

PRO Meeting
January 9, 2013

Jerry opened the meeting at 1:00PM

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

ABSENT: Pat England and Alex Pappas.

GUESTS: Mike Feiler, Margaret Traylor, Diana Lara, Adela Lozano, Al Lozano, John Lodato.

Jerry called the meeting to order at 1:00PM.

Secretary's Report: Remo moved for approval, seconded by Linda.

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Treasurer's Report: Anna reported that as of January 8, 2013 PRO's bank balance was \$22,275.28. In addition to a copy of Anna's monthly Treasurers Report she has delivered an Annual report. Both reports have been entered into the PRO files.

Newsletter: Bruce reported that the January-March, 2013 newsletter is now in the mail. Bruce stated that the newsletter contains copies of photos taken during the PRO Annual Lunch, Nov. 2012. Additional color photos are available on the PRO website.

President's Report: Jerry shared his conversation with Indra Thadani, a gerontology specialist and Laney's college nurse, wherein he and Indra discussed the possibility for PRO members to share a lunch where Indra would address the group regarding

lifestyle concerns for retirees. The location for such a lunch is still under discussion and Jerry will convey when / if / where such an event can be scheduled.

Benefits Committee: The next meeting of this committee is set for January 10, 2012 at the District Office. Both Jerry and Bruce will attend, although Bruce can stay only for a short time. Debra Weintraub asked for permission to attend and Jerry welcomed her suggestion. Jerry shared that at the last meeting of this committee Jennifer Seibert announced that Jay and Linda will resume the phoning to retirees who have not yet signed up for Medicare, a practice that has taken place annually for the past few years. Jennifer praised the work of Jay and Linda.

A review of “Joint Powers of Authority” occupied the next segment of the discussion. JPA's, so-called, are explained well in the current PRO newsletter. Such a group represents a combination of several school districts' medical benefits and offers their own selection of HMO and PPO options. JPA representatives appeared at the Benefits Committee meeting for the last three months. Retiree benefits cannot be threatened and the District's embrace of a JPA can only be applicable to current employees as the result of contract negotiations. All available JPA benefits packages are inferior to the package retirees enjoy. Debby emphasized that PRO needs to maintain a friendly link with active employees of PCCD. Jerry suggested that Debby undertake a lead role in developing a serious link with current employees. Diana Lara pointed out that active employees of Peralta who came on board post 2004, have diminished incentive to become 30-year employees, as in the past.

Social Committee: Linda shared that there really is no current report. Linda agreed to advance a note of sympathy to Shirley Connors who has recently been ill from a fall.

Service Committee: Yvonne stated that there have not been any recent donations to the scholarship fund. Yvonne also stated that she is readying for the graduation period where scholarships are delivered.

Jerry mentioned at this time that he had talked with Ralph Marinaro who is successfully recovering from heart surgery.

Membership Committee: Jay received the name of one recent retiree from Yvonne. Jennifer Seibert shared with Jay that Jennifer will include a copy of the PRO membership application reimbursement form in her issue of her Benefits Department newsletter sent to all retirees. A general discussion then followed regarding any and all imaginative means of identifying and locating recent or incipient retirees for the purpose of introducing membership in PRO.

Old Business: Jerry mentioned the free "Magic Theatre" event described in the PRO newsletter, scheduled for February 9, 2013 at Laney for the afternoon performance. Bruce emphasized that the due date for making lunch reservations, available via Paypal or USPS, is January 30, 2013.

During the balance of this meeting the entire group including PRO's guests weighed and measured any and all suggestions for PRO to engage in "wellness" pursuits.

Given the age-spread of PRO members, there exists a need for proper eating, proper exercise and overall-age related activities. John Lodato addressed the value of marketing healthy lifestyles and he proposed that the membership be surveyed to discover exactly what retirees might want to do.

Examples of activities identified include dancing, walking, hiking, swimming, yoga, tai chi, and cooking. John also mentioned that there are numerous websites where appropriate recipes are available. Identifying via email such websites can serve the

membership positively. Jerry urged that a committee be formed to formalize these ambitions /ideals / drives and the following people agreed:

Linda Japzon, John Lodato, Jerry Herman and Yvonne Lewis. Bruce Jacobs agreed to serve as a resource.

Jerry announced the next meeting, February 6, 2013

Jerry adjourned the meeting at 2:40PM