

Minutes of the Directors' Meeting of The Townsend Harris Alumni Association  
Sunday, May 22, 1994  
Florence Nightingale Nursing Home

Call to Order:

Dr. Grossman called the meeting to order at 10:07 A.M.

Roll Call:

Norman Bernstein, Christine Cheng, Norman Cohen, Alvin Dobsevage, Irving Gerber, Herbert Kadison, Arthur Katz, Maurice Paprin, Ted Peck, Charles Puglisi, Henry Shereff, Charles Sigety, Sidney Silverman, Craig Slutzkin.

Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting were unavailable for distribution.

Treasurer's Report:

Because of the absence of the Treasurer, there was no Treasurer's Report.

College Liaison:

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

School Liaison Report:

Mr. Sweetin was accompanying the Junior Class on their trip. There was no School Liaison Report.

PTA Report:

Mr. Puglisi invited all members of the Board and their wives to the Final PTA meeting/dinner on June 7th.

He reported on the delay of at least one term in the opening of the school. Mr. Paprin stated that he would call both Claire Shulman and Don Farley (of S.C.A.) to see if this could be expedited.

He also reported that a student was seriously beaten by a group of muggers several blocks from the school. The Security Committee has visited the local precinct with a coterie of parents to seek increased police surveillance.

Mr. Puglisi sought the Board's input about the large number of students recently admitted to the National Honor Society (over 250). After a discussion of quotas and standards, the Board unanimously voted that the standards of the National Honor Society be used for Arista, and that if a more selective honor society is needed that it be named the "Harris Scholars." The standards for such a group, with membership limited to a small percentage of the student body, should be established by the Principal in consultation with the faculty.

"Recent Alumni" Report:

Craig Slutzkin read a letter from the other members of the ad hoc committee established to increase participation of recent alumni.

Mr. Cohen suggested that the Alumni make a regular contribution to *The Classic* to keep the undergrads informed about the Alumni Association. Julie Chan was nominated to serve as the author of this column.

Nominating Committee:

A motion was made by Maurice Paprin and seconded by Henry Shereff to nominate Eugene Heil to the

position of Vice Chairman of the Association. The motion was unanimously passed without discussion.

Quorum Call:

Mr. Shereff inquired if there was a quorum. The Chair established that the 14 members present constituted a quorum.

Fund Raising:

Mr. Peck stated that the THETA Campaign has pledges of \$260,584 with over \$90,000 already received. He discussed plans to seek donations from Mr. Chazen and Mr. Bernstein, the latter to fund a project of special studies at the high school.

Correspondence:

Mr. Gerber read selected correspondence from several alumni and reported the following:

1. That he is reading the recent book about Mr. Flom and Skaden, Arps. Brief mention of Townsend Harris H.S. is made in the book.
2. That the Board has received an invitation from Mr. Edelstein (Arizona, New Mexico chair) to attend their Nov. 11 meeting.
3. That he has received a request from David Katz ('41) for information about Bernie Gittleman.

Investment Committee:

Mr. Sigety agreed to serve as Chair of this committee. Mr. Kadison and Mr. Paprin agreed to serve on the committee.

New Business:

Dr. Grossman reported that an open house for Harris students in the Boston area to facilitate networking is planned for the fall.

Dr. Grossman presented arrangements drawn up by Mr. Halpern for the funding of the NIAS scholarships as well as the alumni scholarships. The Board briefly discussed the arrangements and agreed with the arrangements. Dr. Grossman asked Mr. Puglisi to check to see if Mrs. Orner had received Mr. Halpern's arrangements.

A discussion of ways to increase Board attendance included suggestions to provide keynote speakers at select meetings, to hold meetings at Dr. Grossman's home in Connecticut, and to provide a luncheon/buffet with a prominent alumnus as a speaker.

Mr. Dobseavage suggested that the school be transferred to control by the Board of Higher Education as a way of starting a nursery through college degree institution.

Mr. Shereff stated that Claire Shulman now says that it is time to seek Calandra status for the school.

Adjournment:

The Chair called the meeting to a close at 12:05 P.M. The Board agreed to set the date of the next meeting for June 26th.