President Mike Paccioretti called the meeting to order at 10:35am in the Toyon Room at Foothill College.

**Attendance**: Mike Paccioretti, Ed Burling, Bill Lewis, Maureen Gates, Janice Carr, Cindy Castillo, Bob Hubbs, Claudette Penner, Tom Strand, Lescher Dowling and Tom Roza

November meeting minutes approved with minor correction to Scholarship Section

**Treasurer’s Report - Ed Burling:**

* 2014 Account Balance:$4,856 (**Note**: 2013 ending balance: $6069)
* Holiday Luncheon:
* 78 people attended
* Fees Collected: $1716; Cost: $1422
* There were several complaints regarding the food that was served
* Walk-ins will be allowed, but not advertized
* **Note**: In 2013, 70 people attended the Holiday Luncheon
* Treasurer’s Report approved

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:**

**District Benefits – Tom Strand:**

* Recent Joint Labor Management Benefits Committee (JLMBC) business items have mostly concerned active employees, not retirees.  These items include:
* Continuing discussions to improve medical benefits for Faculty & Staff
* FSAs (Flexible Spending Accounts)
* Long Term Care (too costly for retirees)
* Setting up a Voluntary Employee Beneficiary Association (VEBA) Trust Fund to help post-'97 retirees with health care costs after becoming Medicare eligible
* Other benefits issues:
* Concerns raised with various CalPERS performing the annual Dependent Verification instead of the District; FODARA will send an information alert to members by post and listserv
* JMBLC currently plans to phase out the extra subsidy to ease the transition for Kaiser members to other plans in 2016, after which the required contribution from all Kaiser members will more accurately reflect market rates as subsidized by the District

**After-Words**

* Linda Lane: Coordinates updates for After-Words
* Cindy Castillo: Handles online posting and distribution to FODARA members via email and hardcopy mailings
* Next update to be published before the end of January

**Scholarships**

* Financial Aid offices are implementing new scholarship application software

**E-mail & Distribution**

* No adverse comments have been received regarding how FODARA information is being communicated to members

**Social**

* **St Valentine’s Day Luncheon**
* Concerns raised with event: Blue Pheasant location is depressing; 2014 had low attendance; Decision made to hold event as planned and assess results
* Date/Time: February 12, 2015 - 11:30am
* Location: Blue Pheasant, Cupertino
* Lescher Dowling is event coordinator
* Bob Hubbs Presentation Topic: Tunnels of Alcatraz
* **Golf Tournament**
* Ed Burling is event coordinator
* Date/Time: April 9, 2015 - 10:30am first tee time
* Location: Seascape Golf Course, Aptos; tee time reservations have been confirmed with the Golf Course
* Charlie & Betty Elder will host a post-tournament BBQ event at their house; Approximate Time 3:00pm
* **Summer Picnic**:
* Obie is event coordinator; other FODARA members will assist
* Date/Time: Thursday June 18, 2015 - Time: 3:00pm

***Note: Day of Week change from Friday to Thursday approved***

* Location: Cuesta Park, Mountain View
* Food menu to be developed for approval by FODARA Board

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**San Jose Giants Baseball Outing - Bill Lewis**

* Investigating attending a San Jose Giants game during the month of August
* Conduct research on group outing packages
* Tom Roza provided August game schedule and group package information from San Jose Giants web site
* Event most likely to occur in late afternoon to avoid intense heat from Sun

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**FODARA Officers Meeting Start Time**

* There were concerns with finding parking with 10:30am meeting start time
* It was agreed that the first week of a school quarter was the root cause of the parking problem; January is the only month where parking problem is most severe
* No change in meeting start time will be made at this time

**Fund Raising Initiatives**

* Bob Hubbs described success of fund raising event for San Francisco City College
* Discussion held on what types of fund raising events might be appropriate for FODARA to get involved in
* FHDA/Foundation department currently is chartered with raising funds through a variety of efforts
* Cindy Castillo to extend an invitation to Robin Latta-Lyssenko (Executive Director of the FHDA Foundation) to attend a future FODARA Board meeting to determine how FODARA might aid in fund raising efforts

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next meeting will be on **March 3, 2015** at **10:30am** in the Toyon Room.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Roza, Secretary