

Minutes of the Directors' Meeting
of the Townsend Harris Alumni Association
Sunday, February 27, 1994 10:00 A.M.
Florence Nightingale Nursing Home

Call to Order:

Mr. Peck, acting as Chair in the absence of Dr. Grossman and Mr. Shereff, called the meeting to order at 10:11 A.M.

Roll Call:

Norman Bernstein, Irving Gerber, Varsha Ghosh, Julius Graber, Karen Greenberger, Gerald Halpern, Herbert Kadison, Tanya Odum, Ted Peck, Charles Puglisi, Tom Sarkany, Tom Sweetin, Dana Zachary, Shea Fink.

Minutes:

Mr. Peck suggested that there were errors in the portion of the previous Minutes that dealt with Fund Raising. He asked that these changes be made in the Minutes:

1. Mr. Leon Levy donated \$50,000 in unrestricted funds to the THETA campaign.
2. Mr. Flom's Foundation has asked that the THETA Campaign submit a formal request for funds (\$50,000 per year for five years.)
3. Mr. Lang's pledge for \$100,000 has been received. Receipt of the funds is contingent on the THETA Campaign's raising additional funds.

Mr. Halpern moved that the Board accept the Minutes as corrected. Mr. Graber seconded the motion. The Chair moved the question and the motion was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Graber distributed copies of the Report. Mr. Kadison asked if there was a mingling of funds (restricted with unrestricted.) Mr. Graber stated that the separate accounts are maintained in a common fund. He further stated that these funds, because of the Association's Not-for-profit status must be kept in "legals".

Mr. Graber explained the Report item by item and explained that the \$208,600 bottom line contains \$62,000 in THETA funds and \$59,603.60 in other restricted funds (awards, NIAS Foundation, tuition assistance, Class of 1939 donations, etc.) Mr. Graber said that in future reports he will provide a detailed breakdown of the various restricted fund categories.

Mr. Peck indicated that the "E" in THETA fund now stands for "Enrichment."

Mr. Halpern asked about contributions to the Ken Shorter Fund. Mr. Graber said that Judge Shorter's Secretary is notified when contributions are received.

Mr. Graber invited members of the Board (remote and recent graduates) to participate in Career Day of March 18th.

A request for "crystallization" of policy regarding the THETA Campaign Funds was made by Mr. Kadison. Mr. Peck said that because of the lack of a quorum this matter would have to be postponed until a future meeting. Mr. Kadison reiterated the need for a separate account for these funds.

A Committee Chaired by Mr. Peck was formed to plan for the upcoming Anniversaries of the School. Mr. Halpern and Ms. Odum agreed to serve on the Committee.

College Liaison:

Dr. Scapp was not present at the meeting and no report was made.

School Liaison Report:

Mr. Sweetin introduced Shay Fink ('89) and Dana Zachary ('88) to the members of the Board. Mr. Sweetin reported that the recent graduates are setting up class secretaries for each class. Shay Fink reported that the class of '89 is in the process of planning a reunion for June.

PTA Report:

Mr. Puglisi reported that all PTA meetings since the last Board meeting were cancelled because of inclement weather. He reported that the 1993 fund raising appeal grossed in excess of \$8000.

Fund Raising:

Mr. Peck stated that the THETA Campaign is targeting the potential "big givers" initially in a personalized campaign. The Secretary agreed to send a updated list of members of the class of '35 to Mr. Kadison.

Correspondence:

Mr. Graber read selected correspondence from several alumni including:

1. Austin Lempert ('39) who is seeking an updated membership directory. The Celebration Committee (Chaired by Mr. Peck) agreed to discuss the purpose and design of such a directory. 2. Roy Alvarez, a recent graduate, wrote that he is an ensign in the U.S. Navy and the father of a baby boy. 3. R. Edelstein ('39) heads the Arizona chapter, which will be meeting on April 16. 4. Robert Brummer ('42) has retired from the practice of law and lives in Palm Springs. 5. Shep Elman ('28) wrote that there is no chapter in Jerusalem where he lives. 6. Sidney Ratner ('26) wrote to state that he is a member of the New York Academy of Science. 7. He also read thank you letters from Susan Appell (A.P. at the High School and Faculty Advisor to The Quantum Cat) and Ilsa Cowen (H.S. Faculty and Faculty Advisor to The Phoenix). Each was acknowledging the receipt funds provided to the school's publications they moderate through the Alumni Association.

Briefly Noted: Victor Wolk, consultant to G.M. on electric automobiles; Abe Brumer, class of '34; Stanley Lowell, class of '35; and Sidney Silverman, who is doing research on the early detection of Parkinson's Disease.

New Business:

Mr. Halpern asked Mr. Puglisi about security problems at the school. Mr. Puglisi introduced Mr. Tom Sarkany, Alumni Liaison Elect, who heads the Safety Committee of the PTA. Mr. Sarkany reported that there have been no new incidents since the reimplementation of a parent security patrol after school.

Adjournment:

Mr. Bernstein moved that the Board adjourn and Mr. Gerber seconded the motion. The Board set April 10 as the date of the next meeting. The meeting adjourned at 12:06 P.M.

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