

Peralta Retirees Organization

Meeting Minutes September 5, 2018

Present: Debby Weintraub (President), Bruce Jacobs (Vice-President), Jerry Herman, Helene Maxwell, John Lodato, Anna Pavelka-Lodato (treasurer), Karen Anderson

Absent: Telly Castro, Alex Pappas

Note that the meeting was held at La Estrellita Restaurant since the PFT Office was unavailable.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-up Action
Minutes	Debby will submit minutes for the July meeting at the October meeting when they will be voted on for final approval.	Bruce will write up minutes for the meeting. Debby to email minutes to Board members for corrections before the October meeting.
Treasurer's Report	<p>PRO bank balance is \$13,396.48. Total deposits received since July 11 meeting is \$367.38. Expenditures were all for the newsletter. Total is \$656.10.</p> <p>Total scholarship contributions for 2018-19 are \$270.</p>	
Vice-president's Report	After Debby contacted Cody Pelletier informing him about Bruce and Telly's interest in working with the District to revise the Benefits web site, he emailed them proposing a meeting in early August. Bruce responded with several possible dates and times but Cody did not follow-up.	<p>Bruce will follow-up again with the Benefits Office.</p> <p>Bruce agreed to write an article about filing a claim with CoreSource if retirees use medical services while being abroad for the next newsletter.</p>
President's Report	<p>Debby announced that Tom Branca has resigned from the PRO Board due to a time conflict with Board meetings.</p> <p>Debby met with Chancellor Laguerre about the District offering PRO members certain benefits including parking privileges (for a small fee), a list</p>	Debby will continue following up with the Chancellor.

	<p>serve providing District information relevant to retirees, use of Peralta libraries, etc. He referred her to Sadiq Ikhara (Vice Chancellor of General Services) and Jason Kahn (head of IT). Sadiq indicated that he needed to talk to the Chancellor. Jason said he could set up the list serve but would need email addresses for the retirees who wanted to opt in.</p> <p>Jerry suggested that benefits only be available to paid PRO members rather than all retirees. Debby said that communication tools (like the list serve) should not be restricted.</p> <p>Debby expressed concern about the continued viability of PRO given her inability to find replacement Board members, the drop in membership, and diminution of participation in PRO events. She talked about narrowing PRO activities to publishing the newsletter, maintaining the web site, and offering scholarships (if income dedicated to that purpose is sufficient).</p> <p>In the ensuing discussion, Jerry pointed out that the lifetime health benefits are in constant peril, especially given that a large percent of current employees do not have lifetime benefits and may question the District expending millions of dollars for people who are no longer employed by the District.</p> <p>Everyone agreed that we needed a big recruitment effort and that we should begin by taking advantage of a list of recent retirees provided by Cody.</p> <p>We also agreed to use the November membership</p>	<p>Bruce will put out an email with the names from the list asking current members if they have contact info for anyone on the list. We will then follow-up with a letter from Debby asking people to join.</p>
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	<p>meeting to try to recruit people for the Board (which could be smaller than currently) and/or for specific tasks that don't require Board membership (such as coordinating the scholarships).</p> <p>Debby suggested that the November meeting include recognition of Sue Chin's many contributions to the organization.</p> <p>Debby suggested that the Board might start to meet quarterly so as to reduce the burden of membership, with business conducted by email between meetings.</p>	<p>Debby will contact Sue to invite her and her husband as PRO's guests.</p>
Newsletter	<p>Helene said the deadline for copy is September 14.</p> <p>Articles will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President's article (Debby) • Promotion of Membership Meeting • Trustee elections (note COPE has endorsed both challengers) • Review of Chuck Wohlenberg's book (Jerry) • Know Your SPD-Making claims when services were provided abroad (Bruce) • Picnic photos • Board elections 	
Adjournment	<p>Move to adjourn 3:00 p.m. M/S/U. Next Meeting: October 3 at 1 p.m.</p>	