

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 December 20, 1987. Present were:

Abraham C. Bein
Alvin Dobsevage
Lester Friesner
Victor Feingold
Irving Gerber
Julius W. Graber
Gerald Halpern
Eugene J. Heil
Herbert Kadison
Arthur Katz
Morton Lederman
Melvin Moore
Maurice Paprin
Henry D. Shereff, Presiding
Kenneth Shorter

Henry Shereff called the meeting to order at 10:AM.

Henry started the meeting by quoting from the minutes of a meeting held at the office of Dr. Shirley Strum Kenney, President of Queens College. A copy of these minutes are attached hereto.

Maurice Paprin added that the THHS building appears to have a low priority for Dr. Kenney. He advised supporting Borough President Shulman who has consistently favored the building program. Maury believes that there are too many problems to be overcome if we try for a building on stilts. He thinks it best if we go back to the original site and somehow try to give Queens College its pound of flesh, an astro turfed ball field.

Henry indicated that in any event we must now wait for the

report to be issued by Stuart Schwager of the Board of Education Office of Management and Budget.

Henry asked Les Friesner to convey our appreciation to his wife Arlene who has prepared a grant application to the Council for Aid to Education.

Paul Aron is retiring as president of the American office of Daiwa Securities. Henry has called him to see if the often discussed plan to have this company fund the Japanese exchange program could be worked out. Apparently not at this time.

Victor Feingold reported that Hal Spielman's article will appear in a forthcoming issue of the CCNY Alumni magazine with the changes discussed in the last meeting.

Maurice Paprin talked of his experience at THHS during Founders Day. While in a class discussing current topics, he found no one (instructor included) who was aware of the Arias Peace Plan for Central America. There was some discussion as to whether this was a fair question to spring on the class.

In the absence of Sid Silverman, Henry distributed Sid's report of his Fund Raising Committee. This is in the form of a letter to be sent to all Alumni. A copy of this letter is attached to these minutes.

Irv Gerber reported on some of the correspondence he has received. Some memorabilia of the old THHS consisting of old

newspapers dating back to the 20's were passed around. Abbot Rosenberg, Pres. of the California Chapter announces a meeting to be held at the LA Friars Club on Feb. 13th. Bernie West will be the MC. Gilbert Perlow is trying to organize a Chicago Chapter. Fred Sherner '43 enjoyed reading Ted Peck's short autobiography in the last newsletter. Irv requested additional stories from Board members accompanied by a current photo. Leonard Feldman '29 thinks THHS ought to emphasize Russian or Chinese rather than Latin. This was strongly opposed by Al Dobseavage and Gerry Halpern pointed out that THHS students on the Queens College campus for their fourth year go back to THHS for the Japanese course. There is nothing as good being offered at CC.

Continuing the correspondance, Dr. William Schiff requested that all of his contribution go to Dr. Largmann's fund. Stan Lowell is having a room at CCNY named for him. Victor Wolk would like a program to have Alumni talk to students about their careers. It was noted that THHS already has a Career Day program. Arthur Morgan '27 requested volunteers for Sloan Kettering-Memorial Hospital. August Lodato write that the newsletter story on Dr. Landsman brought back some fond memories.

Henry left the meeting at this time and turned the chair over to Irv Gerber.

Irv read a letter from Arnold Polansky '23 who lives in

England. Arnold would like the Alumni to raise funds for scholarships honoring some of the old THHS instructors. Gerry Halpern suggested that we follow up with this and write to Arnold to see if he has any ideas or better yet --cash!

Les Friesner said that the Dinner Committee is sending out a questionnaire to Board members requesting ideas and recommendations for the Hall of Fame Dinner.

Gerry Halpern spoke on the subject and was immediately made Chairman of a committee to plan for Alumni participation in the first THHS graduation this coming June.

Irv Gerber reported that approximately \$12M in dues had been collected to date.

Julie Graber called attention to the admission process which would be taking place shortly at THHS. Unless some volunteers came forward for this work, the Alumni would lose all its participation in this important part of the school.

The date for the next meeting was tentatively set for Jan 24th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20AM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED


JULIUS W. GRABER, SECRETARY