

Townsend Harris Alumni Association, Inc.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors (as approved on September 29, 2015)

May 20, 2015

Location: Sheraton LaGuardia East Hotel, 13520 39th Ave, Flushing, NY 11354

The following directors were present and constituted a quorum: Anthony Barbetta, Jomaire Crawford, Gerald P. Halpern, Selina W. Lee, Jordan Leeds, Kimberly Lo, Gary Mellow, Debra Michlewitz, Craig L. Slutzkin.

- I. Craig Slutzkin called the meeting to order at 7:10pm and welcomed the directors.
- II. **Approval of Board Meeting Minutes**. The Board reviewed the minutes of March 24, 2015 meetings. A motion was made by Debra Michlewitz and seconded by Selina Lee to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
- III. **Executive Committee Report**. Mr. Slutzkin reported the following:
 - a. **Dues**: Dues cycle will be starting in April. The group discussed ways to encourage alumni to pay dues.
 - b. **30th Anniversary Celebration**: Kimberly Lo, Gary Mellow and Craig Slutzkin commented on the 30th Anniversary celebrations held on May 3rd. The event was held at Liberty in Manhattan. There was a small group of individuals who attended which made the event feel cozy. The location was transportation-friendly and it was beneficial to have a private room for the event.
 - i. Mariko Sato-Berger will be leading the strings quartet who will have a short musical presentation.
 - ii. Dr. Largmann will be asked to speak.
 - iii. The Hall of Fame inductees will also each make short speeches.
 - c. **Videography**: Jesse Ash will be working on a compilation.
 - d. **Scholarships**: Vivek Shah will be contributing \$100,000 for an annual scholarship of about \$5,000. Mr. Shah is a graduate of the class of 1990.
 - e. **Administrators**: Gia Malka and Margherita Wirscherth, who are the administrators for THAA, are working out well.
 - f. **Graduation**:
 - i. Mr. Slutzkin reported that the Founders' Award will be awarded posthumously to AP Malcolm Rossman. There was a discussion as to which family member to contact to come receive the award (wife of daughter).
 - ii. Mr. Slutzkin also reported that THAA was able to secure this year's graduation keynote speaker. The speaker will be NYC's Comptroller Scott Stringer
- IV. **School Report**. Principal Barbetta updated the board on several developments:
 - a. Career Day was March 27th. Principal Barbetta thanked alumni for their participation in another successful year of this program.
 - b. Archon Installation was April 20th.
 - c. Baccalaureate will be on Monday June 8th. There will be a short time for refreshments following the ceremonies in the lobby.
 - d. Graduation will be on Thursday June 25th and per usual, at Colden Auditorium.

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V. **PTA Report.** Jordan Leeds reported the following:

- a. This will be his last meeting. The Board unanimously thanked him for his service and looked forward to his continuing participation in the Association's activities.
- b. There was a \$12,000 shortfall in PTA fundraising efforts this year.

VI. **Events Committee Report.**

a. **Events Completed:**

1. 30th Anniversary Celebration #1 – May Event

b. **Events Pending:**

1. 30th Anniversary Celebration #2 – June Event
2. Class of 1995 / 2000 Reunion – July 25
3. Brooklyn Cyclones Game – September 26
4. Class of 2005 Reunion – September 12
5. Class of 2010 Reunion – September 26
6. Class of 1990 Reunion – Thanksgiving Weekend.

- c. For next year, it was suggested that the Alumni Association connect the Lunar New Year Celebration with the Festival of Nations event at the high school

VII. **Treasurer's Report.**

- a. Mr. Slutzkin presented the financial report for the period between September 1, 2014 and April 30, 2015. Report and fund allocations were reviewed.
- b. A motion to accept was made by Ms. Lo and seconded by Ms. Michlewitz and passed unanimously.

VIII. **Fundraising Report.** Kimberly Eaton was not present.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Selina W. Lee
Acting Secretary of the Meeting