

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Townsend Harris Alumni Association, Inc. held at the offices of Shereff, Friedman, Hoffman, & Goodman at 919 Third Avenue, New

York City. Present were: Abraham C. Bein
Alvin P. Dobsevage
Lester Friesner
Irving Gerber
Carl Goldmark, Jr.
Julius W. Graber
Gerald P. Halpern
Eugene J. Heil
Herbert Kadison
Morton Lederman
Morton S. Lissner
Melvin Moore
Maurice Paprin
Ted Peck
Henry D. Shereff, Presiding
Harold S. Spielman

Also present was Arthur Katz, Chairman of the Committee assisting in the admission process at THHS.

In the temporary absence of Henry Shereff, Irv Gerber called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM.

The minutes of the prior meeting were accepted after noting a few spelling errors of proper names.

There was a general discussion of payments to be made to the regional chapters for the current fiscal year (ending March 31, 1986). Maurice Paprin made a motion to increase the allocation approved at the last meeting to \$500. This was seconded by Julie Graber and unanimously passed.

Abe Bein pointed out that there was a section in Doctorow's book "Worlds Fair" concerning THHS.

Irv Gerber read some correspondence from members relating to: 1) A request to hold the Annual Meeting on a Midweek or Saturday

night: 2) Suggestion that we hold more frequent and less formal (costly) membership meetings: 3) The increase in dues to \$25. was excessive 4) S. J. Schoenberger regretted not being active in the Association and sent a check for \$500.; 5) Using class leaders to keep membership informed and to solicit funds.

The letters prompted a general discussion about having a membership meeting in conjunction with the Founders Day proceedings at THHS and also creating a fund to assist Alumni in need to attend our functions. No decision was made on these topics.

Irv Gerber thanked the Board for their decision to give him a Director's Fee. He noted that his was a labor of love and not done for the purpose of remuneration but that this recognition was most gratifying. Irv said that the difficult and intensive work was during the first two years when the organization was being created and before the Board and committees started their work.

Henry Shereff arrived at this time, apologized for being late and took over the chair of the meeting.

Gerry Halpern's committee has yet to act on the nomination of Max Greenberg to this Board. Gerry suggested we invite Max to attend our next meeting.

Henry Shereff told us that the California Chapter is holding a meeting on February 1. Henry is unable to attend that function, but will meet with a committee on February 2. Henry asked if it was the Board's wish to grant this group a formal charter if they so requested it. This was assented to by the Board.

Mort Lisser gave a Treasurer's Report. We now have approxi-

mately \$55,500. in our various accounts and were expecting grants of \$5,000. from George Hyman and Kidder Peabody & Co.

Henry Shereff noted that THHS had recieved an allocation from the Board of Education for 5,600 hours of enrichment programs. This obviated the need for \$12,500. we had voted for this type of work. Henry has recieved a request from Don Altman, Athletic Director of THHS, for funds to cover an intramural program. He turned this over to Mort Lisser for consideration by that committee.

Mort reported that the request totalled \$13,800., of which \$9,300. was for uniforms and \$4,500. for equipment. After much consideration the committee recommended not to provide these funds. The basis for this finding was 1) Funds may be available from other sources and this should be explored; 2) This was not an academic area which is our principal concern; and 3) Requests of this nature should first be passed on by Mal Largmann. Mort then read to us a letter from Ken Shorter, a committee member, who recommended that we approve the funds for equipment only.

Maurice Paprin and Herb Kadison spoke in favor of the committee's findings. Les Freisner spoke favorably for the use of these funds for non-academic activities. Les said that it was at his suggestion the request for the money had come directly to us. There was extensive discussion about this request and the use of Alumni funds in general. Henry Shereff said that he has referred this question to Martha Lisser who is working with our Fund Raising Committee.

Maurice Paprin discussed the attached Proposed Budget of the Fund Raising/ Finance Committee. Maurice noted that the \$100M budget

would enable the organization to hire professional assistance in order to put our best case before the grant giving foundations. He stressed the need for us to learn from other organizations how we could best do our work on behalf of the school. The other service organizations in the City can also learn from us. The exposure professionals could give us would enhance our standing in the community and help us attain our goals for the school.

There was considerable discussion about the proposed budget. Items noted were: Moore -- Have we lowered our sights from three million to one?

Shereff -- Foundation money is going into "dropout programs". The three million is not realizable now.

Heil -- Why budget funds for student recruitment when we have no space?

Consensus reply -- We are looking for Quality.

Graber -- Pointed out that unless the "High" budget were successful, the cost of our fund raising may be considered excessive by the authorities.

Shereff -- Shall we discuss the use of the funds now or how we go about raising them.

Heil -- What is our financial risk/

Shereff -- The difference between dues of about \$25M and the total agreed to be expended.

Halpern -- The new element in this budget is the use of professionals. He is in favor of this. Gerry proposed that we commit ourselves to the \$25M of fund raising called for in the "Low"

budget and authorize an additional \$27M if funds come in.

Shorter -- Concerned over the cost of fund raisers.

Heil -- Considering our ages, we must act now. we cannot

look for current financial help from the new graduates.

Kadison -- Lets use funds to spread the THHS concept to other areas.

Shereff -- This is being done in Florida and California.

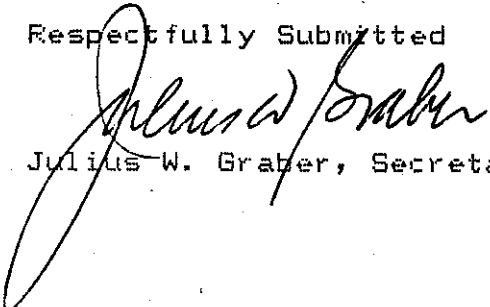
There was a call for a vote on Gerry Halpern's motion. The motion was seconded and carried.

Gerry Halpern spoke re his request for theater tickets at our last meeting. We are getting tickets through the Shubert Organization and the League of Theater Owners (with help from Mel Moore).

Les Friesner reported for the Luncheon Committee. The date was set for May 4th. Les requested publicity from any of the Board who have access to College Alumni newsletters. Mel Moore recommended using another facility. A general discussion about inviting the new THHS Nobel laureate and providing more time for the "reminisce".

The next Board meeting will be on February 23rd.

Respectfully Submitted


Julius W. Graber, Secretary