

PRO Meeting December 3, 2008

Present: Jerry Herman, Bruce Jacobs, Shirley Timm, Ann Whitehead,
Ned Pearlstein, Pat England, Remo Arancio, Sondra Nieman,

Absent: Linda Japzon, Alex Pappas, Odell Johnson

Jerry opened the meeting at 1:05PM.

Secretary's Report

Ann Whitehead distributed the minutes for the November meeting.

The opening and closing times for these minutes were corrected.

Ned moved that the corrected minutes be accepted. Remo seconded the motion.

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Treasurer's Report

Shirley identified the current bank balance as \$18,982.91.

Newsletter

Bruce shared that the next newsletter shall highlight the success of Renata Polt's Small Claims Court challenge. Precedent is never set in a Small Claims Court proceeding but Renata's efforts will be repeated only if the PCCD fails to continue her reimbursements following the Court's decision in November. The PCCD has 30 days in which to appeal.

Bruce stated that he will have the next newsletter ready on or about January 7, 2009. That newsletter shall contain a ballot to the entire general membership for the election of members at large and ratification of officers.

President's Report

Jerry shared that Odell had to miss this meeting but remains intensely interested in his continued presence on the PRO Board.

Jerry also announced that Linda has severe bronchitis and thus

missed the Dec. meeting. Linda told Jerry that there is a significant interest among some PRO members for a “Casino Bus trip”.

Additionally, mention was made regarding a “Yoshi’s Dinner and Jazz Concert” party.

Jerry agreed to contact Linda to get both of these events arranged in time for publicity to go out to the membership in the January newsletter.

Ned suggested that an amount of \$2,000.00 might be identified for distribution—once per year—among four different PCCD programs, one at each college where appreciated community involvement is apparent....e.g. the Theatre Arts program at Laney OR the Dance program at COA.

Jerry and Bruce suggested that a committee of Board members meet to determine the criteria for such a grant and return to the Board with a proposal—Ned, Sondra, Pat and Odell agreed to serve..

Jerry announced that 75 tickets were sold for the annual lunch.

Service Committee Report

Sondra reported that six boxes of books were collected at the annual lunch and distributed to campuses. Sondra shared that her presence at Peralta Foundation’s Gala Dinner was noteworthy and she delivered for the files letters of appreciation both from Elihu Harris and Socorro Taylor along with Sondra’s letter to Elihu which commended Socorro Taylor for her work in support of the PRO scholarship program. Sondra also told the Board that she received checks in the amount of \$800.00 for the scholarship fund maintained at the PCCD Foundation.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the PRO Board shall take place on Jan. 14, 2009.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40PM Submitted by Ann Whitehead