

LEWISTON-PORTER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETING

November 9, 2011 AT 6:00 P.M.

LPAA Offices Community Resource Building

PRESENT: President Doug Diez, Board of Director Members: Ann Johnston, Nancy Orsi, Judy Jarvis, Bruce Newton, Ray Tracy, Harold Shippy, Dorothy Wedge, Mary Luff Foote, Kimberly Alexander, Joe Lauzonis, Ed Engel, Bill Falkner, and via Telephone Conference Bill Vrooman

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER: Alumni President Doug Diez called the Meeting To Order at 6:15 P.M, and Alumni Members introduced themselves to our Guests this evening: Nina Calarco, Sharon George, Kirsten Gresko, and Colleen Glor.

MINUTES: The minutes of the September 28, 2011 Alumni Association Meeting were approved as presented.

MINI-GRANT WINNERS FOR 2010: Nancy Orsi introduced Nina Calarco, Sharon George, Kirsten Gresko, and Colleen Glor, who presented a program on "Clickers", and how they work in the classroom. They offered their thanks and appreciation to the Lew-Port Alumni Association, in selecting them to receive this mini-grant for their classrooms.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dorothy Wedge, Treasurer reported and passed out copies of her report as of October 31, 2011, shows TOTAL FUNDS: **\$52,061.23. Dorothy stated that we received a \$5,000 Endowment Fund Contribution from Mr. Wendel to be used for five (5) \$1,000.00 Student Scholarships for the school year 2011-2012. Membership Dues thus far totaled \$855.00; And Distinguished Alumni Expenses were \$335.75. The Treasurers report was approved as presented.**

Dorothy stated that she received a Request for Check form from Past Treasurer Norma Marshall, asking for reimbursement for office supplies that she purchased for her work as Treasurer of the Alumni Association in the amount of \$100.00. Also it was mentioned that any Officer or Board Member that has incurred expenses in their duties for work for the Alumni Association be reimbursed for those expenses. Motion was made, seconded, and approved.

LEW-PORT SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS: In the absence of Principal Paul Casseri, President Doug stated that the chief topic of discussion around school has to do with Bullying, and ways to prevent it. School Superintendent Mr. Roeser would like to go on a website and to see what is going on with Bullying in the schools, and take the necessary action before something starts.

MEMBERSHIP: Ann Johnston stated that 82 Membership Letters are going out to those Alumni Association Members whose dues are due at the end of 2011.

NEWSLETTER: Ann stated in next issue of the Alumni Newsletter going out shortly) some features: Distinguished Alumni, and Gala Information, Hall of Fame, Reunion Support, New Programs at the schools, Membership, and others. GREAT JOB ANN!!

MINI-GRANTS: Chairperson Nancy Orsi announced the following as the recipients of the Lew-Port Alumni Mini Grants Awards for 2011-2012: **Ann Marie Oliverio (Multiage) PEC "Motivating Reluctant Readers Using the Nook" \$450.36, Heidi Kazulak and Susanne Hedemann PEC-Grade 2 "Using Voice**

Recorders to Improve Reading Fluency” \$422.80, Eileen O’Neil, Vicki Way, and Crystal Thomas HS “Intel Reader-The Mobile Device That Reads Print Aloud” Special Ed Grades 10 and 12 \$1,300.00, Brett Coppins AP Art HS “Nikon D 300 Digital Camera” \$500.00, Teresa Sondek MS Grade 7 Science “Newton’s Law Lab Activities” \$500.00, and Maria Wiepert Art Grade 5 I(intermediate “Magnetic Mural Wall-Legacy Wall” \$326.84. TOTAL MINI GRANTS AWARDED \$3,500.84

Chairperson Nancy Orsi stated that the last Mini Grant request was for \$500.00, and in our Mini Grants Budget the Alumni Association has \$3,500.00. Thus short \$173.16 for the awarding of the last Mini Grant Award. It was moved, seconded and Approved to pay \$173.16 so that the final grant may be funded fully (“Magnetic Mural Wall-Legacy Wall”)

Chairperson Nancy Orsi and Alumni President Doug Diez will make the formal presentations to the teachers at a Board of Education Meeting on November 15.

And a BIG thanks you to the people who have donated to the Alumni Association and all the individuals, merchants, and businesses who have supported the fund raising activities.

THANK YOU To the Mini Grant Committee of Mary Grace Baker Luff, Judy Jarvis, Peggy Shear, Kay Collard, and Chairperson Nancy Orsi for a GREAT JOB for selecting this year’s Mini Grants Award winners.

A THANK YOU to Mary Grace for hosting this selection process meeting at her home.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI: Chairperson Ray Tracy stated that the awards were given out at the Lew-Port Homecoming Weekend October 6-8. It was a very emotional weekend, and a great program cfor those receiving their Distinguished Alumni Award. If you were not able to make it, you are really missing something GREAT, mark your Calendars and come on out next year. In as much as Mr. Wendel wasn’t present for the formal presentation, when the other honorees were awarded theirs, Thanks to Nancy Orsi and Alumni President Doug who gave Mr. Wendel his award at a later time in the weekend. Todd Freischlag stated that he was so moved at this award that he and his family would like to institute a Football Scholarship to some deserving Lew-Port football player. Further information to become available.

501c(3) UPDATE: Dorothy Wedge stated that she has a few questions on the application that needs to be addressed: After reading through the objectives and reasons for the Alumni Association, it seems to me that we are already a 501©3 Organization. Possibly we need some clarification f0rom Attorney Max Coykendall on this. It was also mentione4d that any Alumni Asso0ciation Donati0ons go to the the Greater Buffalo Community Federation (Kay Masiello)

REUNION SUPPORT: At the present time Nancy Orsi stated that the Class of 1962 will be holding their Reunion (50 years) in 2012, and needs help. Other reunions coming up are Class of 1963 (2013), Class of 1964 (2014) all may need Alumni Support.

WEBSITE: Joe Lauzonis, Webmaster says he says everything is up-to-date, check over the Website and any corrections or additions will be appreciated.

Nancy Orsi introduced Mini Grant Recipient (2010) Mary Ellen Aureli, Intermediate Education Center Librarian who displayed her audio books to help support teaching English Language Arts. Mrs. Aureli thanked the Alumni Association for her Mini Grant and support.

OLD BUSINESS: President Doug stated that he has Committee Spots (openings) for Alumni Members to be a part of. See President Doug for more information as to what committees need filling.

President Doug stated that he has received a lot of e-mails, letters, and information on this Gary Raby Scholarship, (Race and Gary's 100 Mile Fund Raiser). The Alumni Association misses Gary tonight, he is a vital part of this Alumni Association and we support him and his family 100%. And as far as this Alumni Association is concerned, at the last meeting we made the motions as to how this money is to be allocated, and we stand beside our decision 100%.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE TO REPORT

NEXT MEETING: January 11 2012, at **6:00 P.M., LPAA Offices, Community Resource Building, GALA Meeting to be at 5:30 P.M.**

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

JOHN H. MAC ARTHUR, ALUMNI SECRETARY

POST SCRIPT: This is my last Meeting as your Alumni Secretary, for the past 3 years, I have enjoyed the support, and Cammadore of working with all of you and wish you would give our new Secretary Mary Grace Luff-Foote the same respect and support that you gave me. Thank-you, it has been a pleasure to serve you.