

PRO Meeting
February 2, 2011

PRESENT: Jerry Herman, Bruce Jacobs, Shirley Timm, Ned Pearlstein, Remo Arancio, Pat England, Ann Whitehead

ABSENT: Linda Japzon, Jay Quesada, Sondra Neiman and Alex Pappas.

VISITORS: Barbara Joans and Stephanie Casenza.

Jerry called the meeting to order at 2:01PM. Jerry introduced Stephanie, Peralta Foundation Director, and asked her to share her message to the PRO Board. Stephanie explained that the Foundation has historically awarded scholarships annually to both students and to members of the Peralta faculty. Stephanie wants to form a new committee to analyze the applications in order to determine the recipients of both the student and the faculty awards. She is particularly interested in having one or two retirees from the faculty on that committee. She explained that the criteria for determining the winners have been identified and can be expanded. Scholarships are given to students (\$8,000.00 total this year) and grants (\$5,000.00 total this year) are awarded to certificated applicants.

Barbara Joans volunteered to serve on the committee and copies of Stephanie's newly designed Foundation newsletter were distributed to all PRO Board members present. This same newsletter was mailed by Stephanie to 25,000 local Bay Area homes in an effort to publicize the valuable work of the Peralta Foundation.

Secretary's Report

Minutes for the December 1, 2010 meeting were moved for approval by Remo, seconded by Pat.

MSU please note that the January meeting, in the absence of a quorum produced no minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Shirley announced that the current balance in the PRO account is \$19,748.35.

Jerry invited Debby Weintraub to come to the PRO meeting to propose a joint PFT/PRO workshop. Debby suggested that there might be a PFT/PRO workshop come early April or late March. The purpose of the workshop would be to address the various concerns of any incipient retiree regarding his/her options----medical benefits, STRS, PERS, etc etc . Bruce moved to accept Debby's proposal, seconded by Ned.

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Bruce, Jerry and Ann volunteered to participate in the planning for the workshop.

Remo moved, seconded by Pat that the election of the following officers be approved for service next year---through January 2012.

Pres.	Jerry Herman
Vice Pres.	Bruce Jacobs
Treasurer	Shirley Timm
Secretary	Ann Whitehead

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Jerry announced that the next meeting of the Benefits committee at PCCD will be on February 16, 2011.

Jerry proposed that given the zero response to the Altarena theatre proposal mentioned in the most recent newsletter that the event be cancelled by Friday, February 5, 2011 unless adequate response is achieved via Bruce's email going out today re-announcing the opportunity.

Lastly, Jerry shared that one retiree has encountered a questionable Medicare D charge at Kaiser----i.e. \$12.00 per month. The issue is being investigated and the cause of the problem has not been identified thus far.

Jerry adjourned the meeting at 2:16PM.