

PRO Meeting Wednesday October 1, 2008

Present: Jerry Herman, Bruce Jacobs, Shirley Timm, Ann Whitehead, Odell Johnson, Remo Arancio, Ned Pearlstein, Pat England, Sondra Nieman, Linda Japzon.

Absent: Alex Pappas

Guests: Jennifer Seibert (PCCD Benefits Coordinator) Jay Quesada

Jerry opened the meeting at 1:05PM and announced that the agenda order would be rearranged in order to accommodate the early-departure needs of both Jennifer and Linda.

Jennifer described the "Open Enrollment Fairs" scheduled for all four colleges as well as the District Office and shared a 20-page document outlining all the benefits available to current employees and retirees as well. Jennifer actively sought volunteer help from PRO for staffing at the five "Fair" tables.

Additionally Bruce agreed to email all retirees with the firm schedule of dates identified for each of the "Fairs".

Social: Linda and Jay shared their extensive findings regarding a possible location for the 08 annual membership lunch. Charges varied widely. Some facilities charged for rental space independent of the per-person lunch fee. Some facilities lacked accommodation for handicapped persons. Ultimately, agreement was reached that PRO return to Wedgewood's buffet at the \$14.95 per-person rate. Pat moved the PRO hold its annual 11AM-3:30PM 2008 meeting at Wedgewood . Seconded by Remo.

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Ned moved that PRO subsidize the luncheon meeting costs for any charges over \$15.00 (e.g. taxes, gratuities) Seconded by Pat

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Lastly, following a brief discussion it was agreed that the same musicians will perform at the '08 luncheon as we had last year.

Treasurer's Report: Shirley reported that the current balance is \$17,693.48.

Secretary's Report: Ann distributed copies of the September 3, 2008 minutes. Ned moved that the minutes be accepted. Remo seconded.

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Newsletter: Bruce reported that the newsletter upcoming will be ready / out by mid October, 08. Items to be emphasized include the following: luncheon announcement, door prizes at the lunch, upcoming annual dues, the Renata Schmitt legal pursuit in Small Claims Court, nomination of Adam David Miller for

a literary prize, jury duty scam letter, status of scholarships and Juanita's letter of resignation.

President's Report: Jerry shared that the "Pirates of Penzance" performance was an overwhelming success. Jerry reported that the membership-soliciting letter that went out from PDDC had actually produced 30 renewals and 8 new members. Regarding PRO elections Ned moved that the current officers remain. Odell seconded the motion.

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Two at-large seats, Ned's and Linda's are up for nomination.. It was agreed by the nominating committee that Ned and Linda shall run for re-election.

Lastly, Jerry shared that the status of the Pension Obligation Bonds is good. Jerry had talked with Tom Smith who confirmed that subsidiaries of Lehman Bros. had been purchased by two stable equity firms.

Service Committee: The Service committee will conduct another book drive this year. Sondra reported that the attendees this year at the annual membership luncheon can donate the books there and she will---with assistance preferably--- deliver the boxes of books to the Peralta District Office.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Whitehead