

PRO Meeting  
October 3, 2012

Jerry called the meeting to order at 1:14PM.

PRESENT: Jerry Herman, Bruce Jacobs, Ann Whitehead, Remo Arancio, Jay Quesada, Linda Japzon and Pat England.

ABSENT: Debra Weintraub, Alex Pappas, Anna Pavelka-Lodato and Yvonne Lewis.

GUEST: Matt Goldstein.

Jerry introduced PRO's guest speaker at the opening of the meeting. Matt Goldstein encouraged the PRO Board to vote –YES on Prop. 30, and NO on Prop. 32. Prop. 30 will enable increased tax collection from high-income earners, impose a ¼% sales tax, and prevent further erosion of funds to public education. Prop. 32 represents essentially an anti-labor initiative. Matt explained that prominent California media---e.g. San Francisco Chronicle, Contra Costa Times and the Los Angeles Times---also urge a NO vote on Prop. 32. Matt also explained that PFT has endorsed Abel Guillen and Jurena Storm. Abel is running for the California Assembly District 18 and Jurena is running for the Peralta Trustees Board from District 2.

The PRO Board agreed to disseminate via email, to its entire membership, PRO's support for a YES vote on Prop. 30 and a NO vote on Prop. 32.

Secretary's Report: Linda moved for approval, seconded by Remo.  
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Treasurer's Report: Due to Anna's absence, there was no report.

Social Committee Report: Linda and Jay indicated that they were disappointed in the Pasta Pelican restaurant's performance during the recent PRO event held there on September 7, 2012. Only 12 people came to the event. One couple was told at the door that there was no reservation for a party "Peralta Retirees" ever made. The couple departed. The service and the access to chosen menu items were inadequate. Jay complained to the management at the restaurant and learned that there was an entire communications breakdown. Management had failed to communicate to staff that the PRO reservations were established. Combined with many apologies, Pasta Pelican restaurant will provide some free-guest accommodations.

Jay recommended to the Board that the social events should be located at a variety of restaurants and/or bay-area cities in order to expand participation. Bruce agreed to promote any such new location for the next social gathering in the January 2013 issue of PRO's newsletter.

Linda reported that the deposit to Wedgewood has already been paid for PRO's Annual Lunch, November 8, 2012. Jerry will invite Chancellor Jose Ortiz and Matt Goldstein, President of PFT to the Lunch. Remo will conduct the election of PRO Board members

where 6 seats are open. Jay will identify the names of all new PRO members who have joined during the past year. Door prizes have been purchased and an "African Safari" theme has been determined. Jay shared that the African Drum and Dance Group has been hired for musical entertainment. The menu has been chosen and it includes both vegetarian and traditional diet needs. Bruce announced that he is working on setting up Pay-Pal on the web site so PRO members can make a reservation and charge the payment for the Lunch.

President's Report: In response to Matt Goldstein's delivery, Jerry initiated a discussion of PRO Board members' reactions. As a result, Remo moved that PRO support the "YES on Prop. 30" and the "NO on Prop. 32" initiatives. Ann moved for approval, seconded by Pat.  
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Jerry adjourned the meeting at 2:20PM