

# TOWNSEND HARRIS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Townsend  
Harris Alumni Association, held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel,  
New York City, February 9, 1992

Present were: Maurice Paprin, Irving Gerber, Daniel Lew, Julie Chan, Saul Grossman, Lester Friesner, Ted Peck, Jerry Halpern, Sam Hess, Mal Largmann, Tom Sweetin, Julius Graber, Norman Bernstein, Arthur Katz, Henry Shereff, Krissy Ionta, Nathan Epstein and Gene Heil.

In the absence of President Mort Lisser, Henry Shereff chaired the meeting.

Jerry Halpern reported on the NIAS Foundation grant. NIAS is shifting its emphases to other issues: the homeless, the destruction of the family, etc. The possibility exists therefore, that funds may not be available to THHS in future years. Jerry suggested that we try to show how THHS is making a contribution to solving the city's social problems, e.g. perhaps some students are working with inner city kids.

Mal Largmann pointed out that community service is a requirement of every student. The various grades have adopted homeless children, they do food drives, take food to Bowery shelters, etc.

Saul Grossman suggested that helping the homeless be made part of the grant.

Julie Graber gave the treasurer's report; \$18,000 in dues have been collected so far. Some expenses are: \$4,000 for the music program and \$1,700 for clubs.

Maurice Paprin informed us that city groups are organizing to help New York City. THHS students can participate. "Give a day" is a possible slogan.

Ted Peck is organizing the class of '42's 50th anniversary affair and will invite '43 and '44 students since they never graduated.

Principal Largmann reported that bids for the building construction are out and construction will start in March. The spirit in the school is phenomenal, with everybody doing extra work despite the budget cuts. English and oratory rewards were won.

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The school newspaper was nominated for the Crown award. The math team did very well. The condom distribution program mandated by the Chancellor will be starting.

Maurice Paprin asked about multiculturalism in the curriculum. Mal Largmann responded that multiculturalism pervades the curriculum.

Julie Graber informed us that March 27th is Career Day at THHS. He urged members to get involved.

Henry Shereff announced that we need a replacement for Lou Orzack who has been chairing the New England chapter. Lou will be teaching in Europe.

Anybody interested in the Presidency of the organization should contact Jerry Halpern.

Les Friesner suggested that committees be revitalized with regular reporting dates established.

Henry Shereff then suggested that we begin to think of our future role, how to expand our horizons from just the THHS. He feels we have been "drifting". As far as becoming an exam school, he informed us the time is not ripe.

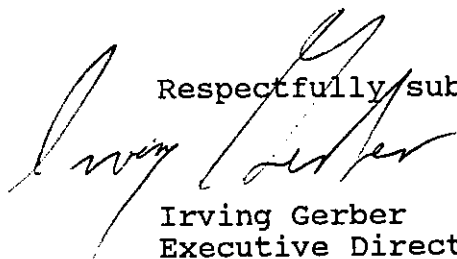
Ted Peck suggested that in five years, the young grads will be taking over and perhaps they should be deciding on the new horizons.

Jerry Halpern stated that letters from new grads indicate they are interested in networking for careers. This may be more important and should be examined. Jerry also suggested that we communicate with those who have not shown up for quite some time to see if they are interested in continuing on the Board.

Gene Heil asked if it would be appropriate for committees to resign at the end of each year.

The next meeting was scheduled for March 29th.

Respectfully submitted,



Irving Gerber  
Executive Director

