

PRO Meeting
June 8, 2016

Present: Debra Weintraub, Ann Whitehead, Anna Pavelka-Lodato, John Lodato, Patricia Dudley, Remo Arrancio, Tom Branca, and Alex Pappas.

Absent: Bruce Jacobs and Jerry Herman.

Secretary's Report: Alex moved for approval, seconded by Anna.

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Treasurer's Report: Anna shared that the bank account currently is \$23,791.10.

Additionally she reported the following:

That Pat England had sent to PRO a thank-you note for her gift card.

That Carol Kessler had sent a check for \$25.00 in memory of Joseph Lonerio.

The scholarship fund balance is \$1,995.21.

Recent newsletter was returned from Mary Tufft.

That August 11, 2016 is the date for the annual PRO picnic and that the same picnic ground has already been reserved.

Anna attached to her Treasurer's report a complete record of Scholarship accounting for the period July 2015-June 2016.

Vice President's Report:

Given Bruce's absence there is no report.

President's Report:

Debra chose to advance her comments under New Business section.

Social: As mentioned above, the picnic date is established for Thursday August 11 and the same picnic grounds where PRO has met before have been reserved.

Benefits: At this time there is no update.

Scholarships: Please see under New Business.

Membership: John reported that PRO has one new member.

Newsletter: The deadline for including new information for the July newsletter is June 14, 2016.

Old Business: There no information at this time.

New Business: The following three areas of inquiry were identified:

The Speakers Bureau and EVOLVE connection.
Scholarship delivery.
Trustee upcoming elections.

With regard to the suggested Speakers Bureau outlined during the May 2016 meeting minutes, the group agreed to indeed pursue it as defined. There were no votes taken however. Additionally John emphasized strongly that PRO initially determine via its membership email addresses as well as its newsletter an inquiry as to WHAT topics members want to learn/hear more up-to-date information.

With respect to the Scholarships, a lengthy discussion followed in which a variety of thoughts were shared. For example:

PRO should exclude a multi-year application from the same student.

PRO might consider several more scholarships at each college instead of just one per college at \$1500.00.

Remo suggested that the stipulations for any given applicant require that the student identify the profession for which he/she is pursuing.

Debra reported that PRO reviewers receive only

three applicants' materials before for any given college at the time of reading the applications for deciding the winning name.

There was general agreement that PRO endorse Trustees if the organization so desires. There may be four trustee seats up for election in the Fall 2016.

Lastly, Debra will poll the Board to see if we may be able to cancel the July meeting. Ann and Remo nevertheless will meet to distribute via mail the July newsletter.

Debra adjourned the meeting at 2:33PM.