

Peralta Retirees Organization

Meeting Minutes October 3, 2018

Present: Debby Weintraub (President), Bruce Jacobs (Vice President), Telly Castro, John Lodato, Helene Maxwell, Anna Pavelka-Lodato (Treasurer)

Absent: Karen Anderson, Alex Pappas, Jerry Herman

Guest: Jeff Sanceri

Agenda item	Discussion	Follow up action
Approval of minutes	July 11, 2018: corrections – Bruce Jacobs was present in July Sept 5, 2018 M/S/U	
Officers' Reports		
Treasurer	<p>Scholarship contributions 2018-19 is \$350 thus far PRO account balance is \$13,416.59 Total bank deposits since July 11 meeting is \$100.00 Total expenditure for July \$10 for postage</p> <p>John and Anna are stepping down in January. Debby expressed appreciation for their dedication and skilled work. Need someone to act as Treasurer and Social. Telly was asked to be Treasurer but she'll be on vacation for 3 months. She will consider the position. Jerry can sign checks in Anna's absence. Need to get a new PO Box. Anna agreed to write checks through March '19.</p>	
Vice President	Items for discussion are in the New Business part of the agenda	
President	Cody Pelletier is leaving as Benefits Manager at the end of October '18.	
Social Committee	Bruce said the PRO Picnic was a congenial event. Luncheon/Membership Meeting will be on November 8, 2018	
Benefits Committee	No Benefits meeting	
Scholarship Committee	<p>Concern that PRO does not have sufficient resources to maintain scholarship amounts at \$1,000. Bruce moved to reduce the amount given to each college scholarship awardee. Debby proposed amendment to award \$750 to each of four colleges. Move Debby/ Seconded Bruce and John. M/S/U To raise more scholarship funds, forms along with self-addressed envelopes will be distributed at the Membership meeting.</p>	<p>Anna and Helene will prepare materials to distribute at the Luncheon re scholarship contributions. Debby will urge members to donate.</p>

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Newsletter	Helene asked that we recruit someone to share newsletter duties. Perhaps each person would do 2 newsletters each year.	
New Business	<p>A. Report on Bezemek’s recent legal work regarding pensions: The “California Rule” states that once you’re vested, pensions can’t be changed. But the current language is “ought to” rather than “shall.” Bezemek wrote an amicus brief and asked if PRO can sign on. If the CA Supreme Court throws out the CA Rule, it could threaten current pensions and benefits. If Court affirms CA Rule, that would be the end of this challenge. The issue wouldn’t go to the US Supreme Court because the provision is in the CA constitution.</p> <p>B. Use of database for elections/Board of Trustee phone banking and canvassing Can the PRO database be used for election work? PFT COPE Chair, Jeff Sanceri, is setting up phone banks and canvassing for members who live in Trustee Areas 3 and 5. In the past PRO has not endorsed candidates for the Peralta Board. CFT can sort and give information back to PRO as to members who live in these areas.</p> <p>C. Negotiations re dependent verification Bruce will go to the PFT Negotiations meeting on October 5. He will advocate that PRO be included in the audit process.</p>	
Adjournment	Next meeting: December 5, 2018 1:00 pm	

Respectfully submitted,
Helene Maxwell