

PRO Meeting March 2, 2016

PRESENT: Anna Pavelka-Lodato, John Lodato. Bruce Jacobs, Tom Branca, Debby Weintraub, Remo Arancio, Ann Whitehead and Patricia Dudley.

ABSENT: Alex Pappas and Jerry Herman.

Secretary's Report: Remo moved for approval and John seconded.
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Treasurer's Report: Anna stated that on February 11, 2016 PRO's bank statement identified a \$24,511.63 balance. Additionally, Anna noted that two scholarship contributions were received and that the Foundation has not revealed the exact status of the scholarship account.

Vice-President's report: Bruce will discuss details later in this report.

President's Report: Debby announced that Jerry is recovering well from his recent surgery. Currently he is in a rest home having been discharged from the hospital on Saturday, February 27, 2016.

After lengthy discussion the Board decided:

That Debby will invite Jennifer Seibert to PRO's next meeting.

That Debby will invite Trudy Largent to a PRO meeting AFTER Jennifer's appearance.

Debby also shared that on March 10, 2016 at 9AM the Benefits Committee will meet at the District Office. At that meeting any PRO member may attend. Both Coresource and Kaiser representatives will be present as well as Alliant representatives, currently serving as consultants to the District. Alliant is serving now but a final determination of consultant has yet to be made.

Later in this meeting Debby identified the Chancellor's "inaugural" Ball. This is an event Chancellor Laguerre wants to schedule in May

and the District has hired a fundraiser at \$40,000.00 to gather appropriate funds to pay for the Ball. Opinion varied widely regarding such an inauguration. It was not agreed to register any opposition from PRO for this event.

Social Committee: No report at this time

Scholarship Committee: There is an insufficient number of readers identified currently from PRO. The applications for the students have yet to be reviewed and agreed upon. Nevertheless, students are required to complete their applications for a scholarship late in the month of March. PRO continues to seek additional readers.

Membership Committee: John reported that 32 renewals have come to PRO since January 2016. John wants to have a flyer included in the next newsletter, due April, 2016. In his flyer John wants to personalize prospective members with a message of persuasion, encouraging members to renew/join in order to maintain medical benefits as well as professional relationships established during many years of teaching. John also emphasized that his use of cell phone texting encourages folks to text back their responses. John's contention is that communications using text get a more frequent and rapid reply.

Newsletter: Bruce established the following:

That March 15, 2016 is a firm DEADLINE to receive information to be included in the April newsletter.

That the April newsletter MUST include time/place/etc. for a Spring Garden Party if one is indeed scheduled.

That Bruce appreciates receipt of either text or graphics for the newsletter.

That the Medicare Workshop, a joint program PFT-PRO, is scheduled for April 13 at Laney.

Regarding a possible Garden Party, Patricia agreed to inquire of a friend who is a professional party-planner what a reasonable price

might be for a gathering of 30-40 people. Patricia will get back to Debby and Bruce.

Ultimately the following dates were established for upcoming PRO meetings:

April 6

May 4

June 8

Debby will pursue the creation of a Speakers' Bureau for PRO members to remain up-to-date with state-wide or indeed nation-wide matters of interest and or impact on retirees' lives.

Debby adjourned this meeting at 2:55PM.