

Peralta Retirees Organization

Meeting Minutes: June 5, 2019

Present: Jerry Herman, Helene Maxwell, Debby Weintraub (President) Bruce Jacobs (Vice President), Stan Peters, Judy Cohen (Secretary)

Agenda item	Discussion	Follow up action
	Call to order at 1:05 pm	
Approval of Minutes		Bruce will send minutes from previous meeting
Secretary	No Report	
Treasurer	PRO account balance is \$14,017.41	Seeking new Treasurer. Presently, Bruce is operating as Treasurer and will generate a report prior to next meeting. Bruce and Debbie are checking account co-signers
Vice President	No report	
President	No report	
Scholarship Committee	4 Winners (one from each College) Due to miscommunication with the Peralta Foundation each winner received a \$1500 award (instead of \$750, which exceeded the amount PRO had reserved in the scholarship account). Foundation requesting PRO reimburse \$699. Additional scholarship still owed Shari Shay, the winner at Berkeley City; it was agreed she should also receive \$1500. Discussion about cost using the Foundation (5% charge) and their effectiveness. Since the Foundation manages the funds and advertises the scholarships, PRO will continue using their services. Absence of Treasurer changed the way mail and checks are received and recorded. Agreement there are serious gaps that need to be filled.	Debbie will send \$2199 check to Foundation. PRO will seek a scholarship coordinator to effectively keep records and communicate with Foundation.
Social committee	Suggested changing PRO picnic to a Wednesday in order to encourage higher attendance. Looking at dates 8/14 or 8/21 at Roberts Regional Park. With the retirement of John Lodato, PRO no longer has someone to coordinate social events.	Bruce will check with East Bay Regional Parks and reserve site. PRO seeking social coordinator.

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Membership Committee	Jerry will research a smaller, closer venue with catering to reserve by September for Fall membership meeting luncheon. Need to announce in next newsletter.	Ask for venue suggestions in July newsletter
Benefits Committee	There is a new PFT Benefits committee. There is no baseline document; no definition for new retirees. Expectation to write definitive baseline SPD based on changes demanded by PRO. Coresource references multiple SPDs based on year of retirement (available on their website). Discussion of example when married Peralta employees retire. Alliant is District health care broker meeting with PFT, SEIU and District Benefits.	Bruce, Debbie and Karen will attend meetings and actively advocate for retiree benefits. Always get District actions in writing.
Newsletter	Helene would like to do article on Janus decision. Maybe include chart of benefits changes.	Deadline June 17th
Old Business	None	
New Business	Retirement Board Executive session chose to give a 2-year contract to Christine Williamson as consultant rather than having an Executive Director. Board: Bill Withrow, Al Harrison, Meredith Brown, Bill Riley appointed as community member.	Jerry will write short article for newsletter.
Adjournment	Adjourned at 3:15 pm. Next meeting 9/4/19.	Subsequent messaging moved meeting to 8/28/19.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Cohen