

PRO meeting July 10, 2013
Jerry called the meeting to order at 1PM.

PRESENT: Remo Arancio, Pat England, Jerry Herman, Bruce Jacobs, Linda Japzon, Yvonne Lewis, Jay Quesada, Alex Pappas, Anna Pavelka-Lodato, Debra Weintraub and Ann Whitehead.

GUEST: Dr. William Riley.

Following Jerry's introduction of Dr. Riley, each PRO Board member present introduced him/her self. Trustee Riley then described his entire educational background as well as his lengthy professional career devoted to public education. He has retired from his school position where he served both as teacher and as athletic director in addition to his ongoing service to PCCD as a trustee. Riley's opening statement to this meeting was one of congratulation to PRO for its efforts advanced in assisting the enrollment of Peralta retirees in Medicare Part B.

Jerry shared some of PRO's history, described PRO's non-hierarchical structure, emphasized both its commitment to a relationship of cooperation with PCCD, and its continuous service on the Fringe Benefits Committee.

Secretary's Report: Alex moved for approval, seconded by Remo.

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Treasurer's Report: Anna stated that the current bank balance is \$23,415.42 and she shared that the reservation for the annual picnic on August 9 has been paid. Anna suggested that a committee be formed for the purpose of keeping current with people's changing addresses, postal and email, and new phone numbers----(composition of such a committee can be from members at-large OR PRO Board members). Anna also distributed a report regarding PRO's database count.

Newsletter: Given that the most recent newsletter had just been mailed, Bruce had no particular requests/observations for inclusion in the next issue scheduled for October-December, 2013.

President's Report: Jerry congratulated Jay and Linda for their outstanding work resulting in an enormously successful garden party honoring Chancellor Ortiz on June 30, 2013.

Social: Referring to the Ortiz reception, Linda remarked that she felt that the Q and A part of this event was particularly comfortable, informative and absent of any enmity. Alex commented that the reception was "one of the best PRO events he had ever attended". Linda distributed a carefully prepared document outlining a variety of theatre events that PRO might pursue. The following agreements were established:

for a date, post-picnic, PRO will suggest one of the following plays for participation:

Bonnie and Clyde (Shotgun)

Ella (Leshner)

After the Revolution (Aurora)

as of July 17 PRO Board folks will send their theatre choice/s via email to Bruce.

Both Debby and Bruce urged that interested theatergoers might plan to have either lunch or dinner PRIOR to the chosen performance.

Also, Linda explained that the picnic preparations are well underway.

Benefits: A discussion centered on the following two separate issues:

1. for those who failed to apply for the Medicare Part B reimbursements, it remains UNCLEAR how far back those people can collect reimbursements retroactively.

2. The SPD (summary plan description) most recently published, with respect to its CHANGES, has not been a result of any collectively bargained agreement according to Matt Goldstein. Matt pointed out that "Vision Care" in the Coresource plan has always distinguished between Ophthalmologist care which is covered, and Optometrist care (i.e. eye glasses) which has never been covered by Coresource. He indicated that he thought that Jennifer Seibert's recent communication with a retiree in which she indicates that post-July 2004 retirees have vision coverage that includes optometric care was in error. Matt will follow up to clarify what if any retirement optometric vision benefit exists for PRO members.

Service: Yvonne noted --- nothing to report now.

Membership: From the PCCD Outlook mail service, Ann distributed copies of a list of recent (July 1, 2013) PCCD resignations and retirees sent by Suzanne Kunkel. Jerry requested that all PRO Board members take a copy and assist Jay in her pursuit of finding current retirees' contact information.

Old Business: At the inception of this meeting Jerry had distributed copies of the "360bayarea" organization's resolution:

RESOLUTION: DIVESTMENT FROM FOSSIL FUELS.

Remo moved not to accept the resolution, seconded by Linda.

7-yes

1-no

2-abstain

Jerry adjourned the meeting at 3:12PM