

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Townsend Harris Alumni Association, Inc. held at the Student Union Building on the campus of Queens College on June 5, 1988. Present were:

Lester Friesner
Irving Gerber
Julius W. Graber
Saul Grossman
Burton Milenbach
Melvin Moore
Ted Peck
Henry Shereff, Presiding
Kenneth Shorter
Harold S. Spielman

Also present was Dr. Harold Rosenberg '31.

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 PM

Les Friesner told us that he has responses indicating a total attendance of about 120 at this Annual Meeting.

Henry Shereff reported on a meeting held the previous Friday, June 3rd. Representatives of the Board of Education, New York City and Queens College have finally come to an agreement regarding the building site. The new THHS will be constructed on part of the land currently being used as parking lot #6. To restore the lost parking facilities, New York City will construct a parking deck over an existing lot on the Queens College campus. There is one additional hurdle to overcome, an "ulurping" process. The community around Queens College must be given the opportunity to voice any objections they may have to

the proposed construction. Because the ultimate use of the building as a high school will not add to the parking problem in the area, there are no problems expected.

The usual delays involved in dealing with a municipality will probable postpone any groundbreaking ceremonies to next spring. At that time, it was proposed that we hold some sort of function to honor Claire Schulman, the Queens Borough President who was instrumental in securing this facility for THHS. Henry Shereff, Maury Paprin and Ted Peck will get bak to the Board with more definite plans.

Henry announced that having achieved two out of three major goals he had set for himself, and faced with some personal health problems, he will be unable to continue as President of the Alumni. He indicated that the goals achieved were the establishment of the school and the commitment for the building. Still on the agenda is having THHS become an "Exam School".

Nenry said that he would continue to serve as Chairman of the Board if we so desired. Projects still before us were 1) A system of networking to find alumni and bring them into the organization, 2) Interesting more alumni to get involved with the school as mentors, in the student selection process, visiting classrooms, etc. 3) Better use of the various Alumni publications, 4) Building up a fund of at least \$100,000., the interest on which will pay for some of the planned student and

faculty programs.

A Nominating Committee chaired by Gerry Halpern and including Hal Spielman, Saul Grossman and Mel Moore was appointed to propose our new president.

Ted Peck read us the letter going out over Sid Silverman's committee's imprimatur soliciting funds. Return envelopes to Henry's office will be included.

It was noted that members were arriving for the planned social and accordingly this meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



JULIUS W. GRABER, SECRETARY