

PRO meeting, December 7, 2011

PRESENT: Jerry Herman, Bruce Jacobs, Anna Pavelka-Lodato, Linda Japzon, Socorro Taylor, Remo Arancio, Ned Pearlstein, and Ann Whitehead.

ABSENT: Alex Pappas, Pat England and Jay Quesada.

Jerry called the meeting to order at 1:10PM. At the outset Jerry shared that 33 responses for the events-survey had arrived and about 188 ballots were returned regarding the PRO Board election. Ned, Linda, Sondre and Ann will count the ballots in the PFT office at 10:30AM on December 14, 2011.

Secretary's Report Both October and November minutes were distributed. Ned moved for approval, seconded by Remo.  
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Treasurer's Report Anna stated that the current bank balance is \$23,020.53 and she provided a copy of her monthly report in which PRO's recent luncheon, picnic and Foundation expenses are outlined. Ann deposited the copy into the PRO files labelled Treasurer Reports. A discussion followed wherein the Board examined the possibility of transferring PRO's B of A account to a Walnut Creek branch of Mechanics Bank, an action of protest against the contemporary "too big to fail" bank practices. In conclusion, the Board determined to maintain the B of A account for now and revisit the possible relocation in another six months or so. Jerry also mentioned that the PRO Post Office address in El Cerrito may also shift to another P.O. address located in Walnut Creek, six months hence.

Newsletter Bruce identified December 23, 2011 as the due-date for all material headed for inclusion in the next issue of PRO's newsletter, January 2012. Bruce outlined the following items of news that will be covered in the January issue:

- updated scholarship information
- identification of new members
- results of the survey asking for **types** of social events members may want
- pictures from the annual luncheon
- Marion Fay's letter written in memory of Cecil Webb
- an article authored by Adam Miller
- reminder for outstanding renewals
- request for new members
- search for someone interested in forming a PRO book-club
- search for the **kind** of musical events of interest
- a note urging PRO members to contribute to the scholarship fund

President's Report Jerry described an early November meeting he attended with Wise Allen along with PRO and PFT representatives in which the imposition of a penalty for folks (65 yrs. old) who do **not** sign-up for Medicare was discussed. PRO emphatically agrees that such people **should** sign up and PRO has agreed to assist in the effort to clarify and inform the 70+ folks who have declined thus far. Matt Goldstein came in to the PRO meeting at Jerry's request and Matt shared that December 14 is the date for Wise's follow-up meeting on this matter.

Benefits Jerry mentioned that the dates for Benefits Committee meetings shift unpredictably and he had no updated report.

Social Linda agreed to contact Yoshi's to establish an early March 2012 date for PRO to attend an evening of music at their Oakland location. Linda's information will therefore be included in the January 2012 issue of the newsletter.

Socorro reported that a check for \$1,000.00 from Ray Barnett had arrived for the scholarship fund. Jerry read aloud Ray's accompanying letter.

Jerry adjourned the meeting at 2:40PM