

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Townsend Harris Alumni Association
Florence Nightingale Nursing Home
September 18, 1994 at 10:00 A.M.

Quorum:

The following members of the Board constituted the quorum:

Abraham C. Bein, Alvin Dobsevage, Lester Friesner, Irving Gerber, Julius W. Graber, Karen Greenberger, Saul Grossman, Gerald P. Halpern, Herbert Kadison, Arthur Katz, Tanya Odum, Maurice Paprin, Ted Peck, Charles Sigety, Sidney Silverman.

The following *ex officio* members and guests were also in attendance:

Shay Fink, Martine Guerrier, Charles Puglisi, Malcolm Rossman, Tom Sarkany, Tom Sweetin, Dana Zachary.

Minutes:

A motion to ratify Mr. Halpern's Memo to Dr. Largman regarding the NIAS Scholarships was made by Gerald Halpern and seconded by Ted Peck. The Chair moved the question and the Board unanimously agreed to ratify the disposition of the NIAS funds as outlined in the memo.

A motion to accept the Minutes as submitted was made by Sidney Silverman and seconded by Maurice Paprin. Mr. Halpern pointed out that the phrase "Past 1988" should read "Post 1988." The Chair moved the question which was unanimously carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Graber presented the Board with a detailed report of expenses and receipts for the period 4/1/94 to 9/17/94. He informed the Board that he has invested funds in eight year Treasury notes with a 7.2% yield.

Mr. Graber asked when the Treasury will be reimbursed for the NIAS funds that have been disbursed. Mr. Halpern stated that the funds have been requested from the NIAS foundation.

Mr. Paprin moved that the Board accept the Treasurer's Report. Dr. Silverman seconded the motion. The Chair moved the question, which was unanimously passed.

Committee Reports:

Recent Graduate Committee

Tanya Odum, Shay Fink, Karen Greenberger, and Dana Zachary reported the following:

1. The committee has solicited people to serve as class secretaries.
2. The class of 1988 is planning a "Post 1988" get-together for December.
3. The committee is seeking a mailing list of 1990 to 1993 graduates.
4. The class list for the 1994 graduating class has been compiled.

During an off-the-agenda discussion of the November 7th Celebration a motion was made by Maurice Paprin to offer to co-sponsor the event. Mr. Sigety seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, the Chair moved the question. The vote was six in favor, four opposed, and one abstention.

School Liaison Report:

Mr. Rossman invited the Board members to the next walk through, which is sched-

uled for September 28 at 3:00 P.M. He stated that he has been told that a temporary C of O will be granted in November.

A discussion of the new building led to a question about the type of computers that will be installed in the school. Mr. Rossman stated that the state-of-the-art systems will be installed. He added that it is his concern that on-site training may not be sufficient and that without a service contract on the equipment there may be problems in the future. Mr. Sigety asked if on-site service could be made a part of the specifications.

Mr. Sweetin, speaking on Dr. Largmann's behalf, asked if the Board would agree to subsidize a table for current students at the November 7th party. Mr. Sigety said that he would sponsor a table for ten current students (at a cost of \$45 per student.) A motion was made by Ted Peck and seconded by Maurice Paprin to subsidize up to two tables of recent graduates to a maximum of \$25 per person. The Chair moved the question which was unanimously passed.

Mr. Sweetin reported that the last round of budget cuts has forced the school to cut two teaching positions, one school aide position, and to decrease per session and compensatory time. A consequence of the cuts is larger classes (with 45 to 50 students in some classes) and cuts in extra-curricular activities. Mr. Graber told Mr. Sweetin that Dr. Largmann and his staff should formulate specific requests for funds from the Board to bridge these gaps.

P.T.A. REPORT:

Mr. Puglisi introduced Mr. Tom Sarkany, PTA Liaison. Mr. Puglisi reported that the P.T.A. Alumni Association Steering Committee will hold its first meeting on September 21.

Nominating Committee:

Mr. Halpern nominated the following to membership on the Board:

1. Leon Levy '42,
2. Shay Fink '89,
3. Dana Zachary '88.

The nomination was seconded by Dr. Silverman. The Chairman moved the question. The Board unanimously passed the motion without further discussion.

Hall of Fame:

Maurice Paprin and Ted Peck discussed their ideas about the Hall of Fame Dinner. It was agreed that the current members of the committee (Gerald P. Halpern, Irving Gerber, Tanya Odum, Dana Zachary, Maurice Paprin, and Ted Peck) would meet to finalize their plans.

Fund Raising:

Ted Peck reported that \$418,659 has been pledged and that approximately \$171,000 has been received. Mr. Peck said that an anonymous donor has pledged \$100,000 to establish a program to teach Modern Hebrew.

The committee members briefed the group on the meeting that they had with Mr. Lang. Following Mr. Lang's suggestions, the committee has proposed the formation of three THETA fund committees:

1. A Development Committee consisting of from seven to nine members. This committee will organize and coordinate future fund raising.

2. An Investment Committee consisting of from three to five members. This committee will decide how the funds collected should be invested.

3. A Disbursement Committee that will decide how to distribute the funds generated.

The Board will consider who should chair and serve on these these committes at a future meeting after prospective candidates have been contacted about their willingness to serve.

Correspondence:

Mr. Gerber reported that J. Schwinger (Nobel Laureate) has died; that Se-Ho Kang ('88) has sent a \$100 contribution; and that several correspondents have written in response to Mr. Dushkin's comments in the Newsletter.

New Business:

Dr. Grossman stated that he was upset by the "separate but equal representation" given to the recent alumni in the last issue of the Newsletter. He authorized the formation of a committee including Lester Friesner, Julie Chan, Norman Cohen, Dana Zachary, and Irving Gerber to work together to create and edit future edition of the Newsletter.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 P.M.

The Board agreed to meet on Oct. 16, Nov. 20, and Dec. 18.