

PRO Meeting May 22, 2013

Jerry called the meeting to order at 1 PM.

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

ABSENT: Yvonne Lewis, Pat England and Debby Weintraub.

GUESTS: Bill Withrow, Meredith Brown, Deborah Silvey, Judy Pope and Matt Goldstein.

Jerry introduced Bill Withrow, President of the PCCD Board of Trustees. Trustee Withrow described in detail his strong academic background, his 24-yearlong military service in the U. S. Navy which was followed by his 20-year experience in investment management. His comments included a discussion of the OPED bonds and the possibility that the LIBOR scandal would positively impact Peralta's bond obligations. He also discussed the recent favorable shift of Peralta's bonds, along with his perception that the current status of the U. S. economy may last for 20 more years. Additionally, Trustee Withrow illustrated that periods of low-inflation work to the advantage of retirees. Following his comments Jerry asked all PRO Board members present to introduce themselves.

Next, Trustee Brown introduced Deborah Silvey and Judy Pope both of whom represent an organization called 360bayarea. This organization's mission statement reads:

“We are building a grassroots climate movement, working for deep CO2 emission reductions in the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond.”

Deborah Silvey and Judy Pope spoke about their ambitions to

INCLUDE students' voices in the pursuit of a program designed to encourage institutions (e.g. PCCD) to divest from their investments in coal, oil and gas enterprises. They plan to propose a resolution to the PCCD Board which will call for a structured divestment from these types of investments from over a five-year period. The PCCD Board expressed interest in supporting the proposed divestment and asked to have a copy of the resolution when final wording is determined.

At 2:20 PM Jerry returned to the formal agenda, following the departure of guests.

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

Treasurer's Report: Anna shared that the current bank balance is \$24,476.86 and that the total recent Garden Party expense to PRO was \$394.20.

Newsletter: Bruce explained that the upcoming newsletter covering the period July through September will not be available until mid July. Bruce also stated that the information in this newsletter will cover the annual scholarships awarded by PRO, the May Garden Party, and a plethora of photos.

President's Report: With joy, Jerry announced that Linda Japzon did NOT suffer a heart attack recently. The information that the PRO Board received regarding her health was a misdiagnosis.

Jerry revealed that there was insufficient support for the "Wellness Project" at this time and therefore it will be discontinued OR perhaps addressed at a later time.

Social Committee: Linda described the successful Garden Party held earlier this month. She said that the music was

greatly appreciated, the fashion show went over very well, and that the 33 PRO members in attendance had conveyed that it was a “great” time.

Service Committee: Both Jerry and Bruce commended Yvonne’s efforts with respect to the successful delivery of scholarships to each of the 4 campuses this year.

Membership Committee: Jay emphasized that a May date for the Garden Party conflicts with too many graduation exercises. Jay suggested that future Garden Parties might be scheduled for a different month.

The following dates were established during this meeting:

Wednesday June 5, 2013 – June PRO meeting
Wednesday July 10, 2013 – July PRO meeting
Friday August 9, 2013 – annual Picnic, same location.

Ann moved that the Woodminster Musical event be cancelled.

Alex seconded.

MSU

Medicare Part D

Matt Goldstein, President of PFT, described how some retirees are being charged for Medicare Part D, prescription drug coverage. This situation occurs ONLY in the Kaiser plan and applies ONLY to retirees who are above a certain income bracket and are enrolled in "Senior Advantage" through Kaiser.

Medicare determines that income bracket. Matt shared that Chancellor Ortiz has suggested that for those affected by this expense, a reimbursement plan should perhaps funnel through the channels of negotiation. Both PFT and PRO are continuing discussions at the District with respect to a reimbursement plan and will report back the final outcome.

Jerry adjourned the meeting at 3:20 PM.