

Townsend Harris Alumni Association, Inc.
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors (as approved on June 7, 2005)
April 17, 2005
Location: Townsend Harris High School

The following directors were present and constituted the quorum: Julie Chan, Tom Cunningham, Melissa Gilbaro, David Herszenhorn, Alicia Hughes, Marvin Leiner, Gia Malka, Donna Manion, and Craig Slutzkin.

The following were also present: Shirley Stergiou (PTA).

I. Craig Slutzkin called the meeting to order at 10:15 A.M. and welcomed the directors. He explained that Tanya Odom could regretfully not be present due to a bout of chicken pox.

II. Mr. Slutzkin made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting and Gia Malka seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Executive Committee Report.

a. Mr. Slutzkin relayed that the Association would be purchasing cups for the senior class, which would be distributed with slips of paper in them asking for future contact information. The senior class meets every Monday at 12:00 P.M. and that is when the cups will be distributed.

b. Mr. Slutzkin said that our database issues were progressing nicely.

c. Mr. Slutzkin updated us on the Class Representatives Dinner that the Board hopes to schedule. The Princeton Club did not work out and another date will be selected.

d. Mr. Slutzkin gave Gia Malka, as a member of the Nominating Committee, the official charge to solicit nominations for the Board. The Nominating Committee will report at the annual meeting with their nominations.

IV. Treasurer's Report. Mr. Slutzkin reported that the Lipor funds gave the Alpine fund that we invest in an award. He also said that there were no requirements to apply Sarbanes-Oxley to our finances. The Association bought an advertisement in the 2005 yearbook. Ms. Malka made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report from March 20, 2005. David Herszenhorn seconded the motion, and the Report was accepted unanimously.

V. Events Committee Report.

a. Ms. Malka said that the spring mixer had a significant response rate, and that we need to bring a sign that says "THHS here" to future mixers so that we can be identified.

b. The reunions are scheduled for June 11. The format will be the same as last year with the same contract at Connolly's. Ms. Malka said that she would need a small volunteer committee to help out.

c. The Educators Event is tentatively scheduled for May 12. Ms. Malka envisions a small panel discussion, with David Herszenhorn as the moderator. The theme will be "Navigating Your Way Through a School System" and there will be plenty of time for networking after the formal discussion.

d. Mr. Herszenhorn asked that we begin thinking now about an alumni college

advising event. Tom Cunningham said that we should plan this for June for the juniors.
e. Mr. Herszenhorn suggested that we have an event honoring retiring teachers.

VI. Communications/ Publication Report.

- a. Mr. Slutzkin said that Julie Chan and David Herszenhorn have done a great job
- b. Ms. Chan would like to see us PDF THAM to save on printing costs.
- c. THAM will hopefully be on the website soon.

VII. School Report.

- a. Mr. Cunningham said that Career Day was April 8 and that it was very successful. Three scheduled presenters were unable to make it, and so Tanya Odom, Craig Slutzkin and Winnie Hallex pitched in.
- b. A technology upgrade is being proposed in order to upgrade the computing infrastructure. The cost of this proposed upgrade is \$150,000. Some switches are apparently at the end of their life causing the network to be taxed.
- c. David Herszenhorn expressed a concern about protecting the humanities mission and asked for a list of offered electives.
- d. Admissions Statistics. The 2005 freshman class is 40% male, and 79% of the students are from Queens.
- e. Mr. Cunningham asked the Association to fund the vocal chorus for the next school year at a cost of \$10,000. He expressed a fear of the same budgetary issues that faced the bridge program last year.
- f. Van. The Facilities Department made a commitment to dispose of the old van and register the new van. The new van will cost approximately \$26,000 - \$28,000.

IX. PTA.

- a. Shirley Stergiou discussed the PTA/Student/Alumni program, and she said that the turnout was not that good. She suggested that in the future that we link this event to another event to make it more attractive. Mr. Herszenhorn said that this event should be able to stand alone on its own merit.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned at 12:10 P.M.. The Annual Meeting of the Association is scheduled for May 14 at the High School. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for June 1 at 7:00 P.M. at the High School.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Manion