

PRO Meeting  
August 3, 2016

Present: Anna Pavelka-Lodato, John Lodato, Debra Weintraub, Bruce Jacobs, Jerry Herman, Remo Arrancio, Patricia Dudley and Ann Whitehead.

Absent: Alex Pappas and Tom Branca.

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

That the current bank balance is \$23,573.83.

That PRO received a thank-you note from Jay Quesada for her gift card.

That PRO's balance in its scholarship fund is \$2,195.21.

After discussion it was agreed that Debby will send out acknowledgements requested by scholarship contributors until another Board member takes responsibility for overseeing the entire scholarship process.

Anna attached to her formal report a copy of PRO's scholarship accounting for the period 2015-2016. Additionally, Anna described in detail her frustrating experiences dealing with the Foundation. Anna experiences a significant failure on the part of the Foundation reconciling reports, identifying accounts properly, and appropriately sharing record-keeping. Bruce shared at this point that his conversations with Michael Mills who works with the Foundation indicate that others, in addition to PRO, experience trouble with Foundation record-keeping/record sharing.

Vice-President's Report: Bruce identified the following topics in his report—  
topics that will be described in the October newsletter

The date and other details about the annual PRO Luncheon.

Information regarding Social Security's "windfall deduction".

Bruce agreed to send out another email reminder about the picnic including a clear statement that everyone was responsible for bringing their own food and beverages as well as utensils.

Social Committee: There is no report at this time.

Benefits Committee: Comments from those who have attended these meetings indicate that the meetings simply consist of an accumulation of announcements from Jennifer Seibert where no opportunity for exploration or challenge is available.

The Benefits web page should include SPDs (Summary Plan Descriptions) for both active employees and retirees. Bruce commented that, though provided, the information is not indexed and difficult for retirees to navigate in order to understand the extent of their benefits. Jerry commented that the Benefits Committee has become a “policy-making” body instead of simply the District’s announcements.

Debby asked for PRO Board members present who might be willing to attend the Benefits Committee meetings. Jerry agreed and Patricia agreed to be a substitute. Debby is eager to have two PRO Board members present at each of these meetings.

Scholarship Committee: Jerry moved that the PRO scholarship be \$1500.00 per student at each of the four Peralta Colleges. John seconded.  
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Debby introduced new language regarding the language describing requirements for scholarship applications.

Her suggestions were moved, seconded by Bruce

1 abstention

7 approvals

Approved.

Copy of language attached.

New Business:

John agreed to research availability of the Wedgewood Center for the PRO Annual Luncheon and Meeting tentatively scheduled for November 10. It was agreed that as many of the implementation details as possible would be turned over to Wedgewood staff. Debby urged Board members to recruit candidates for the current empty Board seats for the Fall’s Board election.

Debby adjourned this meeting at 3.00PM

## PRO Scholarship Statement : August 2016

Peralta Retirees Organization Scholarship – This is a \$1500.00 scholarship awarded once per year in the Spring to four recipients. This scholarship is intended to be awarded to a single recipient from each of the Peralta Community Colleges. The applicant must have completed 60 units by the end of the current semester, excluding basic skills classes in English and math, while maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher. The applicant must be continuing his or her education or training in the Fall of the following year outside of the Peralta Colleges. The student can only receive a PRO scholarship one time.

In addition:

The student must submit a coherent essay that focuses on:

\*Obstacles the student has overcome in order to acquire an education

\*How their Peralta experience has impacted their life

\*Plans for the future including continuing education plans and career plans.