

FOOTHILL-DE ANZA RETIREES ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2026

President Bill Lewis called the meeting to order at 1:07pm at the home of Barbara Illowsky

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

Absent: None

Guests: Adrienne Pierre, Julie Ceballos, Mary Bennett

Meeting Minutes

May minutes were approved

Treasurer's Report – Barbara Illowsky

- Treasurer's Report Dated September 1, 2026
 - Old Bank Balance:.....\$ 12,488.23 (as of 5/5/2026)
 - Income:\$ 5,154.00
 - Dues:\$ 460.00
 - Scholarship\$ 1,310.00
 - June Picnic\$ 1,353.00
 - SJ Giants Game\$ 1,570.00
 - Soccer Game\$ 740.00
 - Expenditures:\$ 3,324.75
 - Cindy Castillo1.... \$ 30.00
 - Cindy Castillo2.... \$ 15.00
 - Linda Conroy3.....\$ 66.12
 - Barbara Illowsky4 . \$ 27.99
 - Golden Harvest5 ...\$ 900.00
 - Barbara Illowsky6 . \$ 77.64
 - Bill Lewis7&8\$ 1,570.00
 - Kulwant Singh9.....\$ 638.00
- New Bank Balance:.....\$ 14,317.48

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Notes:

1. #410 SendGrid – April, May reimbursement
2. #412 SendGrid – June reimbursement
3. #413 Picnic Decorations
4. #414 Picnic Cake
5. #415 Picnic Catering
6. #416 Picnic Wine
7. #417 Baseball tickets - VOID
8. #418 Replacement check for #417
9. #419 Soccer tickets
10. 9/2/25 balance was \$11,836.84; 9/3/24 balance was \$ 11,211.25
11. FHDA Foundation balance on 8/29/26 was \$ 1935.
12. Total scholarship donations (directly to FODARA) for 2025-2026 = \$ 2328.

Treasurer's Report approved

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

District Benefits Report:

- No update on status of IRMAA reimbursements; On September 2, 2026, Faculty received a letter from HR/Benefits stating that there will be no change in the IRMAA policy

After-Words Newsletter

- Article Submission Deadlines: September 7
- Newsletter Publication Dates: September 15

March Publication:

- Article Authors:
 - FODARA Picnic Review: Linda Conroy
 - FODARA Baseball Outing Review: Bill Lewis/Linda Conroy
 - FODARA Soccer Outing Review: La Donna Yumori-Kaku
 - FODARA Pizza Thing After-Words Article: Bill Lewis

Scholarships

- Scholarships for 2026-2027 Academic Year:
 - Number/Amount for Scholarships: 4 - \$1,250

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- Transfer \$737 from FODARA Account to the FHDA Foundation as well as the \$2,328 FODARA received specifically for scholarships, in order to support the 2026-2027 scholarships

Web Site, Email & Distribution

- Email Administer:
 - Replacement: Tom Roza effective June 2026
 - District/HR Off-Boarding Process: Providing retirees with a flyer describing FODARA
 - Tom Roza & Barbara Illowsky are monitoring Board Meeting Minutes for recent upcoming and FHDA retirees to add them to FODARA's email distribution list
 - Tom Roza implemented a process to track Email Delivery Failures
- FODARA Website Webmaster:
 - Cindy Castillo resigning from FODARA Board effective Sept 2026; agreed to update the website through September 30, 2026. After that, Cindy will assist the new Webmaster as that person learns to take over
 - Main Website Updates/Postings:
 - 5 Board Meetings:
 - Meeting Minutes
 - *After Words* Newsletter
 - Event Registration Form(s)
 - As Needed:
 - Update FODARA Calendar (Board Meetings, Events, etc.)
 - Update FODARA Board Officers Changes
 - Post FODARA/Scholarship Winning Essays
 - Post Employee Memorial Names as required
 - Post Images/Photos of events as provided
- Number of *After Words* Hardcopy Mailings: 19

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Social Events

2026

FODARA Picnic:

- Number of attendees: 41
- FHDA Chancellor Lee Lambert attended/complimented FODARA on hosting the Picnic and other events
- Food not as good as in previous years; Linda Conroy will advise vendor

San Jose Giants Baseball Game Event:

- Number of attendees: 21
- Exciting Extra-Inning game (SJ Giants lost)
- Terrific Fireworks display

Note: Baseball Park Gates Open 1-hour before Game Start Time; Most games start at 7:00pm; gates open at 6:00pm

Women Soccer Game/Pregame Tailgate:

- Number of attendees: 21
- FODARA ongoing participation will be reviewed at future Board meeting

Pizza Thing:

- Date/Time: Thursday Oct 29 – 3pm-5pm
- Cost: \$22
- Attendance Limit: 30
- Sock Donation Event: Donation of socks or money accepted

Holiday Luncheon

• **Date/Time/Location:**

- Date: Tues Dec 15
- Time: 11:00-1:00pm - Meal Serving: 11:30am
- Location: Conference Rooms A&B
- Cost: TBD
- Meal:
 - Prepared/Served by Pacific Dining
 - Menu: TBD

2027

St Valentines/Wine Tasting: Feb 25, 3 - 5 pm

St Patrick's Day Luncheon: Mar 12/Fireside Room-De Anza College

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Use of De Anza Facilities for FODARA Events

- Chancellor Lee Lambert approved FODARA's use of De Anza facilities at no charge for use of facilities
- Pacific Dining will handle food preparation; setup and serving issues TBD

Filling Vacant FODARA Board Positions

- Vacant Positions:
 - Vice President
 - Two At Large Members:
- Work Session to be held to develop plan to recruit Board Members

NEW BUSINESS:

FODARA Business Cards

- Deferred to November Board Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FODARA 2026-27 Board Meeting Dates/Locations:

- Nov 10; Jan 5; Mar 2; May 4
- Barbara Illowsky hosting all Board Meetings; Refreshments and snacks provided by members on rotating basis: Sept: Linda Conroy & La Donna Yumori-Kaku; Nov: Tom Roza/Refreshments

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Roza, Secretary