

Peralta Retirees Organization

Meeting Minutes January 4, 2017

Present: Karen Anderson, Remo Arancio, Tom Branca, Carol Dalessio, Jerry Herman, Bruce Jacobs (Vice President), John Lodato, Anna Pavelka-Lodato (Treasurer), Debby Weintraub (President)

Absent: Telly Castro, Patricia Dudley, Helene Maxwell, Alex Pappas

Agenda item	Discussion	Follow up action
Approval of minutes	Minutes from the meetings on October 5, 2016 and December 7, 2016 were approved unanimously after several spelling errors of names were identified and corrected.	
Officers' Reports		
Secretary	Bruce volunteered to take minutes in absence of a secretary.	
Treasurer	A. There is \$23,564.69 in the PRO account. The scholarship balance is \$2870.21 with three contributions.	
Vice President	Will discuss newsletter subsequently in this meeting.	
President	A. Ann Whitehead Retirement Luncheon: The PFT hosted a retirement luncheon for Ann Whitehead to which PRO Board members were invited. PRO gave Ann a gift card worth \$100. PRO Board members' expenses at the luncheon were covered by the PFT. Debby suggested that PRO make a contribution to next year's PFT party as well as a gift for Kayla for all the support they provide PRO including making their office available for PRO Board meetings. Bruce suggested we acknowledge the PFT and Kayla's support to PRO in the PRO newsletter.	
Board Elections	<p>A. The Board elected its officers: President-Debby Weintraub Vice-President-Bruce Jacobs Secretary-Patricia Dudley Treasurer-Anna Pavelka</p> <p>B. The following Board members will serve 2 year terms: Tom, Bruce, Alex, Anna, Debby, Karen, and Telly The following Board members will serve for one additional year: John, Remo, Carol, Helene, Patricia</p>	

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<p>Social Committee and Membership Committee</p>	<p>A. John expressed concern that the demographics of PCCD suggest that we will be able to recruit fewer members both because the current faculty does not seem to have the social cohesiveness that marked the District in the past, and even more importantly, because recently-hired faculty do not have life-long guaranteed health benefits. Debby suggested it might be necessary to broaden PRO's focus so the organization actively supports Medicare and other benefits currently available to retirees (pensions, for example).</p> <p>B. John suggested that we have a spring event, possibly a garden party where we rent a venue and have food, etc. catered. He agreed to come to the March meeting with specific suggestions for a spring event.</p> <p>C. Bruce suggested we make an effort to contact everyone whose membership expired at the end of 2015 and 2016 to ask them to renew.</p> <p>D. Debby indicated that this year the PFT/PRO Retirement Workshop will be conducted by Patricia.</p>	<p>John will bring in recommendations for a spring event.</p> <p>Anna will bring in a list of the people who have not renewed together with available contact info. Plan is to distribute list among Board members for follow-up contact.</p> <p>Debby will schedule retirement workshop with PFT.</p>
<p>Benefits Committee</p>	<p>A. Benefits Office intends to conduct a survey later this year and is asking for input on questions which can help assess the Benefits Office staff and personnel. The Board felt that the questions in the survey should be determined by the entire Benefits Committee in order to guarantee that it includes questions that will reveal how well-served people feel, what is working well, and what needs to be improved in the Benefits Office.</p> <p>B. The Benefits Committee also discussed a possible Joint Powers Authority but there was no specific recommendation. The Benefits Office also provided their assessment of possible changes in the Affordable Care Act (ACA).</p>	<p>Debby will send an email to members of the Benefits Committee indicating that PRO wants the entire Committee to determine the questions.</p>
<p>Scholarships</p>	<p>No discussion</p>	
<p>Newsletter</p>	<p>A. Bruce reported that he had contacted Felix, a Laney employee recommended by Burt Dragin, to see if he was interested in doing the production part of the newsletter. Felix has not yet responded. The Board unanimously authorized up to \$700 per issue for such a person.</p>	

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Old Business	<p>A. Use of PRO Email List: The Board agreed that the PRO Email List could only be used to disseminate information for the following purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. News about PCCD retirees such as deaths or illnesses b. PRO events c. PRO issues (e.g., disseminating info about the District Dependent Audit) d. Requests from District unions that wish to reach retirees with relevant info (e.g., PFT request that we let retirees know about phone banking during an election) <p>B. Indemnification Insurance: Discussion postponed until March meeting.</p>	Bruce will investigate indemnification insurance.
Adjournment	3:15 p.m. M/S/U. Next Meeting: March 1, 2017 1:00 pm	

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Jacobs