

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 February 26, 1989. Present were:

Abraham Bein
Alvin Dobsevage
Victor Feingold
Lester Friesner
Irving Gerber
Julius Graber
Arthur Graham
Saul Grossman
Gerald Halpern
Eugene Heil
Arthur Katz
Malcolm Largmann
Morton Lederman
Morton Lisser
Melvin Moore
Henry Shereff, Presiding
Kenneth Shorter

Also present were Mike Prujanski and Peter Joseph of the FTA and Tom Sweetin, Senior Class Advisor at THHS.

Mort Lisser gave the Treasurer's Report, a copy of which is attached.

Henry Shereff announced that at a meeting held the previous Friday which was attended by Claire Shulman, Mr. Dickstein of the Office of Budget and Management and Robert Wagner of the Board of Education, all the remaining financial hurdles in the way of the new THHS building were resolved. Ten million dollars to build additional parking space at Queens College has been included in the next Capital Budget. Estimates given Henry call for

completion of the building by the 1993/4 school year.

Abe Bein congratulated us all then called attention to the 13 million dollar cost overrun in the construction of La Guardia High School.

Gerry Halpern submitted the amendments to the Bylaws as attached. These were unanimously accepted. Gerry then submitted the following resolution, Resolved, that pursuant to the authority granted to the Board of Directors by Article V, Section 9 of the Bylaws, an Executive Committee of the Board is established which shall consist of the Chairman, President, Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer. The Committee is hereby authorized to exercise all of the authority of the Board which may be lawfully delegated to it. The committee shall meet regularly, keep a record of its proceedings, and submit such record to the Board at the next meeting of the Board. A majority of the executive committee shall constitute a quorum and the act of a majority of the committee shall be the act of the Executive Committee. This motion was unanimously approved.

Henry Shereff then announced his resignation as President of this Association. This was accepted by the Board only with the sure knowledge that his continued presence was assured by the report of the Nominating Committee which Gerry Halpern submitted at this time. The report is attached and the Board unanimously approved Henry Shereff as Chairman of the Board and Morton Lisser

as our new President. Gerry said that nominations to complete the reshuffling of the executives would be forthcoming.

Mort Lisser asked Irv Gerber for a list of the present committee members.

Henry asked that he be involved in activities relating to increasing our Capital to \$100,000., working with the appropriate authorities in order to have THHS approved as an Examination School and attempting to fund a media presentation which would show the excellent accomplishments of the New York City educational system in the face of most difficult circumstances. The Board welcomed his efforts on our behalf.

Mal Largmann praised Henry's accomplishments during his tenure in office and noted the appreciation of the faculty, staff, students and recent alumni of THHS.

Gene Heil pledged \$500. to a fund honoring Henry. Mel Moore immediately added \$1,000. which Henry matched. Victor Feingold suggested that Henry's fund be limited to \$5,000. and the balance raised go into our General Fund. Mort Lisser pointed out that at the request of the school administrators, each of our awards are limited to \$100.. In view of this there was no need to tie up even the \$5,000. There was no immediate resolution.

Julie Graber discussed the forthcoming Career Day program at the school. Several members volunteered and/or were drafted to

make presentations at the school on March 21st.

Arthur Graham called our attention to E.L. Doctorow's new book which also has a favorable mention of the old THHS. Arthur also checked with the Harris Publishing Co., who will do a Who's Who of THHS alumni at a cost of \$45. per book, but needs a guarantee of 2500 books. No decision made. Henry Shereff and others will see if they can get a better price.

Irv Gerber pointed out that our last printed membership roster is now two years old. The cost to run a new one is about \$2,000. It was agreed to print a new listing after the Spring issue of the Newsletter. This will permit us to get the latest address changes.

Mort Lissner noted that Marv Bloom was unable to put out any further editions of the Spotlighter. There was some discussion as to whether Irv will put out a third issue of the Newsletter or if the Florida Chapter is getting a paper out. Henry will let us know at the next meeting.

The question was raised as to whether the new alumni list should be merged with the present one. It was decided to do so.

Mal Largmann reported an exciting month at the school. Two hundred students attended a meeting of the City Planning Commission to protest the postponment to 1991 the plans for the new building. It turned out to be a printing error and planning

work will start in 1989. Last week a Russian UNESCO delegate and a representative of the Russian Ministry of Education visited the school. They were most impressed with our Classic Language courses and the Student Government but were somewhat dismayed at the lack of Russian language and culture courses. Mal has been informed that arrangements are being made to permit 20 THHS students to visit Russia this year. On April 5th and 6th, THHS will be visited by a representative of the U.S. Dept of Education who will determine if THHS can be the New York State School of Excellence. This is a rare honor for a school that is in its fifth year! Mal also told us that college admissions are going very well. Seniors have been notified for two early acceptances to Williams (a most exceptional event since one is a rarity) and one each to Yale and Princeton. The existance of THHS is forcing other high schools to improve their curricula in order to attract and keep their students. Mal told us that some Queens High Schools are upgrading their science courses and adding Latin to the languages offerer.

Tom Sweetin requested Alumni financial help to defray costs of the Yearbook and Graduation. There was considerable discussion with Julie Graber questionning the need of 300 page elaborately bound yearbook; Abe Bein defending the need for THHS to come out with a quality book; Mort Lisser questionning the cost of robing everyone at the Graduation and Mel Moore defending the practice. Arthur Graham proposed that we appropriate \$3,000. for use by the

graduating class without designating its final use by the class.
This was carried.

In reply to Julie Graber's request for information about the forthcoming Hall of fame dinner, Henry told us that an invitation to the Governor has gone out and we are keeping the date open to accomodate the time the governor can give us.

Victor Feingold raised the question as to why CCNY is still keeping the file of old Crimson and Golds. Tom Sweetin said that the school library has recieved all issues that CCNY has duplicates. Peter Joseph asked why CCNY still retained any of THHS archives? Answer is that we are still part of CCNY's history. Abe Bein requested an inventory of Crimson and Golds at THHS. When publicized in the Newsletter, concerned alumni will make up any ommissions.

Mal Largmann pointed out an advantage the Colandra schools have in so far as their applicants get notified weeks before other schools. Since students are often unwilling to change High School designations, this deprives THHS of an opportunity to enrol some of the better students. Henry told Mal that Claire Shulman would be at the school soon and this was a good time to take up this matter.

The Board noted with sorrow the death of one of our members, Max Greenberg. Max was an active member of this Board and his wise counsel and human fellowship will be sorely missed.

Irv Gerber gave his report on recent correspondance. 1) Eliot Janeway has published a book on the economics of chaos. 2) Richard Setlow '37 has been given the Enrico Fermi Award by the Energy Dept. This award carries a stipend of \$100,000. 3) Former Board member Jack Matusow now retired in Boca Raton wrote of his involvement in local activities. 4) Dr. Leonard Polotsky now residing in England supports all work on behalf of education for the gifted student. 5) Earnest Barash '41 does't want a politically balanced student body, intellect should be the only standard. 6) Bently Kassal is now an Associate Justice in the Appelate Division of the New York Courts. 7) Milton Kurland '26 finds fault with THHS in Queens, it should be at uptown CCNY! 8) Samuel Hodes '25 just had his hip replaced by Dr. Lasansky also a THHS alumni. 9) Robert Gill '37 inquires if there is a fencing team at THHS. Mal Largmann would welcome one if Mr. Gill or anyone else would care to sponsor. It is rather expensive! 10) Harry Haber '30 derives great pleasure reading about classmates in the Newsletter.

Mal Largmann gave us the status of the 19 students who were placed in THHS outside the normal entrance proceedure. Only 11 students remain. They are well behaved and in fact consider THHS a haven. Aside from a few who are doing marginally well, the others are flunking one to five subjects. We can do nothing but provide extra tutoring and work with these youngsters.

The next meeting will be on April 2nd.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Julius W. Graber

JULIUS W. GRABER, SECRETARY

February 26, 1989

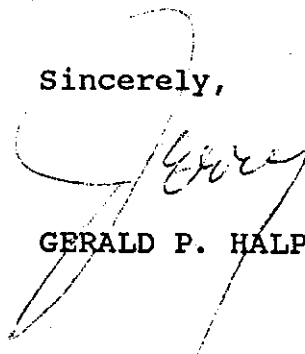
Henry D. Shereff, Esq.
919 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10022

Dear Henry:

The nominating committee of the Association is pleased to present to you the nominees for the positions of Chairman and President of the Association.

Our nominee for Chairman is Henry D. Shereff. Our nominee for President is Morton S. Lisser.

Sincerely,



GERALD P. HALPERN

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that Article VI of the By-Laws be amended as follows:

1. Section 1 thereof shall be stricken and there shall be substituted in place thereof the following section:

"The officers of the Corporation shall be a chairman, a president, one or more vice-presidents, an executive director, a secretary, a recording secretary, and a treasurer, who shall be elected at the organizational meeting of the Board and who shall hold office until the next organizational meeting of the Board and until their successors are elected and qualify. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person except the office of president and secretary."

2. Section 4 thereof shall be stricken and there shall be substituted in place thereof the following section:

"Section 4. The Chairman of the Board. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, if there be a chairman, shall preside at all meetings of the Board and shall have such other powers and duties as may from time to time be assigned by the Board."

3. A new section designated as Section 5, which shall read in its entirety as follows:

trac "Section 5. The President. The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation; he shall preside at all meetings of the Membership; in the absence of the Chairman of the Board, or if there be no Chairman, he shall preside at all meetings of the Board; he shall be ex officio a member of all standing committees, shall have general active management and control of the business and affairs of the Corporation subject to the ~~control~~ ^{control} of the Board of Directors, and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board are carried into effect."

4. The existing Sections 5 through 10 inclusive shall be re-numbered respectively as Sections 6 through 11.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that Article V of the By-Laws be amended as follows:

1. Section 6 thereof shall be stricken and there shall be substituted in place thereof the following section:

"Section 6. At all meetings of the Board the Chairman shall preside. In the absence of the Chairman the President or in his absence a Vice President shall preside.

2. In all other respects Article V of the By-Laws shall remain unchanged.

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THHS ALUMNI ASSN. INC.
CASH & INVESTMENTS - FEB 23, 1989

CASH - REGULAR CK. ACCT.	\$ 6647.
- SPECIAL CK. ACCT.	686.
- MONEY MARKET (1/31/89)	15839.
<u>SUB. TOTAL, CASH</u>	<u>\$ 23172.</u>

INVESTMENTS

CERT. DEPOSIT DUE 4/1/90	± 23000.
US TREAS. NOTES @ COST:	
- NTM - 6.75% - DUE 3/31/91	14925.
- ZOM - 8.75% - DUE 8/15/93	20306.
<u>SUB. TOTAL, INVESTMENTS</u>	<u>\$ 58231</u>

TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS \$ 81,403

FUND BALANCES

EAR-MARKED FUNDS	\$ 11,996.
BALANCE, GENERAL FUNDS	69,407
<u>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</u>	<u>\$ 81,403.</u>