

Peralta Retirees Organization

Meeting Minutes: June 15, 2021; Meeting live at Debbie's home

Present: Debbie Weintraub, Bruce Jacobs, Karen Anderson, Jerry Herman, Ann Elliott, Stan Peters, Judy Cohen  
 Absent: Alex Pappas

Agenda item	Discussion	Follow up action
	Call to Order 1:25 p.m.	
Approval of Minutes	Minutes Approved	
Treasurer Report	\$590 dues collected. \$680 Expended. Newsletter for Felix; Security update on website. Account Balance \$11999.32. Bruce notes mailbox is very convenient. Discussion re: Newsletter. Previously at year end, label indicated membership expiration. No longer available. Follow-up email goes out.	
Vice President	People reaching out for help. Chiropractors who do not take Medicare will not bill out; no detailed diagnosis. Must first receive Medicare denial in order to bill Trustmark; cumbersome process. Difficult to find forms on Trustmark website. Medicare forms are on-site.	
President	Debbie spoke with Jennifer Shanoskii (PFT) on Emeritus status; new Chancellor must sign off (Admin Procedure 7800); receive benefits after 10 years service. State Chancellor still looking at Peralta Financial Status, which is currently good. Gov. Newsome dumped money into education; helpful to Community Colleges. Enrollment is down.	
	Parcel tax oversight committee is down to one person. Frustrating committee. Meets 4 times/year. A Retiree would be a good member; Oversight to ensure that \$\$ expended from Parcel tax by District is in compliance with tax language; voters intent should be followed as well as College recommendations. What are the college recommendations and did the District spend the money that way? Language says money must be to augment, NOT supplant. (e.g. Full-time faculty and classified benefits are being charged to parcel tax, which is supplanting). Back in 2012, \$25000 for OPEB classified, \$1900 for OPEB faculty. Why is parcel tax paying for this? Charge is for those living in Parcel tax districts; Vice Chancellor Finance apportions to each college annually; expenditures decided by shared governance.	Check bylaws to see if person must live in District. Jerry will bring up to Recruitment Board at next meeting, 6/25/21.  Debbie will send letter to Board voicing concern about violation of law.
	Jeanette Jackson, new Chancellor may not be aware of what is going on. Maybe something an investigative reporter may be interested in. 2014 Audit went well,	Jerry will talk to Christine. Invite members to join via

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	although 80% being spent on classified. Language says \$\$ should be spent on classroom instruction. (Funds must be used to augment core academic programming.	Newsletter.
Social	Picnic? Outdoors. Wed 8/18/21 or 8/25/21. Regional Park Dist is renting space. Huckleberry Roberts area. Membership meeting in November.	Bruce will reserve. Jerry will look into November membership mtg at Eves Waterfront. 11/8/21 or 11/11/21
Benefits	Committee: No issues. Stan had problems with Pension Dynamics. No one there to help; Brianna is the designated contact. Since COVID, no one in the office. Communications via email. Ronnie at PCCD-Benefits is helpful. Important to inform about issues.	Give Resource contact numbers in Newsletter.
Scholarship	Sad story. Michelle Flores declined scholarship because she received no other \$\$ and cannot transfer to a 4-year. Debbie contacted Bruce and others because she felt student deserved the money. Criteria includes transfer to 4-year college. Past years PRO met with recipients at dinner. 3 recipients responded.	Scholarship on hold for one year with hope she will be able to transfer.
Newsletter	Alzheimer funding article; US is overpaying for medication. Article about Social Security. Biden proposal to reduce eligibility age to 60, probably wont pass. Call for Book and movie recommendations. (Mail chimp?). Bruce report on the state of District financial. Dist re-opening; require vaccination? Report on Chancellor's background. Are instructors returning? Hybrid teaching. Peralta Dist closed through 7/30/21. Jerry commended student who returned her scholarship \$\$ so another student could use it (article for newsletter).	Debbie will talk to Jennifer about. Dist re-opening; how is it being handled?
Retirement	Retirement Board meeting; Michael raised question about \$6.9 million for OPEB debt service. Emails exchanged. District contributing \$3 million. There has to be a formal approval of request for funds to be allocated to debt service. Meeting rescheduled to 6/21. Newberger/Berman firm says fund will not be depleted over the next 20 years. PERS long term health care insurance going up 52%	
	Meeting Adjourned 3:07 pm Next meeting: Friday, 8/27/21	Debbie will ask about PFT Union Office availability

Respectfully submitted,  
Judith Cohen