

PRO Meeting December 2, 2015

Prior to the inception of the formal meeting Debby introduced Michael Mills and Kevin Kosik from the Peralta Foundation. Kevin is the executive Director of the Foundation and he and Michael described in detail the ambitious programs in which the Foundation is engaged for the purpose of strengthening education in the Peralta District. There was a discussion about PRO's desire for improved accounting procedures from the Foundation which Kosik agreed was necessary. He outlined steps the Foundation is taking to assure reliable and accurate accounting of funds.

Debby opened this meeting at 1:50PM

Present: Bruce Jacobs, Anna Pavelka-Lodato, , Ann Whitehead, Pat England, Remo Arancio, Tom Branca, Jerry Herman, Debby Weintraub and Yvonne Price.

Absent: Linda Japzon, Jay Quesada and Alex Pappas.

Guests: Patricia Dudley and John Lodato.

Secretary's Report: Both the October and November minutes, as corrected, were approved.

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Treasurer's Report: Anna shared the following:

The current bank balance is \$24,213.53.

Recent scholarship contributions , \$1700.00.

One new member recently joined PRO.

The Annual Luncheon expenses were \$1095.87.

The recent Annual Lunch attended by the smallest number of attendees ever.

Vice-President's Report: For the upcoming January newsletter Bruce needs information regarding both the Annual Lunch and the Chancellor's November reception held at Shirley Connor's home. Jerry agreed to write articles about both events for the newsletter. Bruce urged that any Board member provide him with relevant information for the newsletter. Bruce will write about proposed legislation regarding public pension cuts. John indicated that he will be leading the Membership Committee when he takes his seat on the Board in January. There was some discussion about recruitment strategies for increasing PRO membership, especially with recent retirees. Use of the newsletter to reach out to current members to get help with recruitment was also discussed. The Board agreed that the next newsletter, due out in January, would be mailed to everyone who is current through the end of 2015 or thereafter with an insert for those who have not yet renewed for 2016 reminding them that dues are due. Following a suggestion advanced by Bruce, Jerry moved that PRO contract with a professional online email service enabling

communication to entire membership. Pat seconded the motion.

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President's Report: Given the preponderance of work/effort PRO needs, Debby urged vehemently that PRO seek help for the following:

Organizing the Annual Lunch.

Organizing the Annual picnic.

Preparation for the delivery of annual scholarships.

Organizing for various social events, e.g. theatre parties etc.

Organizing the Spring Garden party.

Debby emphasized that PRO can solicit assistance from any PRO member, not necessarily a member of the PRO board.

Debby shared that she and Diana Lara will attend a Benefits Committee at the District on Thursday December 3, 2015. Debby also told the board that the selection of a new Medical Broker is still unresolved. With respect to the information regarding Medicare reimbursement Debby stated that the information on the Benefits website is accurate.

Debby adjourned the meeting at 2:50PM.