LEWISTON-PORTER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Meeting Highlights – January 13, 2011

LEW-PORT SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS: Paul Casseri reported changes being made by the NYS Regents resulting in less state funding. LPAA can help ease the problem and create opportunities for students. The Chinese teacher has returned to China; many students took advantage of the ½ year elective. In sports all teams are doing well. Tech Wars students had good finishes. Academy of International Business and Finance held their first meeting and is off to a strong start. Advisory Board members from LPAA include Nancy Orsi, Dorothy Wedge, and Jack James. The 2011 Jason Raby Memorial 5K Run and Walk will be August 12^{th.} The Lancer Memory Brick Project will be managed by LPAA going forward. LPAA participated in Athletic Hall of Fame banquet.

TREASURER'S REPORT/AUDIT/AND PAY PAL: Treasurer Norma Marshall presented her report dated December 31, 2010. Total financial assets are \$39,186.14 The annual financial audit is still under way by the accounting firm of Amato and Fox.

BY-LAWS REVISION: Bill Leardini reported that he and Dorothy Wedge will meet with Mike Roemer February 24th and will present a report at the next Board meeting.

MEMBERSHIP AND NEWSLETTER: Ann Johnston reported membership is up from last year resulting from over 40 "Request for renewal" and "Invitation to join" letters that were sent out in December. The last Newsletter was sent out in November 2010.

WEB SITE: Webmaster Joe Lauzonis said memberships via Website are coming in. Jack emphasized the importance of our Website as a public focal point for information about Alumni Association programs, membership, donations, meetings, and contact information for Board members. Facebook and other sources point people to the Website. Program chairs were asked to provide Joe with updated text and photos.

STRATEGIC PLAN: The original LPAA Strategic Plan, dated March 16, 2009, has been updated. The new plan, dated January 13, 2011, was reviewed and approved after motion by Doug Diez and second by Gary Raby.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI: Ray Tracy volunteered will chair this committee for 2011 assisted by members Ken Kenney, Bill Vrooman, Ed Engel, and Josh Janese.

2011 REUNION SUPPORT: The Association agreed it is very important that we continue supporting key year class reunions and their representatives with any assistance such helping with planning, going to their reunions, informing them of businesses and attractions in the Youngstown/Ransomville/Lewiston area.

LEW-PORT 60th ANNIVERSARY GALA: At the first planning meeting January 13th, a tentative date of October 6th 2012 was established. Chairperson Dorothy Wedge reported subcommittees are formed. The next Gala Committee meeting is March 2, 2011.

COMMITTEES: Vice President Doug Diez discussed the need for a committee structure by LPAA given the increasing scope of the Association's programs.

NEXT MEETING: March 23, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. in LPAA Offices at Lew-Port.