PRO Meeting March 7, 2012

Jerry called the meeting to order at 1:00PM.

<u>Present:</u> Jerry Herman, Bruce Jacobs, Anna Pavelka-Lodato, Ned Pearlstein, Ann Whitehead, Alex Pappas and Remo Arancio.

Absent: Pat England, Linda Japzon and Jay Quesada.

<u>Secretary's Report:</u> Ann distributed the February minutes. Ned moved for approval, seconded by Anna. MSU

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> Anna told the board that the current bank balance is \$23,453.44. On Monday March 12, Anna and Jerry will relocate PRO's bank account to Mechanics Bank in Walnut Creek, thus ending in protest, with PRO Board approval, PRO's relationship with the Bank of America. Additionally, Anna reported that 35 tickets altogether for the recently held Yoshi's event had been sold. Anna has made contact with a private postal service in Walnut Creek for a new PRO address at an annual rate of \$192.00. That address---

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will appear on all correspondence and on PRO's letterhead. Anna reported that she has located the EIN number for PRO and Ann agreed to construct an accessible file folder wherein the number is identified.

<u>Newsletter:</u> Bruce cited March 27, 2012 as the due-date for material intended for inclusion in the April-June letter. Items Bruce will cover are the following:

Announcement of new bank and new address.

A review of the PCCD workshops focused on Long Term Care.

A review of PFT-PRO retirement workshops.

An announcement for a social event on one Sunday in May at Shirley Connors home in Alameda.

<u>President's Report:</u> Jerry shared the dates of his European trip---March 19 until June 5---and he also stated that Socorro Taylor has resigned from PRO's board. Jerry will place inquiries with several potential board-approved candidates for the Service position vacated by Socorro.

Bruce mentioned that "Survivor Benefits" surfaced as a topic of concern among attendees at the PRO-PFT retirement workshop and Alex said that he will try to get a better understanding regarding such benefits at the next regularly scheduled "Benefits" committee meeting in the District office.

Near the close of this meeting Ned moved that PRO endorse the "Millionaire's Tax" initiative. Remo seconded. MSU

Ann agreed to pick up the remaining mail in the El Cerrito post office during March through May.

The Board also discussed plans for a Woodminster Theater Party this summer. Bruce was authorized to reserve 35 tickets for Fiddler on the Roof for Friday, July 20. The Board held off a decision after some discussion about a second Woodminster theater party in September for a performance of Cats.

Jerry adjourned the meeting at 2:30PM