

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Townsend Harris Alumni Association, Inc. held at the offices of Shereff, Friedman, Hoffman and Goodman at 919 Third Ave., New York City on May 18, 1986. Present were:

Abraham C. Bein
Victor Feingold
Lester Friesner
Irving Gerber
Carl Goldman, Jr.
Julius W. Graber
Max Greenberg
Saul Grossman
Eugene J. Heil
Herbert Kadison
Malcolm Largmann
Morton Lederman
Maurice Paprin
Henry D. Shereff, Presiding
Kenneth Shorter
Harold S. Speilman

Also present were alumnus Kenneth Kaufman, Queens High School Superintendent Sam Kostman and a representative from our Public Relations firm Jerry Crain.

The meeting was called to order at 10:20AM.

Henry Shereff introduced the guests to the Board. He then gave a brief Treasurer's report in the absence of Mort Lisser. We have approximately \$70M in our accounts at the present time.

Les Friesner reported on our recent Reunion Luncheon. We had about 200 attendees; Gene Lang was an excellent speaker; we broke even on the day. There was some general discussion about the costs and feasibility of having an open bar at the next luncheon. No

decision was reached. The Board expressed their appreciation to Les for a job well done.

Irv Gerber read a letter from Abbott Rosenberg (California Chapter), who requests that a California member be appointed to the Board. Henry Shereff pointed out that any member can attend a Board meeting. He (Henry) will so advise Abbott.

Irv continued with correspondance, Don Altman, at THHS, invites all Alumni to the first Varsity Dinner on June 4th; Irv called our attention to the death of Abraham Rosenthal Class of '27 that was recently written up in the papers.

Several members have written requesting copies of minutes or other detailed accounts of Board meetings and activities. There was a general discussion of this topic. The consensus was that any interested member could attend any Board meeting, but general dissemination of Board activity would be limited to two or three summaries in the newsletter.

Henry Shereff told us that he attended an organizational dinner of the New England Chapter in Boston.

Maurice Paprin reported on a meeting with the Public Relations counsel for the purpose of reviewing our fund raising plans for the proposed new building. The PR doesn't think professional help is needed at this time and that a goal of three million is out of reach considering our present membership. They will

submit their recommendations to us shortly. Maurice introduced Jerry Crain of the PR office.

Mr. Crain told us that we must enlarge the base of people that we can call upon for funds. He cited professional clients and business vendors as potential sources of a network of donors.

Kenneth Kaufmann inquired as to the purpose of the fund raising? Henry told him of our plans for a building and the need for an endowment fund to cover costs not provided by the Board of Education.

Henry then introduced Sam Kostman who wanted to review with us some of the concerns the school and the Board of Education had about our hiring PR counsel. Sam spoke of the delicate balance that any new and special high school trod in their dealings with the community and the educational hierarchy. In response to an inquiry from Victor Feingold, Sam told us that although over 13,000 students enter high school in Queens alone the five to seven students that THHS can draw from any one school can be missed.

Maurice Paprin assured Sam that it was not our intention to be overbearing as could be seen from this meeting. We are reaching out to all concerned to resolve our mutual problems. We are concerned with building popular support and understanding for THHS. It is not our intention to antagonize the educational community with a "hard sell" program

Henry Shereff pointed out that we are committed to the concept that the best education for bright, motivated students was in a homogeneous community taught by an outstanding group of teachers. It is our aim to have the PR firm help other High Schools get alumni groups involved in their schools.

Gene Heil trusts that Sam Kostman is persuaded that we seek only to "do good" and we now look to him for suggestions. Ken Shorter acknowledged that there was a certain amount of nostalgia in our work but we really want what is best for the students and community.

Sam was impressed with the concern expressed and agreed there was a need to get information to the community especially in areas where Mal Largmann's literature is not distributed. The Queens office is giving staff development funds to THHS this year. In answer to Gene Heil and Herb Kadison, Sam recommended that we allocate funds for staff development and student enrichment programs.

Ken Shorter reported for the disbursements committee. They recommended spending \$10,500. as follows: \$1000. discretionary fund for Mal Largmann to be matched by \$500. from the PTA; \$4,000. for the trip to Japan; \$4000. for faculty development; \$500. assistance in the Westinghouse Science Talent Search program; \$1000. for honoraria to visiting lecturers. The report was unanimously approved.

Mal Largmann said that the \$3,000. the school is getting from the Queens office of the Board of Education will be added to the \$12,000. recieved from the Mitsushita Foundation to fund the study for plans for the fourth year at THHS.

Henry Shereff questioned Sam Kostman on the proposed plan to randomly select students by computer for the various high schools. Sam replied that the plan is not as yet on the agenda. There appears to be objections by all the specialized schools that they will be assigned students who do not seek nor are qualified for the specialties offered at these schools.

Henry Shereff noted that Dr. Hauptmann (Nobel Laureate) visited the school last week.

Mal Largmann invited the Board to the first Arista installation at the Queens College Theater on June 2nd at 7PM. Mal also noted the receipt of \$10,000. by the Queens College Fund from the Hayden Foundation for the benefit of THHS.

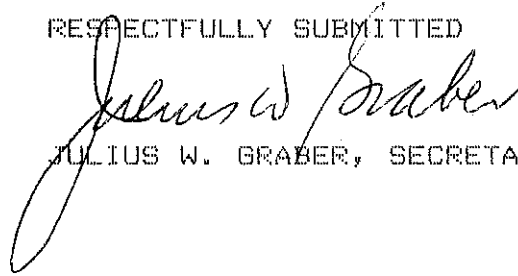
Max Greenberg would like to initiate a networking system wherein each Board member would be responsible for calling about 20 alumni to notify them about special events. There was some cross discussion but no resolution at this time.

Abe Bein spoke in favor of financilly supporting a fencing team at THHS. Mal Largmann noted that our boys tennis team won their Queens divisional championship.

The next meeting was set for June 22.

The meeting was adjourned at 12 Noon.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Julius W. Graber". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned over the typed name below it.

JULIUS W. GRABER, SECRETARY