arancio, Sondra Nieman, Michael Mills (serving as Benefits Chairman until Alex returns in January 2009), and Jay Quesada, guest.

ABSENT: Alex Pappas, Odell Johnson, and Pat England.

Jerry introduced a motion requesting that the Benefits report by Mike Mills be delivered first because Mike had to depart in 20 minutes....moved by Bruce and seconded by Ann.

MSP unanimously

Mike shared comments regarding the letter sent by Kaiser regarding "double coverage", both for current employees as well as retirees where BOTH member and spouse are covered by Kaiser. Bruce illustrated that there is a distinction between agreements established PRIOR to July 2004 and those established FOLLOWING same date. Mike agreed to report back to PRO regarding his findings. Subsequently Jerry has learned "regardless of any other insurance the spouse or partner of a Peralta retiree (OR active employee) may have, that spouse/partner is covered by Peralta as well unless the spouse/partner's insurer prohibits it). If a Peralta retiree and spouse/partner are both under Kaiser's Senior Advantage plan and Kaiser mandates that one must drop it, the Peralta retiree can enroll in Coresource and both the retiree and the spouse/partner will be fully covered." Per Jerry's email sent on Sept. 5, 2008 at 10:47AM PDT.

Secretary's Report

Ann distributed the minutes of the August 6, 2008 meeting. Motion to accept moved by Ned, seconded By Remo.

MSP unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Shirley reported that the current balance is \$15,823.43, and she explained that a CD for PRO would yield only 1.5% approx. because we are a non-profit public benefit corporation. Higher CD rates are for individual account holders. Suggestions for either an ING or a Money Market account were advanced. The total discussion was tabled.

President's Report

Jerry shared a copy of the PCCD Foundation Letter announcing the annual scholarship dinner scheduled for October 29, 2008. Ned moved that PRO purchase one dinner ticket (\$50.00)--- and Sondra agreed to attend the dinner.

The motion was seconded by Bruce.

MSP unanimously

Jerry announced that the officers of PRO are up for election. Board officers are appointed, electees are elected by the Board and the total membership ratifies.

Linda reported that the recent Picnic was very well attended---55 folks came. A lengthy discussion followed Linda's description of an ambiguity surrounding the food prepared at the grill. All PRO members/guests/spouses/etc are supposed to bring their own food. The presence of the grill along with a few amenities such as table cloths/napkins, fuel for the grill etc are provided by PRO. Some misunderstanding nevertheless has developed which inspires some folks to take food from the grill as if it was provided for all. The final outcome of this discussion was to keep the arrangement essentially the same for next year. "Bring Your Own" policy will be emphasized.

Sondra reported that her Service Committee had recently convened. She also shared that the current balance of the PRO scholarship funds maintained at the Foundation amounts to \$2851.72. It was agreed that Sondra will send a strong letter of appreciation to Socorro Taylor, an assistant who serves particularly effectively in the Foundation Office. Sondra also shared that she will request copies of the Scholarship Winners' applications in an effort to know more about them and their educational experiences.

Membership Report

Jerry said that he will be talking with Odell regarding efforts needed to acquire the names of new retirees.

New Business

The suggested dates for the upcoming annual luncheon membership meeting are identified as follows:

November 6, 5, or 7 2008. Among the places suggested are the following:

Trudeau Center on Skyline

Wedgewood (near airport in Oakland)

Bart Building

The Hornet in Alameda

The Althenheim in Oakland

Linda agreed to investigate and report back during the October meeting.

Newsletter

Topics for the upcoming newsletter include:

Annual Membership meeting date, place

Book Drive

Pictures from the Picnic

An explanation of the Kaiser "Double Coverage" issue

Announcement of the David Abrams book prize

Report from the "Pirates of Penzance" evening-at-the-theatre.

Motion to adjourn at 2:20PM advanced by Jerry, so moved by Ned and seconded by Sondra.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Whitehead

