

**Minutes of the Board Meeting of
The Townsend Harris Alumni Association
March 2, 1997**

Call to Order:

Mr. Peck, in the absence of Dr. Grossman and Mr. Shereff, called the meeting to order at 10:15 A.M..

Attendees:

Ted Peck, Herb Kadison, Lester Friesner, Julie Graber, Gerry Halpern, Craig Slutzkin, Tanya Odom, Samuel Malkin, Irving Gerber, Abe Bein, Sidney Silverman, Abe Maslin, Marvin Leiner, Tom Sweetin, Charles Puglisi

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Graber distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report and highlighted the significant portions for the members. He reported that the Hall of Fame Dinner has a surplus of \$8000 and that this surplus was due in great part to the contributions that were received from various sources. Mr. Halpern thanked Mr. Graber for his past efforts as Treasurer and moved the acceptance of the Treasurer's Report. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Gerber. Mr. Peck asked if there were any discussion of the Motion. After a brief discussion Mr. Peck put the question to the Board, which voted unanimously to accept Mr. Halpern's Motion to accept.

Mr. Peck announced that Mr. Craig Slutzkin, a recent graduate of the school, will assume the position of Treasurer.

Correspondence

Mr. Gerber read the correspondence. He read several letters from pre-1943 and post-1984 graduates of Townsend Harris.

College Liaison

Dr. Leiner reported on the high level of cooperation that exists between several Departments of Queens College and the High School, including cooperative ventures in the Theater, Music, Science, and Social Science Departments.

Dr. Leiner also reported that the New York City Board of Education has agreed to include the Townsend Harris H.S. Van in its liability coverage. This announcement was followed by a lengthy discussion of the implications of New York City's providing insurance coverage for the vehicle.

On the issue of making Townsend Harris H.S. a Collandra School, Dr. Leiner reported that a meeting was held in Dr. Largmann's office at which Mrs. Gresser, member of the Board of Education, Dr. Harrington, Superintendent of Queens High Schools, and Dr. Leiner, and the Dean of the Queens College Education Department were present. Dr. Leiner stated that Mrs. Gresser, Dr. Harrington, and the Dean of the Education Department presented negative opinions about seeking Collandra Status for Townsend Harris H.S. He stated that all present were very proud of Townsend Harris H.S. and that they were concerned about "losing" the School.

Dr. Leiner's report was followed by a discussion of the issue of protecting Townsend Harris as a school for self-motivated, high-achieving, intellectually-gifted students. After a protracted discussion of the high school application process, the nature of education for the gifted, questions about the future of Townsend Harris H.S., and the need to decide the Board's position on the issue, Mr. Maslin stated that a Board meeting is not the appropriate forum for such discussion and suggested a conference to clarify the issues. Dr. Leiner reported that it was agreed at the previous meeting that the appropriate departments at Queens College would develop data on the psychometric properties of various test formats and instruments so that issues of objectivity and fairness can be addressed.

School Report

Mr. Sweetin reported that as a result of the rupture of water pipes in the exterior walls of the new building there was extensive damage to the building including the gymnasium and the library.

New Business

Mr. Puglisi reported that he has been in communication with Mr. Greene of the Florida Chapter.

Mr. Halpern reported that the liability policy for Board Officers and Directors has been renewed.

Mr. Peck reported that he will start a renewed effort on behalf of the THETA fund.

Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was set for Sunday, April 13 at 10:00 A.M.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 12:10 P.M.

TOWNSEND HARRIS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT

3/31/97 -
9/30/97

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

RECEIPTS

Membership Dues	5,455
Contributions - THETA	24,285
Contributions - Restricted	13,600
Total	<u>43,340</u>

EXPENDITURES

Scholarships	13,000 ✓
Tuition Assistance	1,000 ✓
Graduation	4,805
Educational Endowment	10,168
Computer Training	2,293
Hebrew Class	6,022 ✓
Chapter Support	835
THETA Admin Fee	7,000
Stationery, Printing and Postage	7,644
Sec. Expense/Comp. Operations	3,115
Professional Fees	2,000
Liability Insurance	0
Computer Depreciation	0
Officer Expenses	814
Telephone	44
Executive Board Meeting	0
Clerical Costs	0
Sundry- Other Expense	0
Total	<u>60,063</u>

Excess (deficit) of Receipts over Expenditures	<u><u>(16,723)</u></u>
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