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Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Townsend Harris Alumni Association, held at the Florence Nightingale Nursing Home, New York City, December 13, 1992.

Present were:

Saul Grossman (Chair), Irving Gerber, Lester Friesner, Julie Chan, Tom Sweetin, Burt Milenbach, Ted Peck, Arthur Katz, Maurice Paprin, Ron Scapp, Sidney Silverman, Henry Shereff, Gerry Halpern, Charles Puglisi, Jennifer Puglisi.

Minutes of Last Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed before the session. It was stated that the minutes need to be corrected to reflect the changes in the by-laws that were made by Mr. Shereff. The changes are noted in the by-laws section of these minutes. The corrected minutes were accepted by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Gerber distributed the report on finances. A motion to accept the report was made by Mr. Silverman and seconded by Mr. Paprin. The report was accepted unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

The amended by-laws expanded the qualifications for membership, and at the meeting Charles Puglisi and Tom Sweetin verbally applied for membership into the Association. They were elected members by unanimous consent.

School Liaison:

Tom Sweetin informed the members of the Board of upcoming events at the high school, including the winter concert on December 17th and the winter carnival on January 28th. He extended an open invitation to the members of the Board to attend these events.

Mr. Sweetin remarked that the new high school building was on schedule. The issue of selecting a speaker for this year's commencement was raised and Mr. Grossman suggested Wilbur Prichard. A discussion of possible candidates to speak ensued.

P.T.A. Liaison:

Mr. Puglisi reiterated Mr. Sweetin's invitation to the events at the high school. He also spoke briefly on the intramural basketball program at the high school. He also spoke about the audit that is being conducted by Ms. Holtzman's office. Mr. Puglisi stated that there have been some security problems outside the school at dismissal time and that a committee of parents was meeting to discuss the situation. Finally, Mr. Puglisi asked if it would be possible for the PTA to use the Alumni Association's mailing permit until it is able to establish not-for-profit status. The request was accepted unanimously.

College Liaison:

Dr. Ron Scapp spoke about the block that was currently halting the payment of funds from the Board of Education to the College. A discussion of the situation followed and it was agreed that all action by the Board should be put on hold until the source of the block was discovered.

Out of Town Chapters:

Dr. Grossman showed the Board pictures from the luncheon he attended recently and noted that the Western Chapter is uninformed about the workings of the Association and the high school in general. It was decided that a fact sheet should be created to send to the various out-of-town-chapters.

Fund Raising:

Henry Shereff advised that the Board stop talking about raising money and actually get to the business of raising money. He suggested that all possible sources of donations be pursued.

Hall of Fame Committee:

The committee met and decided upon May 27, 1993 for the date of the Hall of Fame Dinner. The dinner will once again be at the Grand Hyatt at a cost of \$150 per person. Irving Gerber objected to having another expensive Hall of Fame Dinner and felt that a more modest one would be appropriate. The Board discussed the situation and then Maurice Paprin motioned to approve the May 27, 1993 date for the dinner at a cost of \$150 per person with the prospect of a separate, more modest dinner in '94. Lester Fiesner seconded the motion. The Chair moved the question and the motion was passed with one objection and no abstentions.

Correspondence:

Several letters of correspondence were read, including a letter of thanks from Rita Joseph and a note that A. Wiener of the class of '23 has died.

New Business:

Gerry Halpern stated that he would supply the members of the Board with a copy of the by-laws so that the appropriate changes would be clear.

Motion to Adjourn to January 24, 1992:

The Board adjourned at 12:10 P.M. by unanimous assent and agreed to meet on January 24, 1993 at 10:00 A.M.

By-Laws:

In Article XII wherever the word "gifted" appears substitute the phrase "highly-motivated"; where the word "giftedness" appears substitute "high motivation".

In Article V section 6 the following text should be added:

"The Chairman of the Board shall, in the absence of the President, preside at meetings of the Board, and shall perform such duties as shall be assigned by the Board."