

FOOTHILL-DE ANZA RETIREES ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2026

In President Mike Paccioretti's absence, Secretary Tom Roza called the meeting to order at 1:04pm at the home of Barbara Illowsky

Attendance: Linda Conroy Bill Lewis Maureen Gates La Donna Yumori-Kaku
Barbara Illowsky Tom Roza Cindy Castillo

Absent: Mike Paccioretti Janice Carr

Guests: None

Meeting Minutes

January minutes were approved

Treasurer's Report – Barbara Illowsky

- Treasurer's Report Dated March 3, 2026
 - Old Bank Balance:.....\$ 12,050.12 (as of 1/6/2026)
 - Income:\$ 650.00
 - Dues:\$ 110.00
 - Scholarship\$ 60.00
 - Valentines Event\$ 480.00
 - Expenditures:\$.00
- New Bank Balance:.....\$ 12,700.20

Notes:

1. 3/4/25 balance was \$11,115.30; 3/5/24 balance was \$9,887.90.
2. FHDA Foundation balance on 2/9/2026 is \$ 635. (after the \$5000 for 2025-26 scholarships is subtracted).

Treasurer's Report approved

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

District Benefits Report – None Provided

After-Words Newsletter

- Article Submission Deadlines: 10th of the month
- Newsletter Publication Dates: 15th of the month

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March Publication:

- Article Authors:
 - St Valentine's Day Event Review: Linda Conroy
 - St Patrick's Day Luncheon: No Article – too close to event date
 - New Retirees FODARA Invitation Flyer/Form: Linda Conroy
 - Purpose: Outreach to new retirees to encourage FODARA Membership
 - Form Information: Name, Email Address, Telephone #, etc.
 - Current Retirees: Share Invitation Flyer/Form with non-FODARA retirees in hopes of encouraging them to join
- Action Assignment: Cindy Castillo will provide Linda Conroy with Retiree Names and email addresses that are stored in SendGrid Email Database; Linda will then add telephone #s to be used for outreach activities
- Memorial Article: Linda Conroy
 - Child Development Instructors who passed away: Carole Brandt & Christina Lopez-Morgan
- Recruitment of FODARA Board Members
 - Action Assignment: Barbara Illowsky will update Cindy's previous *After-Words* article and submit the revised article for publication; Board members will use this information to seek candidates to fill upcoming Board openings
- Mailing List Update:
 - 19 retiree names still on Mailing List

Scholarships

No Report

Web Site, Email & Distribution

No Report

Social Events

2025

2025 FODARA Picnic: *Completed*

San J Giants Baseball Game Event: *Completed*

Women Soccer Game/Pregame Tailgate: *Completed*

Pizza Thing: *Completed*

Holiday Luncheon: *Completed*

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St Valentines/Wine Tasting: *Completed*

- Attendance: 28
- Wine/food well received and enjoyed
- A Photo Display of Barbara Illowsky's recent trip to Africa was excellent and hats off to Barbara Illowsky for taking on such an extraordinary adventure
- Tom Roza gave a tribute to the creator of the Peanuts Characters, Charles Schulz, who passed away on February 12, 2000
- Because food/refreshment were donated by FODARA Board members and others, no expenses incurred

St Patrick's Day Luncheon:

- Location: Fibbar Magees/Sunnyvale
- Date/Time: Wednesday March 18 – 12:30pm-2:30pm
- Registration Form to be emailed to retirees
- No Event Fee: All attendees will pay for their own meal
Note: Restaurant Payment Request: Group bill for each table; one person pays bill/reimbursed by others at table
- Registrations to be sent to Linda Conroy via email or text
Action Assignment: Linday Conroy to confirm that restaurant allows dessert to be brought to event; Board approved an allocation from FODARA funds of \$2.50/person with a cap of \$50 for desserts and decorations

Annual Picnic:

- Location/Date/Time: Cuesta Park, June 23, 3:00pm-5:00pm
Action Assignment: Linda Conroy will research possible Foothill picnic area near the football stadium; will also research other locations
- Event Date: Regarding the previously proposed date of June 11, the person making reservation cannot attend Picnic on this date; Park requires person making reservation must also attend event; June 23 is tentative date pending person making reservation can also attend
- Event Attendance RSVP Date: TBD
- Suggestion that invitation be extended to first-time retirees at no cost to them (i.e., FODARA picks up cost): Board Decision: *Not Approved*
Action Assignment: Barbara Illowsky, Linda Conroy, La Donna Yumori-Kaku will develop email invitation to newly retired employees with event fee included
Action Assignment: Food: Linda Conroy will provide Board with menus from various caterers; using this information, Board will select main menu

Annual Baseball Outing:

- Bill Lewis will talk Don Nickel regarding dates for event

Soccer Outing:

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- La Donna Yumori-Kaku will talk to Kulwant Singh regarding a possible FODARA/Soccer event: discussion will cover dates, location, women's or men's game, etc.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

De Anza Facilities Meeting with President Torres

- Meeting with De Anza President Torres - *Cancelled – to be rescheduled*
- Purpose: Present FODARA's role and objectives as an organization supporting District retirees including providing scholarships for both colleges; FODARA's continued use of De Anza Campus facilities and services at no cost
- Attendees: Mike Paccioretti, Bill Lewis, Linda Conroy, Kulwant Singh

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FODARA 2025-26 Board Meeting Dates/Locations:

- Dates: May 5
- Hosts: May 5: Cindy Castillo

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Roza, Secretary