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Jan '15 Meeting

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 November 20, 1988. Present were:

- Abraham C Bein
- Norman Bernstein
- Lisa de Mairo
- Alvin Dobsevage
- Nathan Epstein
- Victor Feingold
- Lester Friesner
- Irving Gerber, Presiding
- Julius W. Graber
- Max Greenberg
- Gerald Halpern
- Arthur Katz
- Kenneth Kaufman
- Malcolm Largmann
- Morton Lederman
- Morton Lisser
- Ted Peck
- Kenneth Shorter

Also present were Arthur Graham, Class of '38, Mike Prujansky who was a member of the last class to enter THHS in January '42 and is now the parent of a child in THHS and Tom Sweetin an instructor and Senior Class Advisor at THHS.

Due to the illness of Henry Shereff, Irv Gerber presided and called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM.

Lisa de Mairo intrduced herself. She is the alternate director from the class of '88, sharing this position with Serita Lopez. Lisa is currently a student at Barnard. Mike Prujansky is a representative of the PTA and Arthur Graham is an Alumni

visitor.

Tom Sweetin explained the delay in the availability of the '88 Year Books. There were substantial errors which had to be corrected by the out of town printer. The books were expected in next week and would be available at our next meeting.

Ted Peck gave his report on the status of the Hall of Fame Dinner. The recommendations were 1) Awardees to be selected from both living and dead alumni; 2) Awardees to be selected this year by the committee and in the future by a broader base of Alumni recommendations; 3) This year awards be made to 10 living and 5 deceased alumni; 4) Awards be made on the basis of accomplishment, attainment and fame; 5) the dinner be a formal one, as requested by most of those who responded to the committee's questionnaire; the cost will be in the area of \$150. per person, and the affair will be held on a mid week evening or Sunday afternoon in the fall of '89; 6) Directors will be held to their commitment to take at least two tickets though the committee certainly looks forward to having some full tables taken by directors; 7) When honorees have committed to the dinner, the committee will invite the Governor and other dignitaries; 8) Ted requested some specific committee help, Ken Shorter to act as M/C for the dinner speakers, Arthur Graham to help in the site selection, Victor Feingold and Henry Shereff to be the VIP hosts, Mort Lederman and Herb Kadison to greet guests at the door, Bert Milenbach and Irv Gerber to take charge of ticket sales, Mort

Lisser to work on Program Arrangements, Nathan Epstein and Lester Friesner will work out the design of the Commemorative Medal and other awards, Gerry Halpern to take care of the seating, Mel Moore will select the menu, transportation for the honorees will be the responsibility of Ken Kaufman and Ted will take on the Press Relations as well as acting as coordinator.

The chair commended Ted for his thorough and well prepared report. There was a general discussion on all phases of the proposed dinner and the report was unanimously adopted as given with only one amendment offered by Ken Shorter and Mort Lisser to limit the number of awards to living alumni to five.

Julie Graber suggested that we have an actual Hall of Fame at the school. This will be a part of the new building but Mal Largmann thought we could put up a screen in the library for the present.

Mort Lisser gave the financial report. There were no major receipts or expenditures since our last meeting. Mort called our attention to a problem vis a vis alumni publications. We had decided to limit ourselves to 2 issues of the Spotlighter, 2 issues of the NY Alumni and one issue by the Florida group. Mort has just learned that the Florida chapter has printed a second issue before becoming aware of our budgetary limitation. Mort recommended that we grandfather this issue in and pay the \$800. cost. The recommendation was accepted.

Gerry Halpern distributed copies of the Nominating Committee's report. He reiterated the his appeal for suggestions for nomination for our next President and any other office which may be left vacant as a result of the search for a new executive.

Irv reported on the status of the problems created by the 19 students arbitrarily assigned to THHS. Henry has been informed that a memorandum has been prepared by the Board of Education which directs that all future placements to the school be taken from the list prepared by Dr. Largmann. Mal told us that he has been informed that if the Board believes there is a need to select additional students from a specific school district, the selection will be made by him (Mal) from his list.

Irv Gerber reported on recent correspondance. 1) H. Silverstein '07 wrote that he is aware of two classmates. He believes the current THHS is a different school at a different location and sees no reason for our support. Irv is responding. 2) R. Aaronberg '42 appreciates the concern for traditional values which appears in the new schools curricula. 3) Norm Merino needs \$500. minimum for the Florida Chapter. Discussion was postponed until Norm comes north on one of his regular visits. 4) Milton Cozzin '34 died this past month. 5) The '39 class is looking for members to join in the fiftieth reunion. 6) Howard Weinberg '42 saw the Townsend Harris memorial monument while in Tokyo. 7) Selwyn Robach '41 curator of entymology at the Academy of Natural Sciences has died. 8) Gilbert Perlow '32 now recognizes the

superior education he received at THHS.

Mal Largmann told us that the school was at the top level in the state in the National Secondary School of Excellence competition. Because we have been in existence for only four years Mal does not believe that we are eligible for national honors. In March, 20 students and a teacher will be going to Russia along with a similar group from South Shore HS of Brooklyn. Mal requested financial assistance for 1) the Principal's fund -- on its way. 2) need for a high power copying machine -- being worked on. 3) the school van has been vandalized with damages not covered by insurance -- we are to get details of costs.

Robert Goodman, Coordinator of Foreign Languages sent a letter thanking Victor Feingold for establishing an award in memory of his (Victor's) brother. Mr Goodman noted that Emanuel Feingold was his advisor at college.

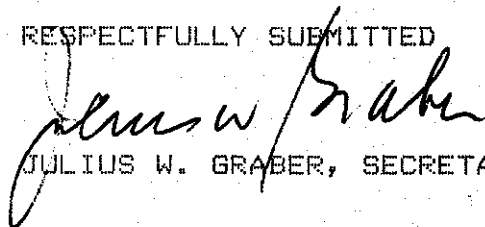
Wanda Nix, a THHS instructor has been named as Outstanding Teacher in Queens.

Les Friesner called the Board's attention to a recent newspaper article concerning Dr. Yale Salomon '42 an ophthalmologist who has established clinics in India and other third world countries. Gerry Halpern added that Dr. Salomon is Suffolk County Chairman for Physicians for Social Responsibility.

The next meeting of the Board will be on December 18th.

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

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

JULIUS W. GRABER, SECRETARY