

PRO Meeting  
June 13, 2012

Jerry called the meeting to order at 1:04PM

PRESENT: Jerry Herman, Bruce Jacobs, Ned Pearlstein, Ann Whitehead, Alex Pappas, Remo Arancio, Linda Japzon, Jay Quesada, Anna Pavelka-Lodato and Yvonne Lewis.

ABSENT: Pat England.

GUEST: Diana Lara.

Secretary's Report: Ned moved for approval, seconded by Remo.  
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Treasurer's Report: Anna shared that the current bank balance is \$21,743.62. Anna also stated that PRO incurred a \$47.75 expense related to the recent Garden Party where 27 PRO members attended. Linda reported that she delivered some plants to Shirley Connors---a gesture of thanks from PRO. Linda will advance her bill for the plants to the Treasurer. Anna also reported that 21 tickets for "Fiddler" (a July 20 event) have been sold out of the 35 tickets originally purchased and she stated that the PRO Measure B contribution of \$2,500.00 has already been acknowledged. Measure B, a parcel tax benefitting Peralta District, passed successfully with an over 70% approval on June 5, 2012.

At this juncture in PRO's meeting Ned urged all Board members who maintain either Wells Fargo OR Bank of America accounts shift to another bank. He identified Mechanics Bank (where PRO now maintains its account) as a particularly customer-oriented institution.

Newsletter: Bruce identified the following topics of retiree-concern that he plans to outline in the upcoming PRO newsletter as well as in his and Jerry's upcoming visit during lunch with Dr. Ortiz, newly appointed Peralta Chancellor as of July 1, 2012.

The re-enrollment process initiated in May 2012 by the PCCD.

The alleged mismanagement of the current SPD.

A notice of welcome to Peralta's recently hired Chancellor, Jose Ortiz.

A record of the testimonials supporting the aims/achievements of PRO.

A report of the four scholarships PRO awarded in June 2012.

PRO's contribution to the successful passage of Measure B.

Examples of diminishing teacher tenure and teacher vesting rights  
currently being challenged in California

The availability of Pay-Pal for the convenience of PRO members.

The confusion and possible improper charges retirees experience as a  
result of Kaiser's Senior Advantage/Medicare Part D enrollment

procedure.

Bruce stated that June 27 is the deadline for any other items intended for inclusion in the July 2012 PRO newsletter. Bruce added that he would elaborate further during the following Discussion Items section of this meeting, certain aspects of the re-enrollment process, the newly introduced language in the current SPD, and the exclusion from coverage of some medical prescriptions.

Social: Linda and Jay established the following dates for upcoming social events:

Thursday August 23 --- annual picnic in Redwood Regional Park  
Tuesday July 10 --- Yoshi's featuring Bill Bell  
Friday September 7 --- Pasta Pelican restaurant 5:30 - 9:30PM, band is present

Also, Jay described the availability of Lincoln Park in Alameda for a PRO gathering. That park can provide both indoor and outdoor options.

Benefits: Alex reported glowingly his experience delivering PRO's scholarship to BCC's Awards program. Ned shared that it was interesting to deliver Laney's award but he feels that a more recent retiree might be a better choice as presenter.

Membership: Jay is gathering the names of recent retirees and Jerry suggested that all Board members might assist in developing a complete list by focusing on a given campus. The district does not identify those names readily.

Service: Yvonne shared that she has successfully met with Socorro at the Foundation office and that she will be able to provide photos of the college's awards next year for publication in PRO's newsletter.

Discussion Items: For the balance of this meeting three major topics were covered:

The arrival of Dr. Ortiz  
The issue regarding non-paying PRO members  
The need to identify in depth retiree frustration with the altered SPD and the poorly managed re-enrollment process

Bruce moved that PRO share with Dr. Ortiz the range of retiree complaint and confusion regarding re-enrollment. Ann seconded the motion.  
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In addition to a lunchtime appointment, Bruce and Jerry will invite Dr. Ortiz to one of PRO's monthly meetings.

With respect to non-paying PRO members (approximately 150 for whom we have contact information) Jerry reported that he wants to send a letter via post office urging

those members to move to dues-paying status. Traditionally, the January issue of PRO's newsletter has been sent to ALL members. Ann moved to shift the habit to the October issue. Motion was seconded by Alex.

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Alex reported that there has not been any meeting of the Benefits Committee since April 4, 2012. Even prior to that meeting, Alex had asked Peter Wantuch how premiums for surviving family members were calculated. Thus far Alex has not received any reply.

Jerry adjourned the meeting at 3:05PM