

PRO meeting September 4, 2013
Jerry opened the meeting at 1:04PM

PRESENT: Jerry Herman, Bruce Jacobs, Anna Pavelka-Lodato, Linda Japzon, Jay Quesada, Remo Arancio, Yvonne Lewis and Ann Whitehead.

ABSENT: Pat England, Alex Pappas and Debby Weintraub.

Secretary's Report: For the July minutes, Yvonne moved for approval, seconded by Bruce.

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(July meeting did not have a quorum and therefore were not approved until September).

For the August minutes, Linda moved for approval, seconded by Yvonne.

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Treasurer's Report: Anna shared the following:

Bank balance is \$23, 463. 29.

19 tickets for ELLA, sold.

Richard Bidelman will shift address- label wording to "pd. through Dec..."

Newsletter: Bruce established September 19, 2013 as the deadline for information to be included in the Oct.-Dec. newsletter.

Bruce identified the following items for inclusion in the next newsletter:

Announcement of next annual luncheon.

Explanation of the District-driven survey.

Photos from the picnic.

A status report of the Medicare Part D discussions at the district.

At the invitation of Jerry, Matt Goldstein came to the meeting and stated categorically that the contract is unambiguous with regard to the District's obligation to reimburse any retiree who is being charged for Medicare D.

President's Report: Jerry declared that he will present his report in combination with the report of the Benefits Committee. Both Jerry and Bruce, after examining the Benefits website, concluded that it should be required to have ALL SPDs available. Jerry shared that at his last meeting where Vice-Chancellor of financial services, Ron Gerhard was present, it was stated that the District's finances were currently "solid". At that same meeting Veronica Pepper, Client Manager from Coresource, was introduced and she emphasized that Coresource is working on an improved customer service program. Jerry asked if PRO members present ever consult "mycoresource.com". Few responded positively. Jerry raised a concern at the Fringe Benefits Committee meeting about "cadillac plans" as defined by the Affordable Care Act which requires employers who provide such plans to pay a tax. Jennifer Seibert indicated that this part of the legislation does not become operable until 2017 and may change in the interim. She put off any discussion of the provision's implications for the District until a later time. Additionally, Jerry told the PRO board that Peter Wantuch announced that new mobile apps for both retirees and actives are now available. Bruce then stated that he will delineate this information regarding the new apps in the next newsletter.

Social Committee: Linda described the picnic as well-attended, a bit uncomfortable because the temperature was cold, and she has a suggestion for a better picnic location for next year.....a location in San Leandro.

Linda and Jay, given four possible dates, will finalize with the Metropolitan restaurant the date for the Annual luncheon (theme

this year is “roaring twenties”) so that the October newsletter can publicize it. Jay and Linda have a skit prepared for this luncheon and they agreed to contact a party for music. Bruce suggested that either Alameda or Laney’s music departments may have suggestions for music groups.

At this point it was agreed that PRO will invite Jennifer Seibert, Chancellor Ortiz , Vice-Chancellor of Educational service, Mike Orkin along with all trustees who are available to the Annual luncheon.

Following brief discussion, Jerry agreed to contact Toni L’Esperance and Elaine Chen-Ramirez regarding their willingness to serve as a Sunshine Committee which will contact severely ill retirees or families of deceased retirees to express PRO's sympathy and support.

Service Report: Yvonne shared that three donations for the scholarship fund had been received.

Membership Report: Jay stated that one new member had come aboard and that altogether there are 311 currently “paid” members of PRO.

For the balance of the meeting the PRO board members present reviewed and edited a list of suggested questions that may appear in Vice-Chancellor Orkin’s survey due in late Fall 2013. His survey will be electronically available and will consist of several surveys, each covering a different section of service available in PCCD. One may choose the survey or surveys appropriate to one’s needs.

Jerry adjourned this meeting at 3 PM