

PRO Meeting
September 5, 2012

Jerry called the meeting to order at 1:03PM.

PRESENT: Jerry Herman, Anna Pavelka-Lodato, Linda Japzon, Jay Quesada, Remo Arancio, Yvonne Lewis, Ann Whitehead and Debra Weintraub.

ABSENT: Alex Pappas, Pat England and Bruce Jacobs.

GUEST: Peter Brown.

Secretary's Report: Jay moved for approval, seconded by Yvonne.

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Treasurer's Report: Anna stated that the bank balance is \$21,809.48. Anna also shared that she will deliver the total picnic expense at PRO's next meeting in October. Linda emphasized that the attendance at the picnic was low—only 22 people came. Linda also made it clear that the park area was left very well cleaned and that PRO can expect a return of the deposit of \$150.00.

President's Report: Jerry identified four topics he wanted to cover:

The breakfast he and Bruce had with Chancellor Ortiz
Items for the upcoming newsletter
Ned's lunch scheduled on September 19 at Bucci's
The interviews with 4 candidates for PCCD trustee seat

Four such seats are up for election: one Trustee seat contested, three seats uncontested.

With respect to the Ortiz visit, Jerry reported that he and Bruce were left with a positive impression of the Chancellor's openness, and his willingness to listen to their description of PRO members' negative experiences with the Benefits Office. Through a discussion inspired by Jerry, it was agreed that current, as well as former, PRO Board members were indeed welcome to attend Ned's lunch. Jerry identified the following items intended for inclusion in the upcoming October newsletter:

- Jerry will write a follow-up to his July article
- A review of the celebration of Wise Allen's retirement
- A review of the open seats on the PRO Board
- Posting of the November date of PRO Lunch

Jerry introduced PRO's guest, Peter Brown, who is a Laney adjunct instructor in Machine Technology. Both Jerry and Peter had attended a recent PFT/COPE-sponsored meeting where the 4 candidates for the only contested PCCD Trustee were interviewed. Seventeen people attended this meeting held on August 22, 2012 in the PFT Office. The four candidates are:

- Jurema Storm
- Meredith Brown
- Tyriene Amey
- Randy Menjivar

COPE members voted to endorse the candidacy of Jurena Storm who has recently served as a PCCD Student Trustee.

Service Committee Report: Yvonne shared that there is no activity at this time of year.

Social Committee Report: Linda established the following possible dates for the annual lunch at Wedgewood: November 8

or 15. Linda and Jay announced that the lunch theme this year will be “African Safari”.

Membership Committee Report: Jay reported that she has been able to identify means of communicating (via phone or address or email) with most of the June 2012 retirees.

Lastly, Debra suggested that a well-publicised joint meeting of PFT and PRO, exploring the PCCD Trustee election as well as the Propositions 30-40 which will appear on the November ballot, might serve voters' needs in determining enlightened choices. Jerry agreed to look into Debra's proposal.

Jerry adjourned the meeting at 2:40PM.