

Townsend Harris Alumni Association, Inc.
149-11 Melbourne Avenue, Flushing, NY 11367

Minutes of the Directors Meeting

Date: October 19, 1997

Place: 1760 Third Avenue, New York, NY - 18th Floor

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Present: S. Grossman (presiding), M. Ackerman, N. Bernstein, J. Chan, D. Dwyer, L. Friesner, I. Gerber, J. Graber, H. Kadison, G. Halpern, M. Leiner, G. Motakis, G. Mellow, T. Niu, M. Paprin, C. Puglisi, C. Slutzkin.

- I. Dr. Grossman stated that he was changing the order of the agenda and that correspondence would be read toward the end of the meeting. He asked the members to review the Minutes.
 - A. Mr. Slutzkin asked that the following clarifications be added to the Minutes:
 1. Section II-A The Alumni Fund consists of two accounts: The THETA Fund Account (\$360,000) and The Restricted Funds Account, (\$150,000).
 2. Section II-D The 55/45 breakdown of investments was not in effect at the time of the report, but will be in effect when Sanford Bernstein and Associates take full control of investing the Association's funds.
 - B. Mr. Halpern moved to accept the Minutes as clarified and Mr. Gerber seconded the Motion. The Chair moved the question and the Minutes were unanimously accepted.
- II. Mr. Slutzkin presented the Treasurer's Report and discussed portions of the report.
 - A. A \$1000 tuition grant was made to a recent graduate in need of financial assistance.
 - B. There is an increase in the expenses for the Hebrew class to pay for additional textbooks and for the salary of the new teacher.
 - C. The \$2,000 professional fee is for auditing the Association's books.
 - D. The process of transferring the investment of the Association's funds to Sanford Bernstein and Associates continues.
 - E. In response to a question from Mr. Halpern, Mr. Slutzkin stated that with the completion of the transfer of account management to Sanford Bernstein and Associates, the Association's Balance Sheet will be presented on a monthly basis.
 - F. Mr. Graber suggested that Mr. Bernstein, who is funding the Hebrew Course, should be approached for an increase to cover the recent expenditures.
 - G. In response to a question from several members, Dr. Grossman stated that the largest contributor to the Alumni Association is Mr. Flom, who has supported the Association with yearly donations over the past 13 years.
 - H. Mr. Paprin moved the acceptance of the Treasurer's Report and Mr. Kadison seconded. The Chair moved the question, which was unanimously carried.
- III. Dr. Leiner, Q.C. Liaison reported:
 - A. Various collaborations with Queens College continue including:
 1. Mr. Tiffin meets regularly with Dr. Brovey of Queens College on technology issues.
 2. Grants from Microsoft and Bell Atlantic to foster cooperation have been granted.
 3. Richard Lewis, Philosopher/Poet continues to conduct imagery workshops for the faculty. This program has been expanded this year to include a student in the workshops.
 4. Elizabeth Crawford, sculptor, is teaching a course on the integration of art and science with an imagery focus.
 - B. The school has received a \$25,000 grant from Newsday to conduct political simulations similar to the one conducted during the 1996 Presidential election.
 - C. Victoria Adler, granddaughter of Irving Adler, has joined the faculty as a member of the Humanities Department.
 - D. Thanks to a generous contribution from Mr. Flom, the school has a new van.
 - E. In response to a question from Mr. Halpern, Dr. Leiner stated that the school has, with the assistance of Queens College, applied for a grant from the Annenberg Foundation. The first attempt was unsuccessful and another grant application is being prepared.
- IV. PTA Report - Mr. Dwyer invited all members of the Board to Founder's Day on Nov. 7 and the retirement party for Mr. Sweetin and Mrs. Appel on January 9.
 - A. He stated that the PTA is holding a Fund-Raising Telethon with a goal of \$50,000.
 - B. The PTA's position on the school's selection process is that it is not a pressing issue.
 - C. He added that the school's Web page has been revised. It includes information about the school, the PTA, and the Alumni Association.
- V. Recent Grads Report - The alumni in attendance had nothing to report.
- VI. Newsletter Editorial Committee - Dr. Grossman stated that the Committee was concerned about an item that was submitted for inclusion in the next issue of the Alumni Newsletter. After the item was read to the Board, Mr. Paprin moved that the board endorse the decision of the Editorial Board without further discussing the specifics of the item. The motion was seconded by Marc Ackerman. After a discussion, the Chair moved the question, which was unanimously carried. The Editorial Committee agreed to meet after adjournment to discuss further editing of the submission.
- VII. Correspondence -- Mr. Gerber read selected correspondence from the members.
- VIII. Mr. Graber asked why there are no social meetings for members in the New York area as there are in Arizona and Florida. Dr. Grossman said that such social events are being discussed.
- IX. The Board adjourned at 11:51 A.M. and agreed to meet on November 23, 1997.

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AGENDA

Minutes of September 14, 1997

Treasurers Report;

Correspondence:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

School Liaison

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Old Business: Update of New England Chapter get-together

New Business: Newsletter policy

Announcements:

Date of next meeting