

Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting Townsend Harris Alumni Association

Florence Nightingale Nursing Home Third Avenue at 97 Street New York, New York
Sunday, January 23, 1994 at 10:00 A.M.

Call to order:

Dr. Grossman called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

Roll Call:

Norman Bernstein, Julie Chan, Norman Cohen, Lester Friesner, Irving Gerber, Varsha Ghosh, Karen Greenberger, Saul Grossman, Krissy Ionta, Herbert Kadison, Arthur Katz, Tanya Odum, Alec Pollak, Charles Puglisi, Jennifer Puglisi, Thomas Sarkany, Henry Shereff, Sidney Silverman, Thomas Sweetin.

Minutes:

The Chair asked to members to consider the Minutes of the previous meeting Mr. Kadison moved that the Board accept the Minutes as submitted. Mr. Bernstein seconded the motion. The Chair moved the question and the Minutes were unanimously accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

Since Mr. Graber was absent, the Chair asked Mr. Kadison to read the Treasurer's report. At this point Dr. Grossman noted the lack of a quorum. No motion was made to accept the report.

School Liaison:

Mr. Sweetin reported that three students at the school have been selected as semi-finalists in the Westinghouse Science Competition. He also mentioned that the school has been profiled in Business Week and listed as one of seven "Schools of Choice" which work to develop the full potential of their students.

Dr. Silverman asked whether anyone was working to gather and catalog the archives of the Alumni Association.

PTA Report:

Mr. Puglisi introduced Mr. Tom Sarkany, parent and PTA member who will fill the position of PTA Liaison when Mr. Puglisi's third (and last child at Townsend Harris) graduates in June.

Mr. Puglisi reported that parent membership in the PTA has fallen slightly (from an average of 35% to approximately 28%). The cause of the drop is speculated to be the confusion caused by the late start of the school year.

College Liaison:

No college liaison was present at the meeting.

Special Membership Committee:

The members of the special committee reported on their meeting to discuss ways to increase the membership and Board participation of the recent graduates of the school. Several plans and programs were outlined by Tanya Odum, Julie Chan, and other members of the committee. Among the ideas discussed was a plan to seek a Secretary for each graduating class to keep tabs on the graduates.

Fund Raising:

Mr. Shereff and Dr. Grossman reported the following information:

1. Joe Flom has agreed to donate \$50,000 per year for five years.
2. Mr. Peck is assembling a list of potential donors.
3. Mr. Lang's pledge has not yet been received.
4. A committee consisting of Mr. Lissner, Mr. Kadison, Mr. Peck, and Mr. Shereff will further research the use of the term "endowment."
5. Dr. Grossman reported that \$20,000 has been received from the NIAS foundation for the scholarships and that Mr. Fleishman of the NIAS Foundation will meet with the two NIAS scholarship winners who are attending Yale University (Pinar Kodaman and Jane Cirigliano).

Membership:

Dr. Grossman solicited nominations for the Hall of Fame. He also stated that several positions on the Executive Board (A Vice President, a Corresponding Secretary, and the vacant Executive Board positions) need to be filled. He postponed a decision on this issue because of a lack of a quorum. He stated that this item will appear on the next agenda and he suggested that the persistent visitors to the Board be made Board members. It was agreed that the Recording Secretary, Jennifer Puglisi, would send an updated directory of Board members to all attendees.

Correspondence:

Among the items that Mr. Gerber reported were the following: Abe Bein is recuperating with a broken leg; (Sir) Sidney Weinstein has been made a Knight of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem; Shari Stromberg has been admitted to the Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society; Dan Lew, former Secretary, is doing well in law school; Cynthia Allen ('92) would like to see more information about recent graduates in the Newsletter; Viral Shaw ('92) would like more class reunions.

New Business:

The Board agreed to request a calendar of events that are scheduled by the school to commemorate the Tenth Anniversary of the re-opening of the school.

Adjournment:

The Chair and the Board set February 27 as the date of the next meeting. Mr. Kadison moved that the Board adjourn and Mr. Bernstein seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:35 A.M.