

Peralta Retirees Organization

Meeting Minutes: April 5, 2017

Present: Karen Anderson, Telly Castro, Patricia Dudley (Secretary), Jerry Herman, Bruce Jacobs (Vice President), John Lodato, Helene Maxwell, Anna Pavelka-Lodato (Treasurer), Alex Pappas, Debby Weintraub (President)

Absent: Tom Branca, Carol Dalessio

Agenda item	Discussion	Follow up action
Approval of minutes	3/1/2017 MSU	
Officers' Reports	Called to order 1:20 pm. Previous to start of meeting, members worked on preparing newsletters for mailing.	
Secretary	Patricia was contacted by Margaret Shelleda from AFT. Margaret stated that if retirees want to continue with AFT benefits, they can stay on PFT's roster. Do retirees want this? Discussion followed. Decision to have retirees "opt in" if desired.	Patricia will compose email and send out. AFT option to appear in next newsletter also.
Treasurer	A. There is \$24,186.41 in the PRO account. B. Expenses: \$240 for annual mailbox renewal, \$267.45 to Felix for newsletter, \$1450 (fee/deposit) to the Oakland Museum for the May party. C. There were two contributions to scholarships. The balance is \$4690.21. There will be an administrative fee to the Peralta Foundation.	
Vice President	A. Will report later in the meeting.	
President	A. Remo Arancio has resigned from the committee due to personal demands. Many thanks to Remo for his long service. He has asked not to have a luncheon in his honor. Debby suggests that we give a gift. Discussion followed. It was decided that we will send him a \$150 gift card for a restaurant. B. We need to pay Kayla from PFT for stuffing mailboxes with Medicare workshop announcement. \$100. C. Debby met with Jennifer Seibert to discuss survey about the benefits office. PRO is interested in a survey specifically of retirees. The survey will go out via USPS.	A. Anna will purchase gift card.
Social Committee	John reports that the May party is confirmed for 5/19/17 from 1-4 at the Oakland Museum. We may be able to use the garden, but otherwise it will be in a conference room. We will have access to the museum. Docent tour is arranged (15 people). If additional docent tours are needed, it will be \$50 for every 15 person	

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	<p>tour. Per the Oakland Museum, we need to purchase liability insurance through the museum at cost of \$220. Discussion with general agreement that that is fine. There will be sandwiches, salads, desserts. Charge per person will be \$15. Deposit of \$1450 made; \$500 of that is refundable. \$800-900 is for food.</p>	
Benefits Committee	<p>Next committee meeting is possibly 4/27. Karen and Telly volunteered to attend as a team (they will alternate).</p>	<p>Debby will notify Seibert as to new PRO representatives.</p>
Scholarship Committee	<p>A. Debby has found eight readers for the scholarship essays: Maxwell, Chan (COA), Ortiz, Wilson (Merritt), Sato, Price-Lewis (Laney), Weintraub, Correa (BCC). Winners' essays should be available for the July newsletter. B. Awards Dinners: presenters are needed. If interested, let Debby know. Jerry will present if after 5/12 at BCC and/or Laney. Alex will do COA; Jerry can back him up.</p>	<p>A. Debby will ask readers to download winners' essays.</p>
Membership Committee	<p>List available re: members who did not renew from 2016. Board members selected people they knew to contact about renewing. Renewals can be made via website and PayPal. Also OK to send check to PO box.</p>	<p>Debby will craft a generic statement to use.</p>
Newsletter	<p>A. Bruce discussed working with Felix on newsletter. Is time consuming and a work in progress. B. Upcoming political issues for newsletters: SB 562 (Medicare for all) and Prop 13 revision. Also acknowledgement of Remo's contributions. C. Distribution of newsletter. We have lost both Remo and Anne who prepared the newsletter for mailing. It worked well today to have the Board members affix labels, although some non-Board members are interested in periodic concrete jobs. The Board can be back-up on this. D. Debby: it is a priority to supplement Bruce on the newsletter work. Helene is willing but would like a co-worker (she will ask Ann Elliott). There should be a) a newsletter "vision," b) people who are willing to find relevant articles of interest for publishing in the newsletter, and c) line editing. E. Next newsletter is out the end of June, beginning of July. Submit articles to Felix at least one week before going to printer (about 6/10 or 6/15). Goes to printer the Friday before the Wednesday the stickers get put on.</p>	<p>C. Debby will ask at May party if there are any volunteers.</p>
Old Business	<p>Bruce reports that we now, with Anna's assistance, have a broker. Application was submitted to Travelers Insurance; we were turned down. Now being submitted to other companies.</p>	
New Business	<p>A. Medicare Workshop: Patricia noted that we need the survivor/spouses guides</p>	

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	<p>for procedures. Karen feels we need takeaways and people who will answer questions after Bruce is no longer interested. She feels all of us need to be experts in these matters. Karen also suggests that we have these presentations more often. Debby interested in filming the presentation for reference (possibly U-Tube?). She also thinks we should take this information to the Chancellor. Patricia suggests that we should invite the chancellor to the next workshop. Debby wants to document what the employees' needs are.</p> <p>B. Bruce states that his original intent of a "Survivor's Guide" was a few pages in the newsletter. He thinks that a meeting with the district should take place to find out what they want from a survivor.</p>	<p>B. Bruce, Telly and Karen volunteer to work on this.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>3:03 p.m. M/S/U. Next Meeting: June 7, 2017 1:00 pm. No meeting in May; Garden Party only.</p> <p>Meeting schedule for 2017: Meetings in January, March, April, June, July, September, October, November is luncheon meeting, and December. No meetings in February, May or August.</p>	

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Dudley