

PRO Meeting  
February 6, 2013

Jerry opened the meeting at 1:10 PM

PRESENT: Anna Pavelka-Lodato, Yvonne Lewis, Remo Arancio, Jerry Herman, Debra Weintraub and Bruce Jacobs.

ABSENT: Jay Quesada, Linda Japzon, Ann Whitehead, Pat England and Alex Pappas.

Secretary's Report: Remo moved for approval, seconded by Debby.  
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Treasurer's Report: Anna reported that as of February 5, 2013 PRO's bank balance was \$23,755.73. Anna indicated that 14 people had signed up for the pre-theater lunch at Phnom Penh Restaurant.

President's Report: Jerry indicated that the Wellness Luncheon was tentatively scheduled for March 14. He is still negotiating with the Beginner's Inn and Laney Facilities person to get the Conference Room for the luncheon. He indicated that the Conference Room will only hold 30 people which will mean we have to restrict the number of attendees. Jerry asked for other location suggestions. Remo suggested a Chinese Restaurant in Alameda with a separate banquet room. Bruce proposed the East Bay Parks Trudeau Center on Skyline Boulevard, use of which would involve hiring a caterer for the luncheon. Yvonne suggested either the Oakland Museum or a facility available through Oakland Parks and Recreation. We agreed that if Jerry could not reach a satisfactory resolution with faculty at Culinary Arts and with the Facilities Coordinator at Laney in the next week or so, we would start to explore the suggested options.

### Theater Party

14 people signed up for the lunch. More will probably attend without joining in for the lunch. Jerry has contacted Awele Makeba, who coordinates the Magic Theater's East Bay performances and is a former Laney student and tutor, to ask her to set aside a group of seats for PRO which she said she would do.

Benefits Committee: Jerry and Debby reported that the District Benefits Committee has tabled discussion of joining a Joint Power Authority (JPA) until 1/1/2014 when Obamacare will be fully implemented. The Committee also discussed whether the District should stop sending communications by US mail and instead rely on email. Jennifer indicated that it was necessary to continue paper mailings for retirees since many were not on the PCCD list serve.

Service Committee: Yvonne indicated that she was starting the process of contacting the campuses about the scholarship. Bruce indicated concern about the quality of the recipients and asked that PRO have more input into their choice and more clarity about what criteria should be applied in awarding the scholarships. Yvonne agreed to research process and criteria at each of the colleges. Bruce suggested that we ask each college for three nominees and that two PRO Board members make the final decision for each college. The issue of selection process remained unresolved.

Next Meeting Agenda: The Board decided to invite newly elected PCCD Trustee Meredith Brown to the next Board meeting in order to establish a relationship with her. We agreed we would make a brief presentation about the history of retiree medical benefits in Peralta, a history of PRO, PRO's relationships with PFT and SEIU, and the historical context of lifetime benefits, including recent court cases upholding school district obligations to retirees.

There will also be an opportunity for a question and answer session.

During the discussion the question of whether PCCD Board members who were elected for the first time after July 1, 2004 were eligible for lifetime health benefits was raised. Debby agreed to research the current status.

Jerry indicated that Ann had requested we change the date for the March meeting from March 6 to March 13. Bruce suggested that Jerry do an email poll to determine which date would maximize attendees. Debby also proposed that we check with Trustee Brown to see if one date or the other worked better for her.

Jerry adjourned the meeting at 2:40PM