

PRO Meeting
August 4, 2010

Jerry opened the meeting at 1:40PM

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

ABSENT: 0

Secretary's Report

Linda moved, seconded by Alex to accept the report as corrected by Jerry.
MSP

Treasurer's Report

Shirley stated that the current bank balance is \$17,235.01. At this time Shirley mentioned that Amey Stone had recently sent her renewal. Jerry stated that Juanita Peterson had ordered 10 tickets for the Woodminster play scheduled in September.

Newsletter

Bruce stated that the next Newsletter is not due out until next October and therefore he had nothing to share at this time.

President

Jerry described the circumstances of a recent meeting attended by representatives from PFT, PRO and SEIU with Michael Lenehan, acting Chief Financial Officer of PCCD. In this meeting designed to explore information/status of the Pension Obligation Bonds (now referred to as OPEBs, (Other Post Retirement Benefits) Mr. Lenehan displayed the huge amount of paper work occupying significant shelf space in the PCCD offices----materials exclusively related to the OPEBs. He also shared that in a month his office will complete a report regarding the bonds. PCCD has additionally hired an independent analyst who will separately deliver a report concerning the bonds.

Social

Linda confirmed that the picnic arrangements are complete and that 32 people have already indicated that they are coming. Jerry reported that 26 tickets for the Woodminster play have been sold as of August 4, 2010.

Jerry read aloud to the Board a very well written letter-of-thanks from a Laney student, Casandra Beverly who was awarded PRO's annual scholarship at that campus this past June.

This PRO meeting was immediately preceded by a lunch with Acting Chancellor Wise Allen. Jerry, Bruce and Alex from the PRO Board along with Les Margolies attended the lunch.

Wise shared the following information during the lunch:

PCCD must cut 12 million dollars during this fiscal year.
PCCD bonds (not the OPEBs) were on a "watch list, but their rating has returned to A+
The current 1351 (funds for part-time faculty and extra service) account is being severely curtailed.
PCCD is not close to bankruptcy.
PCCD is not close to "trusteeship" (taken over by the State).
A routine financial report labeled "311", due annually to Sacramento has not been filed for several years.
PCCD's general fund will pay for retiree medical benefits.
In 2015 PCCD will owe \$18 million in interest payments for OPEB debt.
Medical benefits are "on the table" for current employees.
Wise Allen learned that in a LA Community College District retirees, via negotiated agreement, were paying increased co-pays.

Wise Allen is in agreement with a proposal to have PRO representation on PCCD committees where retiree issues are discussed.

Wise identified the following realities as fundamental to the contemporary financial disarray at the District:

Software shift from Legacy to PeopleSoft ---
Understaffing of the Financial Office ---

Wise Allen agreed to make available to widows/widowers of former PCCD employees the service/assistance of Peter Wantuch, District's broker, for explanations of survivors' charge for medical coverage.

New Business

Jerry distributed a 14 point list of activities for PRO to take up in the immediate future in order to blunt and/or stop the movement toward modifying retirees' benefits that seems to be a topic of strong consideration among Peralta upper management and the PCCD Board.

Before discussion of the 14 points could take place, discussion surrounding the formation of a Steering Committee to implement and coordinate the 14 points (see attached) occupied the balance of the meeting.

Jay moved to form a Steering Committee and Linda seconded.
MSP.

With respect to the composition of such a committee Ned moved, seconded by Bruce that six members of the 11-member PRO Board be on the committee.

2-yes

1-abstention

8-no

Motion was defeated.

Shirley moved to have 3 PRO Board members on the committee. Her motion failed due to lack of a second.

Because it was late and many Board members had to leave, it was agreed to have a special meeting on Wednesday August 25, 2010, at

1PM, to discuss the 14 point proposal and the Steering Committee that would guide the process.

Jerry adjourned the meeting at 3:09PM.