

Minutes: September 29,2021

Present Via Zoom: Debbie Weintraub, Jerry Herman, Bruce Jacobs, Ann Elliott

Agenda item	Discussion	Follow up action
Call To Order	1:04 p.m.	
Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve, minutes accepted	
Treasurer Report	<p>Only one donation; paid liability insurance, newlester, picnic expenses; \$324 issued to Felix; Next year we may not want to pay to reserve picnic space. Balance: \$10,645.42 . Scholarship fund received anonymous \$750 donation (check made out to PRO, received through bank, no address. Bruce concerned about finances; we need to return to a bigger conversation about PRO. There will be a fee in the future for mailbox; dues will expire end of 2021</p>	<p>Thank anonymous donor in Newsletter. Ask if person wants to identify. Talk about how to ask for funds</p>
Vice President report	Defer to later discussions	
Membership	<p>Not sure if ready for indoor restaurant experience for some. Jerry checked Eve’s Waterfront appears to be in business and will check for available November dates. Proposal by Bruce to consider postponing membership luncheon to next spring for more clarity and safety. Agreement to hold annual membership in spring 2022 (better weather), August picnic was good, about 20 attendees. Perhaps a picnic membership meeting?</p>	<p>Debbie will announce meeting change in her Newsletter article. Judy will announce on Facebook.</p>
Benefits	<p>Bruce reporting on 2 zoom meetings with Harizon; working on SPD problems. 25 issues; most resolved and meeting PRO concerns. Regarding vaccination coverage for pre 2004 retirees, SPD indicates included in routine office visit. 2005 Trudy Largent memo indicates not covered as routine, but is covered elsewhere. Currently routine exams are eliminated so there is no limit for those who retired after 2004. District added exclusion- if travel abroad is solely for medical treatment, it will be covered. Bruce asked to not include in SPD; Harizon to discuss with broker. Old Blue Cross SPD did not have such inclusion; ongoing argument since 2005. Agreement to remove clause about forced doctors exam. Bruce getting different marked up versions of SPD. Wants a definitive document. Bruce wants to wait until all negotiations are complete and will release article in Newsletter when documents are final. Looking for volunteer to handle Post-2004 SPD issues. Other compelling issues: Alliant wants single SPD.</p>	<p>Tell doctors NOT to use Routine code.</p> <p>Debbie will talk to Patricia Dudley about covering Post-2004 area.</p>

	<p>Alliant questioning District self-insured status; Perhaps District should join larger organization such as PERS Benefits (may be an upcoming issue). There have been no Benefits meetings since pandemic (only Bruce meeting with Harizon). Seems to be no progress.</p> <p>It is up to the Union to investigate and act on concerns. Many thanks to Bruce for being active on this issue. Bruce's sense is this may finalize this fall.</p>	Debbie will ask Jennifer about upcoming changes in addition to Rick.
Scholarship	<p>There is \$750 that was not distributed this year (student did not qualify). Can we afford to distribute \$750 to each college this year? When Bruce receives contribution, he emails Rikki. Ideally, we want to give \$750 per college without going into reserves. Ann will solicit contributions in Newsletter. Send a personalized email to PRO members soliciting donations to scholarship fund. Debbie would rather solicit thru regular mail.</p>	Debbie will ask Rikki how much is in fund. Bruce will look back thru his messages. \$750 Approved.
Membership	<p>Previously mailed Newsletter has expiration year on labels; attempt to extract those who have membership renewal due and email individuals separately. Bruce will do data entry for scholarship letter via mail merge on excel.</p> <p>There are about 25 people without emails who will need hardcopy Newsletter mailings (enter expiration date on labels).</p> <p>Expense involved. Ann can take to copy place; add letter that we need email address with the mailing.</p>	Judy will ask Tom Cluster and Bob Fleming if they can help Bruce set up solicitation via email so each person gets individual email.
Newsletter	<p>Ann has picnic photos; Article about COVID; Update members about health and well-being; Advice about boosters. Is booster covered? Get California QR code through State website; Sites asking for Medicare D Card but Peralta covered through Trustmark.</p> <p>Bruce getting questions about Long Term Care. There is information on web; what is controversial.</p>	
	Retirement Board meeting on 9/30/21. Jerry will update. There are unidentified expenditures; assets valued at \$224million. Looks good as long as stock market stable.	
	Ultimately PRO has limited financial and personnel issues. Without membership meeting in November, next meeting will be in December. Devote more time to this issue (building up PRO and other priorities). Looking at 9am on Friday, 11/12 to include Alex. If Alex can't make it we will find a better time.	
	Meeting adjourned 3:10 pm	

Respectfully submitted, Judith Cohen