

Townsend Harris Alumni Association, Inc.
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors (as approved on April 27, 2004)
March 7, 2004
Location: Florence Nightingale Health Center, New York, New York

The following directors were present and constituted the quorum: Julie Chan, Thomas Cunningham, Julius Graber, Eileen Gunn, Gerald P. Halpern, David Herszenhorn, Gia Malka, Samuel Malkin Craig Slutzkin.

Guests: Ted Peck, Shirley Stregiou (PTA), Winnie Hallex (Parent Coordinator).

- I. David Herszenhorn called the meeting to order at 10:12 A.M.
- II. Mr. Herszenhorn introduced a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the February 9, 2004 Board of Directors meeting and approve such minutes. Gia Malka seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- III. Executive Committee. The Committee had an informal meeting, in which Mr. Herszenhorn, Tanya Odom, Eileen Gunn and Craig Slutzkin participated, to discuss THAM.
- IV. School Report. Thomas Cunningham reported the following:
 - a. Wall of Fame. The dedication was held on February 25 and went very well. Mr. Herszenhorn and Gerald Halpern made moving speeches.
 - b. New York Science and Engineering Fair. There were 50 entrants, many of which had social science projects. Of those 50, 25 will be going onto the Polytechnic Fair in Brooklyn.
 - c. Honors and Awards. Amongst the various honors and awards of the students were:
 - i. Four NY Times Award semi-finalists
 - ii. Seven National Merit Scholarship recipients
 - d. Retirements. Longtime teachers Larry Ceraulo and Shelly Goldfarb have retired. The school has hired two new teachers to replace them. Mr. Cunningham discussed the process for teacher selection.
 - e. High School Admissions. There were 6,933 applicants for incoming freshman seats and 520 for incoming sophomore seats.
 - f. Upcoming events. Upcoming events include the Festival of Nations and Fashion Show (April 1-2), the Spring Concert (May) and the school play (late April).
 - g. Japanese Teacher. In response to an inquiry by Mr. Halpern, Mr. Cunningham noted that the school had hired Mariko Sato, who is state-certified, to instruct Japanese.
- V. College Liaison Report. The College Liaison was not present. Mr. Cunningham noted that Marvin Leiner is still assisting in an advisory role, and that August Carbonella is settling into his new role. One of the projects that the college office is working on is increasing access to sports facilities at the college.
- VI. Treasurer's Report. Mr. Slutzkin presented the report of the treasurer from September 1, 2003 through February 29, 2004. 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. Malka seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- VII. Events Committee. Julie Chan and Gia Malka discussed the following events:
 - a. Reunions. The combined 5th, 10th and 15th year reunions will be held on June 12th at Connelly's. Each year will have a designated "area".
 - b. Night at Noche. A mixer will be held on March 26 at Noche, located on Broadway off 49th Street from 6 PM to 9 PM.
 - c. Alumni / PTA Dinner. The dinner will be held on March 20. Lani Muller is coordinating with the PTA.
 - d. Lawyers Event. Donna Manion '90 is looking into having a lawyers' mixer in May/June.

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- VIII. Communications Committee. Ms. Gunn reported that the next distribution was scheduled for April/May. Ms. Gunn noted that it was decided at the informal Executive Committee meeting discussed above that the emphasis would be placed on having more frequent issues, as opposed to larger individual issues.
- IX. Anniversary Celebration/THF! Report. Mr. Herszenhorn noted that progress is being made on the Anniversary Dinner on November 5. Ted Peck has already formulated a plan to organize the event and discussed some of the financial aspects of the event.
- X. 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 11:35 A.M. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. at the high school.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig L. Slutzkin
Secretary of the Board of Directors