

Peralta Retirees Organization

Meeting Minutes: August 28, 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 1:18 pm	
Approval of Minutes		Meeting held at La Estrellita Restaurant
Secretary	Minutes Approved with corrections	Judy will email June final to Bruce for archive
Treasurer	PRO account balance is \$11,489.40; Many expenses including \$3000 to scholarships; Pro picnic	Searching for Treasurer who can make deposits, write checks and record on Quicken. Reach out to new members.
Vice President	About 25 attendees at picnic. Mid-week Redwood Park picnic area is usually not busy.	Next year save the registration fee and arrive early to claim a few tables.
President	Debbie attended meeting on 8/27. Since March 15, there have been no members on the Citizens Oversight Committee (COC). By law there must be an oversight committee to monitor Bond and Parcel Tax money. Previous error spending dollars on 80% full time classified had been discovered and corrected; however due to poor communication no current process is being pursued. Members are selected by the Trustees.	Debbie will send a letter to the Board and Chancellor that COC requirements are not being met.
Scholarship Committee	Money is coming in. Since there is no practical alternative, motion passed to continue using Peralta Foundation services and award \$750 scholarships.	Debbie will ask Foundation about who is tracking the account.
Social committee	Will continue to have picnic, however there should be more promotion of event thru website and advanced emails.	
Membership Committee	Jerry looking for venue for November membership committee meeting. Suggestions for Bistro; Hong Kong East Ocean, Emeryville; Wedgewood Golf Course; Oakland Museum.	Jerry will contact venues.

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Benefits Committee	SPD becoming a big project. Harizon is District representative. Committee agreed there needs to be baseline for 2004 transition from Blue Cross to CoreSource. There are 7 documents representing changes to SPD created in 2005 and 2006 which need to be reviewed and resolved. There is desire to separate Retirees SPDs from Active; push to have Active agreement affect new retirees. Resolve issues between differing agreements between Blue Cross and CoreSource by presenting prior documentation that were accepted. PRO will need support of new retirees who do not have lifetime benefits.	Need process to resolve prior unpaid claims. Get complete list of retirees from District Benefits.
Newsletter	Need Articles for October emailed to Helene. Discussion about short piece on George Herring since he was first PRO Board member to pass away. Roger Newman offered to write about volunteering; Tom Turman has book available on Amazon; Prop 13 change on ballot; Luncheon photos	Deadline Mid-September
Retirement Board	Meets in October. The Retirement Board has established a Trust 2 to pay medical expenses of bridge people who retired post 2004 but are/were not yet Medicare eligible. Not applicable to pre 2004 retirees. Questions are: was OPEB Bond developed to apply to post 2004-hired retirees? Is general fund being supplanted by bond money?	Need to learn terms of the trust. Jerry will address at next retirement meeting.
New Business	Bruce and others have been getting checks from Coresource. This is not an error, but a refund from CoreSource of payments to providers in excess of the amount allowed by MediCare. Coresource cannot keep these payments and therefore is sending to the retiree. Question is whether these funds should be refunded to the District instead of the retiree, and if so, whether people who have received checks should be asked to pay back the funds. The District and CoreSource have informed retirees that the funds belong to the retiree. Alliant is investigating and will report back to the Benefits Committee.	Any action will need to wait on report back from Alliant at the next Benefits Committee meeting on 10/31.
Old Business	None	
Adjournment	Adjourned at 3:10 pm. Next meeting: November Membership meeting	

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Cohen