

**Stuyvesant High School Alumni Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Nov 2, 2016 FINAL**

Held in the Principal's conference room, #107 at 345 Chambers St., New York, NY

Directors Present: Christina Alfonso '01 (phone), Ed Balaban '69 (phone), Dan Egers '03 (phone), Carl Hendricks '75, Soo Kim '93, Brett Lewis '02 (phone), Vanessa Liu '92, Harry Malakoff '62, Serphin Maltese '51 (phone), Robert Sherwood '68 (phone), Eleonora Srugo '04, Jim Stergiou '67

Trustees Present: Joan Ai '94 (phone), Jeff Kestler '64 (phone), Philip Lehman '72 (phone)

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

Guests: Rahul Sevani '06, Bill Weiss '80, Hal Diamond '78, Larry Marshall '61, Benny Chan '03

President Kim called the meeting to order at 7:05PM. There were 10 directors present (3 by phone). He asked the Directors and guests to introduce themselves. He then requested approval of the meeting minutes.

→**Motion by Mr. Stergiou:** To approve the Sept. 14, 2016 minutes as presented.

Seconded by Ms. Srugo Unanimously approved

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Tepperberg noted Principal Contreras had another commitment and was unable to join the meeting. She noted that Homecoming was Fri, Nov. 4th, and the Peglegs would be playing George Washington High School at Pier 40. Principal Contreras has formally applied to the C-30 process to become the permanent Principal. Ms. Tepperberg discussed the possibility of writing a letter on the Principal's behalf noting the Parent's Association was doing the same. The Siemens Competition in Math, Science and Technology had 20 applications from Stuyvesant, with four semi-finalists: Constantine Athanitis, Sharon Chao, Sharon Lin and Judy Liu. The school is working on creating a state-of-the-art Maker Space, and noted that discussion about a possible collaboration between Technion Cornell was discussed but it is in the infancy stage. She noted new website enhancements, notably improved Directory functionality making it easier for alumni to log in and search by Industry, Employer and Job Title.

President's Report

Mr. Kim noted that the StuyPrep program concluded with October's SHSAT and that we are looking to expand the program for next year. He commended Ms. Liu on how she has taken an active role in working with Stuyvesant students and alumni to help rebuild the Regeneron Science Talent Search program. Ms. Liu reported that an event would be held on December 2nd to bring Stuyvesant students and alumni together with a panel of speakers about the impact the Science Talent Search had on their lives. She commended Principal Contreras on his level of commitment to the Science Research programs.

→**Motion by Ms. Liu:** To express, in a letter, the Alumni Association's support of interim Principal Contreras becoming the permanent Principal.

Seconded by Mr. Hendricks Unanimously passed

Ms. Alfonso & Mr. Maltese joined the meeting by phone, 12 directors present

Mr. Kim stated that he noticed on commentary on social media about the Jewish National Fund soliciting Stuyvesant alums. He stated the database is our most valuable piece and we would never give it to someone for use. He went on to explain that many years ago the Association did give the database to Harris Connect, a company that produces Directories, and noted that we do not do this anymore as we have moved towards our Internet-based directory.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Srugo said we have been successful with merchandise and reunions, which were goals. She noted that our unrestricted revenue is very low and that we needed more unrestricted funding. Funding was spent on StuyPrep and Mentoring, and we were still satisfying allocation requests.

Mr. Kim left the meeting, 11 directors present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Allocations

Ms. Srugo said the committee met once and reviewed the request form. The committee is scheduled to meet but some requests can be satisfied with directed funding.

Mr. Egers presented the list of Scholarship winners (see attachment for names) for Board approval.

→**Motion by Mr. Egers:** To ratify the presented list of scholarship winners.

Seconded by Ms. Liu Unanimously passed

Communications

Ms. Tepperberg noted that the Newsletter was scheduled to go to the printer by the end of the following week.

Development

Ms. Ai reported that she ran into Mrs. Grace Lyu-Volckhausen, who showed interest in helping with Development.

Ms. Ai expressed support for changing the General Fund to the Annual Fund, identifying key leaders in each class to engage them on behalf of Development.

Mr. Lewis noted that aiming for a 100% giving from each class, even with a nominal amount, would be beneficial, and reiterated the need for getting class captains.

Membership (Mentoring)

Ms. Srugo stated the mentoring program is under way with all the students matched with mentors. Each year the number of applicants increase. We accepted 92 students of 162 applicants. We need more support and more mentors. She asked for volunteers to allow students to visit offices as well as off-site locations to hold mentoring sessions.

Events/Reunions

Mr. Stergiou stated the committee has met several times focusing on events in specific fields. The first event is Wed, 11/9. He said Mr. Hal Diamond '78 has been instrumental in making these happen. The plan is to use these to publicize Stuyvesant and the Gala he would like to produce.

Mr. Stergiou started discussion about a Gala event since the committee is looking for funding.

Ms. Liu was supportive of the idea of a gala and requested a written one-page proposal on the event that could be presented to the board. Ms. Liu and Ms. Tepperberg offered to help Mr. Stergiou pull the proposal together.

Diversity

Mr. Malakoff reported they held an Open House about a month ago. There were about 200 students and parents in attendance. Principal Contreras and Stuyvesant students spoke to approximately 200 prospective students and parents.

Governance

Ms. Liu announced that the Governance committee was seeking nominees.

Adjournment

→**Motion by Mr. Balaban:** To adjourn.

Seconded by Ms. Srugo Unanimously approved. Adjourned at 8:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Alfonso '01 and Lisa Tepperberg '88
Recording Secretary and Executive Director