

Townsend Harris Alumni Association Inc.

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors of the THAA Inc., 919 Third Ave., N.Y.C. on November 12, 1939

Present were:

Abraham Bein  
Norman Bernstein  
Julie Chan  
Alvin DobseWage  
Irving Gerber  
Seymour Harris  
Eugene Heil  
Herbert Kadison  
Arthur Katz  
Morton Lederman  
Morton Lisser  
Burton Milenbach  
Maurice Paprin  
Ted Peck  
Alec Pollak  
Henry Shereff  
Harold Spielman

In addition, Tom Sweetin and Peter Joseph attended.

The financial report indicated deposits of \$30,000, including a contribution of \$2,500 from S. Cohen for the Max Greenberg Fund and almost \$2,000 in the name of Victor Feingold. The cash balance is now \$41,000, much of which will be used for the Hall of Fame dinner expenses.

Seymour Harris, 1938, attended as a possible new Board member.

Ted Peck reported that the Class of '38 will have the most attendees at the dinner. He emphasized that there will be no drain on the treasury since the affair is in the black. Leonard Polonsky, 1943, will be coming from England with family members. Mrs. David Schoenbrun will accept the award for the posthumous recipients.

Mort Lisser reported that Mr. Fleischman, 1923, contributed \$10,000 for scholarships through a foundation of his. This may become an annual contribution.

Henry Shereff gave a favorable report on the status of the new school building. The new State Construction

Authority sent a representative to see Henry and was so favorably impressed that he will recommend expedited treatment. Architects have started the planning, hopefully for a 1992 occupancy.

Morton Lissner visited the New England chapter and attended its meeting at the Harvard University Faculty House. Saul Cohen spoke on the founding of the new high school.

Maurice Paprin will extend an invitation to Mayor Elect David Dinkins to attend the dinner. Maurice feels we should use political relationships to bolster the image of T.H.H.S.

December 22nd is the reunion date for recent Harris graduates. It will be held in the Queens College Cafeteria Building at 8 P.M.

Irv Gerber read the following correspondence from the membership:

Maurice Paprin suggested a new format for dues billing.  
David Mersten reported that retirement is fantastic.  
David Brainin is interested in a 1941 class reunion.  
Paul S. Green stressed the need for a competitive admissions policy for T.H.H.S. to maintain standards.  
Hal Hessing does not share the great concern for a new T.H.H.S.  
Maurice Jacobs enjoys the newsletter, especially the news of other old timers.

A discussion was held concerning the Finance Committee's activities and the need for greater involvement in raising money.

Peter Joseph will inform Ted Peck concerning P.T.A. members who will attend the dinner.

Maurice Paprin suggested we subsidize two T.H.H.S. 1988 graduates to attend the Hall of Fame dinner. The Dinner Committee will now consider the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Irving Gerber