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Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Townsend Harris Alumni Association, held at the Florence Nightingale Nursing Home, New York City, November 1, 1992.

Present were:

Saul Grossman (Chair), Irving Gerber, Lester Friesner, Abraham Bein, Julie Chan, Seymour Roistacher, Tom Sweetin, Henry Shereff, Burt Milenbach, Ted Peck, Norman Bernstein, Kenneth Kaufman, Arthur Katz, Krissy Ionta, Maurice Paprin, Charles Puglisi, Jennifer Puglisi.

Minutes of Last Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed before the session. Mr. Bernstein stated that the minutes are incorrect in reporting his presence at the September meeting. The attendance should reflect the presence of Mr. Norman Merino. All statements attributed to Norman Bernstein were made by Mr. Merino. The minutes as corrected were accepted by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer was absent and there was no Treasurer's Report.

Unfinished Business:

The presence of a quorum being noted, Ted Peck placed the name of Jennifer Puglisi up for consideration to fill the position vacated by Dan Lew. The motion was seconded by Irving Gerber. The nomination was accepted by acclamation.

School Liaison:

Tom Sweetin spoke on behalf of Dr. Largmann about the audit of the school's computers that was made by Liz Holtzman. Mr. Puglisi reiterated Dr. Largmann's comments to the P.T.A. about the circumstances surrounding the audit. The members of the Board discussed various options for action. The Board ultimately decided that no action was warranted at this time.

Tom Sweetin discussed the difficulty that the school was having in running an intramural basketball program. A motion was made to provide up to \$1500 for the current year to supplement funds raised by the PTA to pay the per session salary of Mrs. Nix.

P.T.A. Liaison:

Mr. Puglisi distributed printed copies of his remarks at the last meeting to the Board members.

College Liaison:

Dr. Yoshida, Dean of the School of Education at Queens College, was not present. Saul Grossman spoke about the proposed conference at Queens College to explore the high

school and college connection. Charles Sigety, who has generously permitted the use of his nursing home as the site of the Alumni meetings, has pledged \$10,000 to sponsor this conference. A discussion of the nature and purpose of the conference ensued. Several alternate plans were discussed.

Out of Town Chapters:

Norman Merino reported by mail the deaths of two members of the Florida chapter. The Florida chapter will hold its luncheon on January 10th, 1993. Dr. Grossman has been invited to address the luncheon.

It was reported that the Western chapter will have a luncheon on November 7th at Andre's of Beverly Hills.

Fund Raising:

Norman Bernstein spoke to the Board about organizing to get people to contribute money. It was noted that there was no call for contributions at the Class of '38's 50th Reunion. Henry Shereff stated that Eugene Lang does not seem interested in donating funds to Townsend Harris, as he is currently trying to establish the "I Have a Dream" program in Queens.

Hall of Fame Committee:

The Committee has not yet met. Lester Friesner, Ted Peck, and Maurice Paprin agreed to meet on Wednesday, November 11th at 4:30 P.M. at 400 Park Avenue.

By-Laws:

The proposed changes to the by-laws were drafted by Gerry Halpern, who was not present at the meeting. He proposed in the draft resolution several changes to the qualifications for membership on the Board. There were no changes made to the draft of the proposed changes in the by-laws and the Board accepted the draft resolutions as proposed.

Correspondence:

Mr. Gerber read a selection of letters from various alumni, including an offer to donate a copy of the '33 Crimson and Gold. Oleck, age 81, wrote that he is still teaching and writing. Mara Landberg wrote that she has a 3.902 grade point average.

New Business:

Saul Grossman stated that Gerry Halpern has suggested that Past Presidents be recognized for their service on the Board with a certificate.

Tom Sweetin suggested that the Board seek a pro bono computer consultant for the new building. Henry Shereff said that he would try to get his sons to volunteer.

Motion to Adjourn to December 13th, 1992:

The meeting adjourned at 12:04 P.M. by unanimous assent and agreed to meet on December 13th at 10:00 A.M.

Attachment:

A proposed amendment to the by-laws of the Association is attached to these minutes.