PRO Board Meeting

January 14, 2009

Jerry Herman called the meeting to order at 1:05PM.

PRESENT: Jerry Herman, Bruce Jacobs, Ned Pearlstein, Alex Pappas, Remo Arancio, Sondra Neiman, Pat England, Linda Japson, Ann Whitehead.

Jay Quesada: Guest

ABSENT: Shirley Timm, Odell Johnson.

Jerry observed that the preparation for mailing to the entire membership of the January newsletter had been completed in the morning.

Ann distributed the December 2008 minutes. Alex moved for approval. Ned seconded.

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There was no Treasurer's report because Shirley was still visiting in Hawaii.

Bruce shared that he had already purchased 40 tickets for the Yoshi dinner/jazz evening planned for Feb. 14,2009. Linda agreed to complete the task of distributing the tickets and administering the record-keeping.

The balance of the meeting-time centered on further discussion of Ned's proposal for PRO's funding annually some educational Peralta program in the arts designed primarily for community outreach. Ned and Sondra had met to formulate a proposal for the Board. The original proposal had been that there be four such awards at \$500.00 each. The committee is now recommending that there be one such award at \$2000.00. Both Sondra and Ned believe that by expanding membership of their committee to non-Board retirees the selection process shall become more comprehensive and lead to a larger base of eligible programs. The Board also indicated that the next step was to actually develop criteria for determining which program would receive the proposed annual reward.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25PM.

Submitted: Ann Whitehead