

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Townsend Harris Alumni Association
Florence Nightingale Nursing Home
October 16, 1994 at 10:00 A.M.

Quorum:

The following members of the Board were in attendance:

Julie Chan, Norman Cohen, Alvin Dobseavage, Lester Friesner, Irving Gerber, Saul Grossman, Krissy Ionta, Herbert Kadison, Burton Milenbach, Tanya Odum, Maurice Paprin, Ted Peck, Charles Puglisi, Henry Shereff.

The following *ex officio* members and guests were also in attendance:

Aleema Bacchus, Doris Chin, Martine Guerrier, Angela Mall, Malcolm Rossman, Tom Sarkany, Tom Sweetin.

Call to Order:

Dr. Grossman called the meeting to order at 10:16 A.M. He stated that he has received a letter of resignation from Jennifer Puglisi from the position as Secretary. He asked for volunteers to fill this position.

Minutes:

Dr. Grossman stated that he has received a memo from Mr. Halpern suggesting the following modifications to the minutes of the September 18, 1994 meeting:

1. RE: "Mr. Gerber asked when the Treasury will be reimbursed for the NIAS funds that have been disbursed. Mr. Halpern stated that the funds have been requested from the NIAS foundation." In his memo Mr. Halpern states: "On the first page Jules Graber was talking about money that had been advanced in connection with THETA Fund expenses. I checked this with him."

2. "RE: Hall of Fame:

Maurice Paprin and Ted Peck discussed their ideas about the Hall of Fame Dinner. It was agreed that the current members of the committee (Gerald P. Halpern, Irving Gerber, Tanya Odum, Dana Zachary, Maurice Paprin, and Ted Peck would meet to finalize their plans." In his memo Mr. Halpern states, " On page 2 in the reference to "Hall of Fame" - I am not on the Hall of Fame Dinner Committee and I do not think that Tanya and Dana are on that Committee. We were added to a committee to organize an alumni association commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the school, when the new building is completed. I am not sure who is on the Hall of Fame Dinner Committee besides Ted Peck, Maurice Paprin and, I think, Lester Friesner."

3. RE: "On page 3 near the top, there should be a statement that Gene Lang's suggestions were referenced to me to be reviewed in conjunction with by-laws. The sentence, "The Board will consider who should chair and serve on ~~these~~ these committees at a future meeting after prospective candidates have been contacted." should be revised to show that the recommendations for establishment of three committees has not yet been approved by the Board so it is premature to think about who will chair and serve on these committees."

4. In the sentence, "During a discussion of the November 7th Celebration a motion was made by Maurice Paprin to offer to co-sponsor the event." the words "that the

Association" should be inserted after the words "Maurice Paprin" and that the word "to" should be deleted.

5. In the sentence, "Mr. Sigety said that he would sponsor a table for ten current students (at a cost of \$45 per student.)" the word "personally" should be inserted between the words "would" and "sponsor".

6. In the sentence, "A motion was made by Ted Peck and seconded by Maurice Paprin to subsidize up to two tables of recent graduates to a maximum of \$25 per person." the words "twenty persons at" should be inserted after the words "to a maximum of."

7. In the sentence, "Mr. Halpern nominated the following to membership on the Board:" the words "as Chair of the committee" should be inserted before the word "nominated."

8. The sentence, "The nomination was seconded by Dr. Silverman." should be revised to read, "The nominations were seconded by Dr. Silverman."

Treasurer's Report:

There was no Treasurer's Report.

Committee Reports:

Recent Graduate Committee

Tanya Odum introduced the new Board attendees. After a lengthy discussion of the cost of the November 7th Dinner for recent graduates the Board agreed to subsidize the cost of all recent graduates to the \$45 level. Mr. Shereff and Mr. Peck jointly moved that the Chair be authorized to defray the cost of any recent graduate who cannot attend the November 7th Dinner because of inability to pay. Mr. Friesner and Dr. Milenbach seconded the motion, which was unanimously passed.

Martine and Angela discussed the proposed "Townsend Harris Winter Festival" that is being scheduled for December 28 at a downtown Manhattan club. Mr. Kadison expressed his desire that the Board schedule purely social events for pre-1945 graduates as was done in the past.

School Liaison Report:

Mr. Rossman invited the Board members to the next walk through, which is scheduled for October 25, at 3:30 P.M. He stated that the construction seems to be progressing at a good pace and that "Regents Week" has been designated as moving week.

Mr. Sweetin reported that October 28 is Founder's Day. He invited all Board members to attend this function.

P.T.A. REPORT:

Mr. Puglisi reported that the P.T.A. Alumni Association Steering Committee held its first meeting on September 21 and that it has drafted a letter to send to the parents of recent graduates. The "Bridge Group" will meet again on November 1.

Mr. Sarkany reported that there have been several vicious attacks on students outside the building. The PTA is working closely with the local precinct to try to solve this problem. Mr. Rossman stated that funds have been made available to pay for security in and

around the school building until 5:30 P.M.

Mr. Sarkany also reported that the plan to decentralize high schools is causing concern among parents and administrators. Mr. Gerber restated his position that we should be seeking Callandra status and that Mr. Shereff should try to determine the feasibility of the necessary legislation in Albany. Mr. Paprin said that he would speak to Herman Badillo to inquire further into this matter.

Fund Raising:

Ted Peck reported that \$418,659 has been pledged and that approximately \$171,000 has been received. He said that he anticipates that approximately \$500,000 in gifts and promises will be realized by the end of this calendar year.

He said that the "mass mailing" phase was underway.

Correspondence:

Mr. Gerber read several letters with responses to the Dushkin letter.

He reported the following:

1. Mr. Edelstein, of the Arizona Chapter, would like a Board member to visit on the local chapter's meetings.
2. C. Allen '92 thanked the editor for the information on recent graduates.
3. Ben Rosof, a parent who personally pays Association dues, thanked the Alumni for making it possible for his son to attend Townsend Harris and to be so well-prepared for college.
4. Bentley Kassel has retired from his position as Associate Justice of the New York Supreme Court.
5. Michelle Ryan '91 is getting married.

New Business:

Dr. Grossman reported that a luncheon for Townsend Harris graduates attending Yale University has been scheduled.

A motion was made by Irving Gerber and seconded by Lester Friesner to subsidize several publications and the debate and drama during the current school year for the \$3100 requested. The motion was unanimously passed without discussion.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 A.M.