

**Meeting of the Board of Directors
Townsend Harris Alumni Association, Inc.
1760 Third Avenue - 18th Floor
New York, NY 10029**

MINUTES

DATE: December 3, 1995
TIME: 10:10 AM
PLACE: Florence Nightingale Nursing Home

Attending:

Saul Grossman (Presiding), Henry Shereff, Abraham C. Bein, Norman Bernstein, Norman Cohen, Lester Friesner, Irving Gerber, Julius Graber, Jerry Halpern, Rosemary Heggens (PTA), Malcolm Largmann, Marvin Leiner, Sam Malkin, Burton Milenbach, Ted Peck, Craig Slutzkin, Thomas Sweetin,

Meeting was begun at 10:10 a.m., with Saul Grossman once again returning to preside after long and difficult surgery.

Treasurer Jules Graber distributed the financial statement. He pointed out that while collections were low, they should improve after January's dues requests.

The Board discussed the problem of the Florida Chapter, which is withholding the major portion of the dues it collects. As Graber noted, this action is contrary to the by-laws of the THAA, and to IRS regulations. It was suggested that all future dues requests ask that they be sent directly to Irv Gerber. Irv and Jerry Halpern will draft a letter to be sent to the Florida Chapter explaining the position of the Board.

The money donated by Joe Flom for purchase of a van is still being held, awaiting resolution of insurance problems.

Jerry Halpern has been in contact with the NIAS Foundation. NIAS has increased its funding from \$20,000 to \$25,000 annually. The Director of Nias is very pleased with the accomplishments of those receiving the grants, and with their letters.

The Treasurer's report was then accepted.

Principal Mal Largmann, next on the agenda, thanked the Board on behalf of those teachers who have received stipends donated by the Alumni Association through the THETA Fund. He requested additional funds to pay for a computer troubleshooter to be available to solve computer problems throughout the school. The request was directed to the Grant Distribution Committee.

Marvin Leiner, Harris/Queens College Coordinator, was happy to report that the new College President is strongly supportive of the liaison between the two schools. Cooperation between the two continues to flourish.

Craig Slutzkin and Tanya Odum both reported progress on contacting recent graduates for new addresses and continued contact.

PTA representative Rosemary Heggens announced that the organization had raised six thousand dollars for distribution to selected departments at the school. One thousand was used to purchase paper. Funding for an after-school security guard was under discussion. Her last comment concerned the desire of alumni parents to form an interim group.

Irv Gerber read a number of interesting letters from pre- and post-'42 alumni. Of particular interest was the appointment of Robert Jastrow '41 as Director of Mt. Wilson Observatory.

The upcoming Hall of Fame dinner was next on the agenda. A list of nominees is under consideration by Maury Paprin's Hall of Fame committee for final selection and approval by the Board. The Warwick Hotel, where Board Vice President Julie Chan is Sales Manager, was suggested as a possible site. Maury Paprin's concept was a brunch at the school in the Spring; then a dinner in the Fall.

Ted Peck reported that the Theta Fund continues to attract additional contributions, but it may be time for another major effort concentrating on scholarships.

An amusing aside by Saul Grossman: He received a call from Joe Flom's daughter reminding him to request money from the Flom Foundation. Ted Peck was asked to respond to the Flom Foundation, and he suggested that we ask them to extend for 5 years the \$10,000 a year they sent for the first 2 years. Re: The Grants Committee -- Saul Grossman commented that Charlie Sigety was still working to obtain a grant from a Mr. Wang who heads the software giant, Computer Associates.

Sid Silverman suggested we might incorporate fund-raising in connection with the Hall of Fame dinner. Bert Milenbach thought an award in the name of Jonas Salk might be appropriate.

The new alumni list was the first order of new business. Norm Cohen claimed printing the list on a Web Offset was the cheapest way to do the job. He figures the cost at about \$4,500 if a computer disk with the necessary information can be made available.

Irv Gerber made a motion to compensate Charlie Puglisi for his efforts on compiling data. Passed unanimously.

Irv Kadison suggested we print crimson and gold membership cards.

Abe Bein would like to see an elaborate alumni plaque at the school. The plans are already in the works according to Saul Grossman, who also suggested the idea of raising dues for new members. Discussion was tabled for the next meeting which will take place on January 28, 1996.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Minutes submitted by Lester Friesner, Recording Secretary (Pro-tem)