

**Townsend Harris Alumni Association, Inc.**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors (as approved on May 18, 2006)**

**April 10, 2006**

**Location: New Leaf Venture Partners, New York, NY**

The following directors were present and constituted the quorum: Shari Gruber, Jerry Halpern, David Herszenhorn, Alicia Hughes, Erin Korman, Malcolm Largmann, Donna Manion, Tanya Odom and Craig Slutzkin.

I. Tanya Odom and Craig Slutzkin called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and welcomed the directors.

II. Mr. Slutzkin presented the minutes from the previous meeting, and David Herszenhorn made a motion to approve. Mr. Slutzkin seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

III. Executive Committee Report. Mr. Slutzkin reported on the following:

- a. Mamoosh Hashee has been hired to work on the database. He operates out of Pakistan.
- b. Career Day was very successful. Janet Solomon literally had to turn people away, there were so many volunteers. It was very well organized and very enjoyable.

IV. Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report was reviewed by the Board. Donna Manion made a motion to accept. Shari Gruber seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

V. Events Committee Report.

- a. Erin Korman reported that the reunions will be on June 3, 2006 at Connolly's from 6:00 - 9:00 PM. The reunion committees are very small, but working well. The RSVPs are low, but the sense is that most people simply pay at the door.
- b. The Events Committee is looking to announce dates for upcoming events at the annual meeting. They also want to sell paraphernalia at the event. Suggestions for events at the annual meeting included an intramural basketball event or a poetry slam
- c. Tom Cunningham noted that Ines Pauk, long time teacher of French, is retiring from the high school. Perhaps an alumni event can be shaped around that.
- d. The Board decided to postpone the karaoke event in the summer.
- e. David Herszenhorn suggested that we have a program on The Gospel of Judas, as we have an outstanding Biblical scholar in our ranks, David Noel Freedman.

VI. Publications Committee Report.

- a. Mr. Slutzkin reported on THAM. He said that it was scaled back this time, and that a larger THAM will be issued in the Fall.
  1. Julie Chan is starting th layout now and will have it completed by May. Jerry Halpern was called upon to edit. Mr. Slutzkin said that we can not just send it out online, that it is our obligation to keep our membership informed.
  2. Malcolm Largmann asked if we should include a highlight from each Board meeting in THAM.
  3. David Herszenhorn suggested that it might be a good idea to add links to highlights or feature stories that take people to points of interest in a monthly

message.

4. David Herszenhorn also suggested that we call this publication (the scaled back THAM) The Envoy to keep with the Townsend Harris theme.

VII. Hall of Fame Event. Mr. Slutzkin reported on the following:

- a. This is an event we talked about doing in the Fall. The idea is to have is cost about \$50 per person to attend. Ted Peck suggested having this event on a boat. There were some concerns raised about having an event on a boat. Mr. Peck was also going to look at some University Clubs and The Jolly Fisherman as possible venues. Mr. Peck wants to know if he has the go-ahead to do a Hall of Fame event.
- b. The question was raised as to whether or not we should be inducting an post-'88 alums into the Hall of Fame. Dr. Largmann asked if we should consider inducting any faculty into the Hall of Fame. It was agreed that some younger alumni should be involved in planning whatever Hall of Fame event we come up with.
- c. Alicia Hughes suggested that we do something similar to the Hall of Fame for the faculty. The Board discussed how to select people to honor or induct at such an event.

VIII. Nominating Committee.

- a. Mr. Halpern resigned as the Chair of the Nominating Committee. Succession planning would be something good for the Board to focus on.
- b. Mr. Slutzkin appointed Ms. Odom the Chair of the Nominating Committee, with Mr. Halpern and Gia Malka as members.
- c. The Florida chapter wants to add another Board member.

IX. PTA. Mr. Slutzkin reported that the PTA Brunch was recently held at the school .It was not very well attended. Perhaps this is really a parent/alumni event and should be marketed as such. The participation rate has to be higher for us to keep doing this.

X. Other business.

- a. Mr. Slutzkin said that he could benefit from some assistance with some of the Treasurer's functions, especially the bookkeeping.
- b. Mr. Herszenhorn will continue to keep thinking about/working on fund-raising with the post-'88 crowd.
- c. Mr. Herszenhorn added that Ilsa Cowen has stepped down and is no longer running The Classic. Mr. Herszenhorn would like to see former newspaper staff honor her properly.
- d. Mr. Halpern was interested in knowing who we have at Yale now.
- e. Mr. Slutzkin has a list of all of the NAIS award winners that he will share.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned at 8:55 P.M.. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for May 18 at 7 P.M. at New Leaf Venture Partners.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Manion