PRO Meeting June 9, 2010

Bruce called the meeting to order at 1:07PM.

PRESENT: Bruce Jacobs, Shirley Timm, Ann Whitehead, Remo Arancio, Sondra Neiman, Jay Quesada, Linda Japzon, Pat England and Alex Pappas.

ABSENT: Jerry Herman and Ned Pearlstein

Remo shared that Ken Guinasso had died on May 30, 2010. Remo noticed the obituary in the S F Chronicle. Given PRO's past practice, Bruce stated that he would advance to Ida Pound the information regarding Ken as she always takes care of sending sympathy notes on behalf of PRO. Additionally, Remo conveyed a concern expressed by Ed Minasian regarding the possibility of a Federally mandated decision to identify our Medicare reimbursements as taxable income. Alex agreed to investigate the accuracy of this rumor.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Approval of the May 5, 2010 minutes, moved by Remo, seconded by Pat.
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TREASURER'S REPORT

Shirley stated that the current bank balance for PRO's account is \$17,932.31. Also Shirley identified the following names as new members in PRO:

Donna Marie Ferro, Janice Bledsoe, Lynn Nelson Bishop Scott

NEWSI ETTER / WEB REPORT

Bruce said that there was nothing in particular to report about the PRO website. Bruce stated that June 25, 2010 is the deadline for new items designed for inclusion in the newsletter. The following items will occupy announcements/etc. in the upcoming newsletter:

- 1. A pageof recent photos surrounding PRO activities
- 2. Promotion of the Sept. Woodminster play— PAINT YOUR WAGON
- 3. Promotion of a picnic currently planned for August 12, 2010
 - 4. A welcome notice to new members
 - 5. Sondra's report regarding the scholarship awards and accompanying

biographical info about the awardees

- 6. A note of recognition of Socorro Taylor's effective work with PRO
- 7. An update of In-Memorium notices
- 8. A note by Jerry outlining PRO's

accomplishments since the June 2004 formation of the organization.

- 9. Availablity of T-shirt orders.
- 10. Garden Party acknowledgements.

At this point in the meeting Ann distributed a copy of her most recent information regarding the Social Security Fairness Act proposals currently being considered in the US Congress.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Bruce shared that there were no particular reports to make with respect to his office. He also stated that there was no updated information regarding the Fresno situation.

SOCIAL

Jay opened with an enthusiastic assessment regarding the Garden Party held at Shirley Connors' home in late May. Thirty five people attended this gathering and Jay agreed to send a thank-you note to the musicians and to ask Pat to acknowledge thanks to the Tulip Hill Winery, contributors of the wine served. Also it was agreed that Jerry will send a note to Shirley Conners for her generosity. Shirley Timm interjected that money was collected for the Garden Party BUT there was no recognition--how much for whom? It was agreed to tighten-up the collection procedures during future social gatherings.

Shirley needs to know relevant information attached to deposits and exactly who is renewing and or joining so that her records are accurate.

Additionally Jay reported that she has contacted recent retirees and Bruce agreed to alter the current Membership application form so that it includes the correct information about dues.

Linda reported that the Annual Picnic was tentatively schedules for Thursday August 12, 2010 (depending on availability of the site) at the Roberts Regional, Huckleberry Picnic Ground. She stated that folks should bring their own lunches. Paper products, something sweet and condiments will be provided by PRO. Linda shared also that there will be a raffle at this gathering. The parking cost of \$5.00 was identified.

SERVICE

Sondra reported that four scholarships, each at \$1,000.00 were delivered at the four schools during the 2010 Awards Ceremonies. Sondra said that Shirley Fogarino was able to share with her several excellent photos from the BCC ceremony.

HEALTH BENEFITS

Alex reported that the "Audit of Dependents" advanced by PCCD had left him with many questions.: for example--how many dependents might have been eliminated. Alex stressed that

MUCH MORE time is needed in the collection of this kind of data in the future. A brief exploration of the entire issue surrounding Liability Insurance for PRO Board members and the complexities thereof was pursued. No action required.

Jay moved, seconded by Sondra and Bruce adjourned the meeting at 2:47PM.