

PRO Meeting
March 4, 2015

Present: Bruce Jacobs, Ann Whitehead, Anna Pavelka-Lodato, Jay Quesada, Linda Japzon, Tom Branca, Remo Arancio, Jerry Herman and Yvonne Price.

Absent: Debra Weintraub, Pat England and Alex Pappas.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes for both January 2015 and February 2015 were approved. Jerry moved for approval, seconded by Remo. MSU

Treasurer's Report:

Anna reported the current bank balance, \$24,340.76. Anna shared that the recent luncheon was well attended but that fewer people attended the play at Laney. There were no photos taken at this event. Two scholarship checks were received.

Vice-President's Report:

Bruce identified March 20 as the deadline for items intended for inclusion in the April newsletter. Bruce shared that Bonnie Paul has recently published two books and their titles/coverage will be announced in the newsletter. Additionally the newsletter will note that Odell Johnson has recently been admitted to the West Coast Athletic Conference, Hall of Fame. The Board agreed to reschedule the April meeting to Wednesday, April 8 to accommodate Debby's travel schedule.

Social Committee Report:

Jay and Linda will establish date/time and place for a Spring Garden Party. Their report will appear in the April newsletter.

Benefits:

Debby, though absent, had sent a copy of her proposed letter to the PCCD Fringe Benefits Committee. The PRO board amended her mission statement and approved her intention to mail to Jennifer Seibert for that committee's review. Ann moved for approval as amended, seconded by Jerry.

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Scholarships:

Yvonne described in detail the absence of agreement between the Foundation record-keeping and that of PRO. PRO pays 5% of its contributions to the Foundation for their work distributing scholarship money. Both Yvonne and Anna will establish a meeting with Jessica Keahey where careful analysis of contributions can be reconciled. Bruce added that he talked with Mike Mills who mentioned that the Foundation office is understaffed. Bruce also suggested that PRO pay to the Foundation on a quarterly basis its 5% debt. Additionally Bruce pointed out that any contributor to the scholarship fund is supposed to receive a letter from the Foundation for his/her tax records. Since PRO knows contributors' names and the tax records letters indicate the donation amount PRO has another way to calculate the exact amount of money contributed. Additionally Yvonne stated that she needs only one more name for inclusion among the needed eight readers. Reader training will be provided at the district office March 13 from 9-11AM and again on March 17 from 3-5PM. The actual reading will take place March 16-30. Following March 30 Yvonne will submit

PRO's winning four students' names for each of the Peralta colleges.

Membership:

Jay and Linda volunteered at the recently held PCCD Benefits Fair where they distributed membership applications. Two new members of PRO are James Deveroux and Kim Nguyen. On March 18, 2015 Bruce will deliver a Medical Benefits Workshop at Laney in Room D-200. The workshop is designed for incipient retirees and therefore membership applications will be made available.

Old Business:

Bruce and Debby met with Trudy Largent recently to request that any agreement between PFT and the District to reimburse for Medicare D be extended to all retirees. So far, PFT has not signed the agreement and after that happens, PRO should be able to get a resolution of this issue. Regarding a medical broker—PCCD has not yet hired anyone permanently. It is understood that on a short-term basis PCCD has retained Keenan.

Attached to these minutes is a copy of Debra Weintraub's letter to the Board of Trustees regarding the hiring of a new Medical broker.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45PM

The PCCD Fringe Benefits Committee shall promote health and well-being as well as review possible manners and mechanisms to reduce the impact of health and welfare costs for all active employees, retirees, and the district without diminishing the quality and level of benefits. The committee shall consist of representatives from PFT, SEIU Local 1021, IUOE Local 39, management and retirees. Part of the members' responsibilities will also be to review potential changes and/or modifications to health and welfare plans, inform their constituents about these potential changes/modifications and report back to the Fringe Benefits Committee on behalf of their constituents. The role of the committee shall be limited to making recommendations to the groups represented on the committee.

Dear Members of the Board of Trustees, Chancellor Ortiz,

I have been informed by Matt Goldstein that the PFT placed an RFI with Marie Hampton regarding the process used to select the new medical broker for Peralta Community College District last year. Matt forwarded the documents Ms. Hampton sent in response to the PFT's request.

I read and reviewed the document, Public Contract Code Section 10506.4-10506.10., and was pleased to learn about the best value form of bidding and again appreciative that the district made the effort to form a diverse committee to participate in the selection process. PRO's main concern is that **before** any advertising for medical brokers goes out to invite vendors to apply for a contract with PCCD, the selection committee is given the authority to determine what "values" the committee wants to use in selecting a vendor. It is also important that the committee decide how they would weigh and rank the "values". PRO's understanding of how the best value bidding system works is that the values and ranking must be clear to the bidders when they receive the invitation to apply. **Thus, it is imperative for the committee to determine both values and weight given to each value prior to any advertising or invitation to apply.**

PRO urges you to support us in ensuring that the selection committee meets prior to the bid request being sent out by the district.

Thank you. The courtesy of a response would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Debra Weintraub

PRO President

February 16, 2015