

PRO Meeting
August 5, 2015

Present: Remo Arancio, Anna Pavelka-Lodato, Ann Whitehead, Bruce Jacobs, Jerry Herman, Debby Weintraub, Yvonne Price, Linda Japzon, Pat England and Jay Quesada.

Absent: Alex Pappas and Tom Branca.

Guests: Diana Lara, Ed Jaramillo, Patricia Dudley and Jessica Keahey.

Secretary's Report: Bruce moved for approval, seconded by Jerry.
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Treasurer's Report: Anna shared the following:

The current bank account, \$24,177.73.

Three scholarship contributions, amounting to \$250.00 had arrived recently.

Two new members joined PRO.

Anna also stated that she and Yvonne Price had met with the Peralta Foundation representatives on three occasions, one by phone and the other two meetings in person. Their attendance, and a description of those encounters are described later in these minutes.

Vice President's Report: Bruce reported that he, Debby and Jerry had met with the new Chancellor recently. The meeting lasted over an hour and all of them found that the meeting could best be characterized as quite agreeable and

pleasant. Bruce also stated that Chancellor Laguerre is interested in allaying any/all of retiree fears regarding their medical benefits. During Bruce's delivery Ed Jaramillo identified his email address thus:

edwardjaramillo@sbcglobal.net

President's Report: Debby confirmed that the meeting she, Bruce and Jerry had experienced with the new Chancellor recently went very well. Debby described how emphatically Chancellor Laguerre labeled as misguided the recently published (Contra Costa Times, July 15, 2015, author unidentified) allegations regarding Peralta's potential inability to meet its commitments to retirees for their medical coverage. Chancellor Laguerre also shared that his conversations with ACCJC have revealed that allegations regarding recently published PCCD retiree benefits identified above are NOT necessarily representative of the ACCJC Chair, Barbara Beno. Bruce said that Chancellor Laguerre wants to communicate effectively with PRO and, generally speaking, maintain an effective relationship with PRO. Bruce also stated that Susan Rinne stated to the reporter identified above that "you have an opinion, I have the evidence".

Additionally, Debby told the PRO Board that Chancellor Laguerre has worked with retiree groups in the past and that he wants to work with all PCCD groups.

Lastly, Debby identified the following dates:

August 20, 2015	Picnic
October 7, 2015 If Chancellor is available	Chancellor visit PRO Bd. mtg.
October 18, 2015	All PRO reception at Conner Home—not yet finalized
November 12, 2015	Annual Membership Lunch

NO date yet

Meeting with the new PCCD
Foundation Director, K. Kosik

Social Committee Report: Jay and Linda emphasized the need for “setting-up” assistance at the upcoming picnic. Bruce agreed to remind folks of the picnic date AND to share the need for “setting-up” help.

Scholarship Committee: Yvonne and Anna along with the comments of guest, Jessica Keahey, outlined the status of a very lengthy study regarding PRO’s scholarship contributions to the Peralta Foundation. Given that PRO is not officially a non-profit organization, the scholarship contributions that PRO receives must be funneled through an organization such as Peralta’s Foundation in order for the donor to receive tax exempt status for his/her contribution. A four-page copy of PRO’s conclusions following lengthy discussions with the Foundation is attached to these minutes.

Debby moved that Yvonne’s suggestion that PRO pay to the Foundation \$511.00 be approved.

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Benefits: Debby shared that the committee has not met recently but that a new broker has been chosen by PCCD. On Monday August 10, 2015 Debby will learn the identification of the new broker.

Membership Committee Report: Jay declared that there is no new information at this time.

Newsletter: Bruce indicated the following:

1. Trudy Largent has agreed to start reimbursing all retirees who have to pay the Medicare D premium starting September 1, 2015 (going forward).
2. Bruce will interview Jennifer Seibert via email to ask her to answer questions about medical benefits that retirees have inquired about. Her responses will be in the next newsletter.
3. Both Trudy and Jennifer indicated that if a retiree enrolled in Coresource Traditional miss any required payments they will receive notice of having failed to pay, and if they do not respond they will be dropped from the District insurance program. They also indicated that upon full payment of all overdue amounts they could be reinstated. Bruce indicated he would include a recommendation that retirees who are paying for Coresource Traditional set up automatic payment with their bank so that payments are not missed.

Jerry's report of the most recent Retirement Board meeting will also appear in the October newsletter.

Debby adjourned the meeting at 2:45PM