

PRO Meeting
September 3, 2014

PRESENT: Ann Whitehead, Anna Pavelka-Lodato, Linda Japzon, Jay Quesada, Yvonne Smith, Remo Arancio, Jerry Herman, Bruce Jacobs, Debby Weintraub and Tom Branca.

ABSENT: Pat England and Alex Pappas.

Bruce Jacobs, Acting President, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

Bruce, as well as the board members present, welcomed Tom Branca, the most recently elected member of the PRO Board.

Secretary's Report: Remo moved for approval, seconded by Yvonne,
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Treasurer's Report: Anna reported that within the past month no dues were advanced. Anna also stated that the current bank balance is \$23,074.84.

At this point in the meeting Julina Bonilla's 1:15 PM appointment for an interview with PRO was delayed and thus Bruce advanced the discussion RE the Annual Membership Luncheon, this year's tenth anniversary, traditionally held in November.

Bruce emphasized the need for recognition during the scheduled luncheon for the past contributions of all of the following retirees:

Jerry Herman
George Herring
Odell Johnson
Phyllis Jones

Shirley Nedham
Sondra Neiman
George Pacheco
Ned Pearlstein
Juanita Peterson
Soccoro Taylor
Shirley Timm

Bruce urged, with the approval of the PRO Board, that the above named participants be invited as PRO's guests for the November Luncheon. Bruce established September 21 as the deadline for announcements RE Luncheon details to be included in the next newsletter. Jay and Linda agreed to the following:

the theme of this Luncheon will be "10th anniversary".
the per person charge may elevate to \$20.00.
there will be a modest gift for each participant.
the location will remain at the Wegewood Banquet Cntr.
nominations for PRO Board seats will be identified and
nominations will close.

At 1:45 PM PRO interviewed Julina Bonilla, candidate for PCCD trustee, Area 7. Her comments were enthusiastically appreciated by the Board.

At 2:20 PM Richard Fuentes, candidate competing with J. Bonilla for the PCCD Trustee seat vacated by Abel Guillen, visited the PRO Board. His comments were also greatly appreciated.

Both candidates indicated strong support for Peralta's contractual obligations to retiree health benefits.

Medical Benefits

Following the appearances of the invited guests Bruce

introduced a lengthy discussion RE reimbursements for Medicare Part D, applicable only to Kaiser enrollees. Bruce indicated that the PFT was in the process of negotiating an agreement that would require the District to reimburse people who retired after July 1, 2013.

There is no requirement in the agreement that reimbursement occur for people who retired prior to that date. Bruce and Debby expressed dismay at this agreement and the PCCD Board agreed that a group from PRO meet with the PFT to have further discussions about the issue.

There was also a discussion about the recently discovered District SPDs that cover Kaiser reimbursements and Medicare reimbursements. These documents include language that says the District may terminate or change the programs at their discretion as well as limitations on the length of time that may elapse before generating ineligibility for reimbursement. Debby indicated that PRO should work with PFT to force the District to withdraw these documents pending negotiations with the PFT. The following resolution was introduced by Debby.

"I move that several PRO Board members meet with PFT representatives to review what the union has negotiated with the district regarding recent changes to the SPD Kaiser Medicare Reimbursement, or/and what they plan to do regarding this issue. After the discussion with the union representatives, the PRO Board members attending that meeting will recommend to the rest of the PRO Board whether it is necessary for PRO to meet with Bob Bezemek by ourselves or in concert with the PFT or not at all."

Ann moved for approval, seconded by Jerry.
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Data Base Issues.

Bruce reported that Richard Bidelman's role in data base management of the PRO website is temporarily discontinued because of possible severe damage to the Bidelman home in Hawaii due to an approaching lava flow.. Bruce and Anna Pavelka-Lodato will fulfill those responsibilities, perhaps along with the assistance of Joe Camara, for the next three months.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM