

**Stuyvesant High School Alumni Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2016 FINAL**

The May 4, 2016 Board of Directors meeting was held at Stuyvesant High School at 345 Chambers Street, NYC, in room 107.

Directors Present: Christina Alfonso '01 (phone), Richard Braun '72, M. Felix Freshwater, MD '64 (phone), Carl Hendricks '75, YanJie Hou '06, Soo Kim '93, Beth Knobel '80 (phone), Vanessa Liu '92 (phone), Harry Malakoff '62, Robert Sherwood '68 (phone), Eleonora Srugo '04

Trustees Present: Tyrone Chang '92 (phone), Raymond Fong, MD '73 (phone), Jeff Kestler '64 (phone),

Guests: Marc Rivlin '83, Shephathiah Townsend '94, Will Weinstein '80, Principal Zhang (phone), Brett Lewis '02 (phone), Ed Balaban '69 (phone)

Staff Present: Lisa Tepperberg '88, Evelyn Krejci '76, Dan Hosoya

Meeting commences, 7:10 p.m. 11 Directors present (including 5 on phone)

Principal's Report

Principal Zhang telephonically gives an update on current events at the school and noted that she joined Ms. Tepperberg on an alumni event in Washington DC.

Minutes

Mr. Braun indicated on second page statement relating to Lucy Liu missing 'I' in Soulcycle. Also in treasurers report fix the SING motion to end with General Funds.

Dr. Freshwater indicated on page 4 an error in Mr. Hsu's second motion. Remove 'for at least 2 years'.

→ **Motion by Braun:** To accept the March 2, 2016 minutes, as amended.

Seconded by Hou, unanimously approved.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Tepperberg reported that Principal Zhang and Director Christina Alfonso visited Washington DC for an event hosted by Dr. Rick Spinrad '71. Highlights of the office include working on a Cultivation Event for selected alums hosted by Mitchell Raab '91, the Diversity Open House on May 18th and changes to the website. Lucy Liu '86 participated in the SoulCycle Event on April 24th, which was a success, with 62 students and alumni riding with Lucy to raise money for the Alumni Association.

Josh Ralske has left his role as Operations and Events Associate and the process has begun to replace his role. The draft of the 990 for the most recent financial year has been completed.

We have opened discussions with the school to help them administer the school store; details are being worked out but this is consistent with our efforts to revamp our merchandise offerings.

President's Report

President Kim mentioned that he attended the Parents' Association ("PA") Spring Feast to show support for the Stuyvesant community. He mentioned two priorities for the Executive Committee, the first being to enhance the research coordination resources for students competing in the Intel Science contest to help address the drop-off in semi-finalists subsequent to the departure of Dr. Gastel. The second is to raise funding to support StuyPrep, a student-led effort to support under-represented community outreach.

Treasurer's Report

See attachments.

Ms. Srugo reported that designated Income has been very good, but highlighted the need to focus on bringing in unrestricted income.

She noted that based on a month-to-month comparison from last year, our revenue is \$90,000 higher than the previous year. Our unrestricted income year over year has doubled, with our expenses only increased by 7%. She noted that the

YTD is weighted since the budget was approved in October, and stated that we needed to raise \$140,000 in unrestricted income by the end of our fiscal year.

President Kim noted that the Friends of Stuyvesant dissolution papers are being signed by their Board and will be filed shortly and the monies will be transferred soon.

Mr. Kestler noted that the Campaign for Stuyvesant should have its dissolution papers shortly for presentation to the Attorney General.

Allocations

President Kim noted that we should put ads in each issue of The Spectator that announce our ability to give financial support to worthy activities. The committee approved six requests at the April meeting.

→ **Motion by Freshwater:** To approve the following requests that exceeded \$3,000 as presented by the Allocations committee:

Biology Department \$5,200 for intensive Genetics Lab instruction

History Day \$4,448.08 for transportation, hotel, registration

Physics Department \$6,935.67 balance for purchase of 6 lasers

Second by Srugo, unanimously approved.

Mr. Malakoff stated that the three other requests approved in Committee were:

Competitive Computer club \$1,387 for transportation to competition

STAR Club \$500 for publishing a magazine

NYC History class \$324 for touring St. John the Divine.

Ms. Tepperberg added that two new scholarships have been added for Alumni Distribution this year from Dr. Howard Wexler, inventor of the game Connect4 and Mr. Jim Stergiou '67 who had given directly to the Math Department for many years.

Communications

Ms. Knobel said that her committee is assisting the office with newsletter, publicity on Homecoming, and with the PowerPoint for AGM.

She has a draft of impact report to be put on homepage of website.

Ms. Knobel said that the committee is working on revising our Social Media policy. She noted that Facebook discussions should be respectful and Directors agreed.

Development

Ms. Vanessa Liu reported that the Alumni Association had received a bequest for \$90,000.

She stressed the importance of follow-up with high net worth alums after events on how they can help.

She reported that the Lucy Liu event was successful in several ways. We raised over \$5,000, and established a model for what can be done.

The Association may need to revisit the matter of hiring a development director.

Events

President Kim noted that Events had not met for some time and asked for a new volunteer to chair the committee.

Governance

Dr. Freshwater stated Mr. Kestler wants to appoint Joan Ai '94 to the Board of Trustees, which requires Directors' approval.

→ **Motion by Freshwater:** To appoint Joan Ai to Board of Trustees

President Kim asked if the Governance committee had approved Ms. Ai. Dr. Freshwater responded no and suggested tabling his motion. The Board agreed to form a committee of the whole on behalf of Governance committee.

Seconded by Braun, unanimously approved.

A second vote on the motions to modify Article IV Section 1 and Article II, Section1 (a) was tabled because 2/3 of the current seated board members were not present at the meeting.

Membership

Ms. Krejci reported that many membership dues payments were from alumni who had not paid their dues in at least one year.

New Business

President Kim asked the guests to introduce themselves. Ms. Townsend '94 served on Board before and is now looking to get involved again. Will Weinstein '80 has been active in coordinating his class reunions, has been involved with the Bergstein scholarship and has a child currently enrolled at Stuyvesant.

→ **Motion:** Mr. Hendricks To adjourn

Seconded by Freshwater, unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned, 8:22 p.m. The Board moved to Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Alfonso '01
Recording Secretary