

Townsend Harris Alumni Association, Inc.
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors (as approved on March 7, 2004)
February 9, 2004
Location: Townsend Harris High School, Flushing, New York

The following directors were present and constituted the quorum: Thomas Cunningham, Melissa Gibilaro, Julius Graber, David Herszenhorn, Malcolm Largmann, Marvin Leiner, Neil Manis, George Moutakis, Lani Muller, Craig Slutzkin.

Guest: Shirley Stergiou (PTA), August Carbonella

- I. David Herszenhorn called the meeting to order at 7:25 P.M.
- II. Mr. Herszenhorn introduced a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the January 11, 2004 Board of Directors meeting and approve such minutes. Lani Muller seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- III. Executive Committee. The Committee did not meet in person. Mr. Herszenhorn noted that there was no report.
- IV. School Report. Mr. Cunningham reported the following:
 - a. The Florida Chapter Anniversary Luncheon was held on January 18. Mr. Cunningham was the guest speaker and briefed the Florida Chapter on current school happenings. Ellen Fee, Assistant Principal, Mathematics, attended as well. The Florida Chapter contributed \$1,000 for textbook purchases.
 - b. Regents exams. The students took the Math-A regents in January. The lowest grade was 75.
 - c. Intel Competition. The high school had one semi-finalist. Students continue to participate in the Intel and ISEP (Science and Engineering) programs in high numbers.
 - d. Wall of Fame. The dedication ceremony will be held at the high school on February 25 at 7 P.M. Former assistant principal Sheila Orner has been organizing the event.
 - e. Career Day. Career Day had been held in late-January, and was a huge success. Students were paired up with speakers based on the individual interests of the students.
 - f. College Admissions. The college admissions process is underway. Students have continued to be successful in the early admissions process, including schools that that are generally non-traditional choices for Townsend Harris students such as Duke and Chappell Hill.
 - g. Teacher of the Year. Debbi Michlewitz, long-time Townsend Harris English teacher, has been nominated for the Teacher of the Year award.
- V. College Liaison Report. Marvin Leiner reported that Dr. August Carbonella has replaced him. Dr. Carbonella is a visiting professor of Anthropology who has taught at the College of Staten Island and the CUNY Graduate Center, and is a veteran of the Vietnam War. Dr. Carbonella briefly introduced himself.
- VI. Treasurer's Report. Craig Slutzkin presented the report of the treasurer from September 1, 2003 through January 31, 2003. He presented an overview of the financial performance and cash position of the Association. Mr. Herszenhorn introduced a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as given; Ms. Muller seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- VII. Events Committee. Julie Chan and Gia Malka were not present. However, Mr. Slutzkin reported that there were several events being planned. George Moutakis reported that there would be a second reunion for the Class of 1997 on March 6 because several alumni were unable to attend the last reunion due to inclement weather.
- VIII. Communications Committee. Eileen Gunn was not present. Mr. Herszenhorn noted that the next distribution was scheduled for April 1. Mr. Slutzkin noted that Ms. Gunn had some discussion points that he and Mr. Herszenhorn would report on at the next Board meeting.

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- IX. Finance and Gifts Distribution Committees. Mr. Slutzkin reported that there had been several end-of-year contributions received, as well as several contributions in memory of Louis Orzack.
- X. Anniversary Celebration/THF! Report. Mr. Herszenhorn noted that progress is being made on the Anniversary Dinner in November. Ted Peck has already formulated a plan to organize the event.
- XI. PTA Report. Shirley Stergiou and Ms. Muller discussed the plans for the PTA/Alumni dinner on March 20. It is not expected that there would be a significant amount of speeches. The event will be targeted to young alumni.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned at 8:55 P.M. Next meeting will be held on Sunday, March 7, 2004 at 10:00 A.M. at the Florence Nightingale Health Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig L. Slutzkin
Secretary of the Board of Directors