

PRO Meeting  
May 7, 2014

PRESENT: Jerry Herman, Bruce Jacobs, Ann Whitehead, Alex Pappas, Anna Pavelka-Lodato, Remo Arancio, Linda Japzon, Yvonne Lewis and Debby Weintraub.

ABSENT: Jay Quesada and Pat England.

GUEST: Cy Gulassa

Jerry opened the meeting at 1:02PM introducing Cy Guylassa who shared generously his personal community college background, his assessments of the current status-quo with respect to community colleges in California, and his political insights about the current PCCD fiscal and personnel matters.

Secretary's Report: Remo moved for approval, seconded by Bruce.  
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Treasurer's Report: Anna shared that the current bank balance is \$24,460.75. Anna also told the PRO Board that the Peralta Foundation takes 5% from any donation advanced to it. A lengthy discussion then took place regarding exactly HOW the 5% is calculated. Yvonne agreed to analyze this situation, make the correct calculations, and return to the PRO Board in June with clarification.

Additionally, Anna identified that the recent and successful theatre event at Aurora cost to PRO was only \$5.00.

Later during this meeting a lengthy discussion took place in which the following observations were identified thus:

that relatively few folks engage in the theatre events.

that the annual picnics, lunches, and garden-parties are well-attended.

that, perhaps, any given event should involve some form of communal gathering (lunch before OR dinner afterwards), rather than just individual attendance.

Newsletter: Bruce said that the contents of the upcoming July-September issue are not yet delineated. Bruce also shared that about 5 alleged “hackers” have recently invaded the PRO website.....folks pretending to be members.

President’s Report: Jerry returned to the issue of theatre attendance and shared that only 20 tickets were sold for the ELLA event at Lesher. Jerry pointed out that Anna’s post-theatre party at her home following ELLA greatly enhanced the afternoon gathering. Anna agreed to distribute a list of upcoming Lesher plays and also agreed to entertain PRO folks who can attend her after-party gathering in an up-coming matinee if the PRO Board decides to schedule another Lesher event.

Jerry urged that Linda and/or Jay attend Herbert Kitchen’s July dinner-party planning committee working on the celebration of PCCD's 50th Year.

Jerry reported that the Retirement Board met on March 13 at the District Office.

Benefits Committee: Debby, Bruce and Diana Lara worked on the SPDs (Summary Plan Descriptions) and identified approximately 14-15 changes that may have impacted retirees negatively. Basically, through their challenges with the Benefits Department personnel, these changes have been resolved/erased favorably for retirees. Issues regarding

“Specialized Pharmacies” have been communicated by Bruce via email.

Social Committee: Linda reported that the upcoming Garden Party plans scheduled for June 1, 2014 at Shirley Connor’s home are well-underway regarding food/entertainment/etc. Bruce agreed to email another notice to encourage PRO members' attendance.

Service Committee: Yvonne reported that the four teams who evaluated potential scholarship awardees worked effectively and that the three non-Board member participants, Mike Mills, Joe Camarra and Celia Correa, provided valuable help.

Jerry adjourned the meeting at 3PM