

PRO Meeting May 5, 2010

Jerry called the meeting to order at 1:01PM

PRESENT: Jerry Herman, Bruce Jacobs, Shirley Timm, Remo Arancio, Sondra Neiman, Ann Whitehead, Ned Pearlstein, Jay Quesada, Linda Japzon, Pat England.

ABSENT: Alex Pappas

Secretary's Report

Remo moved, Pat seconded—approve the minutes as corrected.

Treasurer's Report

Shirley stated that the bank balance is \$18,065.30 and she also reported that the current membership is approximately 325.

Newsletter/Website

Bruce and Jay described a mildly expanding problem regarding members reporting failure in receiving newsletter. It was agreed that such persons, once it is determined that they are paid-up, will be sent a current copy of the newsletter by Ann.

President's Report

Jerry shared that he wants PRO to explore a more comprehensive understanding of the status of the Pension Obligation Bonds. Jerry requested that this discussion move to the Old Business section, later on the agenda.

Social Committee

Linda and Jay shared that 16 people had already sent reservations for the Spring Garden Party, May 23, 2010. Bruce stated that he will send another email announcing the party including a notice stating that T-shirts will be available for sale at the party. Jay suggested that members of the PRO Board wear the new T-shirt for this occasion. Bruce has already made a deposit for the Woodminster play scheduled for Sept. 10, 2010 and it was agreed that he reserve 4 tables for the picnic preceding the play---PAINT YOUR WAGON.

Service Committee

Sondra shared a document outlining in detail all the ways in which the Peralta Foundation has assisted PRO's delivery of scholarship moneys. Given that Socorro Taylor is retiring, Sondra's document (a copy went in PRO file) can serve as a helpful guide for Socorro's replacement. Sondra shared a "Congratulations-on-Retirement" card for Socorro in which Sondra wrote a warm note of thanks and members present joined in signing. Lastly, Sondra shared that she is in the process of finding the schedules for each Peralta college's Awards Ceremony and then Sondra will identify PRO member/s who will participate. Bruce said that he will make an announcement of Socorro's outstanding helpfulness in the July issue of the newsletter.

Benefits Committee

No report—Alex was absent.

Membership Committee

Jay reported that she will be aggressively contacting each campus for the names of upcoming retirees.

Old Business

Following a lengthy discussion surrounding the Pension Obligation Bonds two courses of action were unanimously agreed upon:

that Jerry, Bruce and Ned will seek an appointment ASAP with Tom Henry, consultant to discuss the Pension Obligation Bond status.

that PRO along with the PFT will seek to reach agreement with the PCCD to create an ongoing advisory committee (composed of PFT, other bargaining units and PRO leaders along with an independently paid-for consultant) for the purpose of monitoring and advising the Board about issues relevant to the bond status come opening of the fall semester.

The meeting adjourned at 2:14PM.

