

# **PRO Meeting**

## **May 4, 2016**

PRESENT: Anna Pavelka-Lodato, John Lodato, Bruce Jacobs, Alex Pappas, Ann Whitehead and Patricia Dudley.

ABSENT: Jerry Herman, Remo Arancio, Tom Branca and Debby Weintraub.

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

The current bank balance is \$23,998.32.

Already sent are the 4 gift cards to Yvonne, Jay, Linda & Pat.

Scholarship contributions this month totaled \$700.00.

PRO's scholarship fund now = \$7970.21.

Notice from E. Long enthusiastically praises Bruce's newsletter.

Newsletter to Jeremiah Alip was returned.

A PRO scholarship accounting sheet was attached to Anna's formal report.

Vice President's Report.

“EVOLVE”.

Bruce identified the next PRO newsletter is scheduled for July-September and he needs assistance for this newsletter preparation. Bruce also clarified his suggestion for PRO’s involvement with “EVOLVE”. This organization is a non-partisan, 501c(4) nonprofit founded in 2011. Bruce has suggested that we might be able, with agreement from PFT, SEIU, Local 39, and PCCD to invite a representative of EVOLVE to come in the Fall 2016 to initiate PRO’s Speakers Bureau to address all concerned with the Reform of Proposition 13, a major focus of EVOLVE. Bruce identified Benjamin Greif as the speaker from EVOLVE.

Bruce emphasized PRO’s need to acquire two folks who can take on the responsibilities of arranging the Speakers Bureau.

Scholarship Dinners. As of now, BCC will not plan an AWARDS event for the delivery of the scholarship awardee. Alex will cover the same event for the College of Alameda and Jerry will do the same for Laney College. Bruce MAY cover this event for Merritt College.

Alex asked that the next agenda include a space for a discussion about increasing the number of scholarships PRO awards while reducing the amounts for next year. The Board agreed to discuss his proposal at the next meeting.

Membership: John reported that PRO has received 5 new members and 4 renewals.

Social: The next event will be scheduled for August and Anna and John will determine all the needed information for the next newsletter determining where and when the picnic takes place.

Benefits. There is no further update at this time.

Bruce adjourned this meeting at 2:26PM