

PRO Meeting
July 2, 2014

Jerry called the meeting to order at 1:07PM.

PRESENT: Jerry Herman, Bruce Jacobs, Alex Pappas, Anna Pavelka-Lodato, Debby Weintraub and Ann Whitehead.

ABSENT: Linda Japzon, Jay Quesada, Pat England, Remo Arancio and Yvonne Lewis.

Secretary's Report: Bruce moved for approval, seconded by Alex. 5 Yes, 1 abstention.

Treasurer's Report: Anna reported the following:

Current bank balance is \$23,306.70.

31 people attended the garden party @ \$10.00 per.

Total garden party expense for PRO was \$426.17.

Hector Lopez sent \$2,000.00 for scholarship fund.

Newsletter: Bruce completed the July-September 2014 issue recently and it will be sent out on July 7 or 11.

President's Report: Jerry shared that though he will miss PRO's August 6 meeting, he will be able to attend the annual picnic scheduled for August 8, 2014. Jerry agreed to advance invitations to all candidates running for PCCD Board in November. As of this date, July 2, 2014, the only names known are Trustees Riley and Handy who are running for re-election. Jerry emphasized that PRO will accommodate the schedules of such candidates and thus meet at alternate dates in addition to PRO's traditional first Wednesdays of each month.

Debby agreed to identify, when available, all the names of people running in PCCD Board upcoming election. Debby recommended that PRO meet not only with potential candidates but also, in a general election discussion, to investigate ballot measures relevant to PRO's needs. In this and all such venues, all members of PRO would be invited. Lastly, Jerry shared that he attended two of the PCCD 50th anniversary events and found them to be lackluster. One such event remains scheduled for some time in October, 2014.

There were no reports from either the Social nor the Service Committee's representatives due to absence.

Benefits Committee: Regarding the "out of network providers" of medical assistance, two retirees have encountered problems with Coresource/Anthem Blue Cross..... In each case the particular situation is different but the outcomes delivered equal frustration for the retirees. Bruce agreed to investigate this problem. Alex suggested strongly that when retirees submit a claim form for out-of-network services that s/he also submit a carefully worded cover letter which contains all relevant information as explicitly as possible. Alex agreed to supply Bruce with a sample that he uses when submitting claims from Turkey for inclusion in a newsletter article.

Bruce suggested that PRO may want to explore an event surrounding the annual lunch with an emphasis on PRO's Ten-Year anniversary celebration. Further discussion will take place come August regarding this topic.

Jerry adjourned this meeting at 2:30PM