

PRO Meeting
August 3, 2011

PRESENT: Jerry Herman, Bruce Jacobs, Ann Whitehead, Ned Pearlstein, Remo Arancio, Alex Pappas, Sondra Neiman.

ABSENT: Linda Japzon, Jay Quesada, Pat England and Anna Pavelka-Lodato.

Jerry opened the meeting at 1:05PM.

Secretary's Report:

Ned moved to accept the report, Remo seconded.
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Treasurer's Report:

Due to the absence of the Treasurer there was no report.

Website-Newsletter:

Bruce said that the next newsletter is not due until October—thus no information relevant now. Bruce shared that all but one (36 purchased by PRO, several utilized by non-PRO members) of the tickets have sold for the “My Fair Lady” performance at Woodminster. The next time—if PRO so pursues—only 25 tickets may be purchased. A discussion followed in which a proposal of downsizing or eliminating social events because of lack of PRO-member participation may be advanced and Bruce will conduct a survey addressing this issue in the next newsletter. Within the general discussion it was stated that PRO formed in 2004.

President's Report:

Jerry told PRO that he received a letter from Eddy Chandler whose neighbor is a STRS “fixed equities manager” and is willing to come to a PRO meeting to explain “the state of affairs”. PRO’s November general meeting date was suggested.

Jerry reported that at the “PERALTA MATTERS TV” broadcast the following people appeared:

Jerry Herman
George Herring
Jay Quesada
Tom. Turman
Linda Japzon

In that TV setting Jerry told the story of why the TOWER Building on the Laney Campus was constructed *without* the original brick design.

Jerry attended several recent meetings of the Retirement Board and reported

that the PCCD Board of Trustees had agreed to a plan that would include 3 advisory (participate but no vote) slots for retirees and 3 such representatives from active employees—representing classified, faculty and management.

With PRO Board approval, Jerry plans to ask Diana Lara and Michael Mills to represent PRO at these meetings. Jerry shared that the Retirement Board wants to meet quarterly and that it wants to hire legal counsel. The next meeting of the Retirement Board is scheduled for August 30, 2011.

Jerry invited PFT President, Matt Goldstein to comment regarding the Retirement Board membership from among active employees. Matt said that PFT is currently examining liability issues in such an arrangement. Matt suggested that PRO view a currently available tutorial in which the BROWN ACT is well defined. It was agreed that at least *one* “PFT/PRO” representative be present at all the Retirement Board meetings.

Benefits:

Jerry requested to speak first. Having analyzed both the PFT 2000-2003 AND the 2004-2007 contracts (copies of appropriate pgs. were distributed) Jerry suggested that a letter sent by Jennifer Seibert is inaccurate---her letter states that a 65 year-old retiree who DOES NOT ENROLL IN MEDICARE may not receive any Peralta medical coverage. It was agreed that Jerry and Bruce would meet with Jennifer Seibert.

Alex stated that he departs August 16, 2011 and returns on February 1, 2012.

Social Committee:

The date for a celebration-lunch for Shirley Timm was established –August 24, noon at Estralita’s Restaurant, 5th Ave. at 12th St., Oakland.

Service Committee:

Sondra established that PRO’s recent proposal with the Peralta Foundation---an agreement that states that PRO will fund the charges that the Foundation would like to take each time contributors (via PRO) advance scholarship moneys--- be paid directly by PRO. Thus, PRO can be billed, annually, bi-annually, quarterly OR however.

New Business:

Ned suggested that the issue regarding “Social Events” be tabled until the next meeting. Motion advanced by Ned, Seconded by Bruce

1-no vote

6-yes votes

motion passed.

Jerry adjourned the meeting at 2:46PM.