

**LEWISTON-PORTER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2010 6:00 P.M.**

PART I: BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

PRESENT: Alumni President Jack James, High School Principal Paul Casseri, Vice President Harold Shippy, Treasurer Norma Marshall, Secretary John Mac Arthur, Board of Directors Douglas Diez, Peggy Shear, Bill Vrooman (teleconference), Judith Abbott Jarvis, and Nancy Orsi. Also Membership/Newsletter Chairperson Ann Johnston and Association members Mary Grace-Baker Luff, Edward Engle, Llewellyn Howell, Raymond Tracy, William Leardini, Dorothy Wedge, James Oddy, Gary Raby, Michael Roemer and Joseph Lauzonis III.

SPECIAL GUESTS: Lewiston-Porter Schools Superintendent R. Christopher Roser, Ms. Lori Caso (Waste Management Corporation), Cheryl Morningstar and Dennis Morris (LewPort Alumni).

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER: Jack James called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and stated that this is the Annual September Members' Meeting, per the Association Bylaws and election of officers. Advance notice of the meeting has been made electronically, in the LPAA Newsletter, and via USPS.

PRESENTATION: Cheryl Morningstar and Dennis Morris presented Lew-Port Alumni Association a check for \$500. The money represents residual from the "All Lew-Port Alumni" reunion events held July 14-18, 2010 in local communities sponsored by alumnus Don Hoolihan's "LewPort Alumni" group.

MINUTES: Minutes from the August 17, 2010 meeting were approved upon motion by Harold Shippy and second by Doug Diez.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S DISCUSSION: Jack James informed the Board and others present that annually in September the Board of Directors and members meet and consider a list of candidates proposed by the Nominating Committee for election to the Board. Thereafter the newly elected Board elects officers for the coming year.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Nominating Committee Chair Harold Shippy distributed copies of the proposed Board of Directors slate for 2010-2011. Copies had been provided electronically to Board members earlier in the week with hard copies made available just prior to this meeting. It was pointed out that only those Board members whose terms expire in 2010 will need to be nominated and voted upon, in addition to any new members coming onto the Board. Names of candidate Board members will be found in Part II of the meeting minutes.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

LPAA 2010-2011 Calendar of Events. A copy of the calendar was distributed.

Second Annual Jason Raby Memorial 5K Run and Walk. Jack James remarked that the event was again a great success through hard work of many Association members and

families, friends, and corporate sponsors. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Gary Raby and Ann Johnston for their extraordinary performance organizing the event and soliciting sponsors and runners and funding trophies in the case of Mr. Raby. Also, letters and Certificates of Appreciation have been sent to approximately 60 corporate sponsors that provided monetary or in-kind donations.

The Board of Directors' meeting was adjourned by consensus at 6:55 P.M.

PART II: ANNUAL LEW-PORT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERS' MEETING

CALL to ORDER: Jack James called the Lew-Port Alumni Association Annual Members' Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

JEREMY CAMPBELL REMEMBRANCE. The Association observed a moment of silence and reflection in memory of alumnus Jeremy Campbell who passed away suddenly September 25, 2010. Mr. Paul Casseri is representing Lew-Port Schools and the Alumni Association at the wake being held at this time. Condolences have been expressed to the family via letter from the Association.

LEW-PORT SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS. Principal Paul Casseri stated that the school is very busy with the upcoming Homecoming Weekend and LPAA Distinguished Alumni Award preparations September 30, 2010. At the Homecoming football game October 1, 2010 J. Miller's game jersey #76 will be retired. 12 German students are at Lew-Port and Lew-Port teacher Kevin Duncan is in China as an exchange teacher. Three levels of Chinese language are now being taught at Lew-Port. Later this year Lew-Port students will travel to Mendoza, Argentina.

Board of Director Certificates. Certificates of Appreciation recognizing exceptional performance in the past year were presented by Jack James to Mr. Paul Casseri, High School Principal and members of the Lew-Port staff including Marie Rajczak, Beth Profetta, Nicole Krawczyk, and Barbara Labernardo. Certificates were also presented to Ann Johnston (Newsletter/Membership Chair), and other members including Harold Shippy, Bill Vrooman, Bruce Sutherland, Margaret Tower Shear, Nancy Orsi, Norma Marshall, Ken Kenney, John H. Mac Arthur, Judith Jarvis, Pauline Brown Gregg, Sullivan Fitzgerald, Douglas Diez, Robert Pelletier, and Joseph Lauzonis III. All were enthusiastically thanked for their exceptional service in 2009-2010.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Norma Marshall reported that the Association's financial records are ready for the annual Audit by CPA firm Amato and Fox. The Association's bank balance is \$12,922.64 with \$6,000 in the CFGB Endowment Fund and \$5,167 in the Lew-Port Credit Union checking account. Copies of the comprehensive Treasurer's report were distributed. The Treasurer's Report was approved by the Board after motion by Doug Diez and second by Margaret Tower.

MEMBERSHIP AND NEWSLETTER: Ann Johnston offered to step down as Newsletter chair citing the heavy workload on her to write articles and prepare the newsletter for publication. After discussion all board members agreed to personally accept responsibility for providing articles to Ann over the coming months. Jack emphasized the importance of the newsletter in communication with association members

and prospective members. Regarding membership Ann reported that renewals are due for 74 association members. Letters are being prepared to each member encouraging renewal. Jack reported that seven new members were enrolled at the Jason Raby Run, ten at the LewPort All Alumni Reunions, and eight at the Class of 1970 reunion. Related, a LPAA Facebook site is now on line and two members have signed up via that social networking linked to the LPAA Website. Jack reported that the Association's new "Enrollment Kit" was used at Peach Festival and various reunions and is available at LewPort for use at future reunions and community events. The kit contains banners, association literature and enrollment supplies.

PEACH FESTIVAL: Mr. Casseri reported that Nancy Orsi, Josh Janese, Paul Casseri and members of the Lew-Port Swim Team marched in the Festival Parade September 11, 2010 and had great fun. LPAA pens were handed out; next year small bags of green and white candy would work and more Association members should be participating. Likewise more members are needed to staff the booth over the Festival weekend. Jack thanked those who did participate September 10-12, 2010, notably Joe Lauzonis who again set up the Power Point display and brought the yearbook CD's, of which several were sold. Ken Kenney and Bill Vroom were thanked for providing equipment, setting up and tearing down the booth. 6-10 new members were enrolled in LPAA; funds and applications were passed along to Norma by Peggy. Judy noted that the new LPAA pens that she procured worked out well as an incentive for members to sign up. Ed Engel volunteered to have small bookcases fabricated by BOCES to hold the yearbooks.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI: Chair Harold Shippy reported that this year's inductees are Brigadier General Thomas J. Masiello, USAF, Ms Susan Geisler, Mr. Bruce Lund, and Dr. Llewellyn Howell. Mr. Casseri reviewed the sequence of events September 30, 2010 beginning with a continental breakfast at 9:00 AM followed by introductions in the High School Library, recognition/presentations in the auditorium, lunch, then classroom visits by the honorees to talk to students about their careers, lives, and accomplishments. An evening reception is being hosted by Ann Johnston at her home. Honorees will also be introduced at the Homecoming football game October 1, 2010. Dr. Llewellyn Howell expressed his appreciation for being nominated as a Distinguished Alumni and congratulated the Association on it's achievement in the past three years. Jack observed that Dr. Howell was one of the charter members who advanced seed money and expertise to help establish LPAA in 2007.

MINI GRANTS: Co-chair Doug Diez reported that letters soliciting applications went out September 13, 2010 to faculty at all four schools. Two follow-up reminders have been sent. The committee will meet October 26-28, 2010. Awards will be made at the Lew-Port Board of Education meeting Tuesday, November 16, 2010. Mary Grace Baker-Luff and Judy Jarvis have volunteered to augment the Mini-grant Committee to help out due to Peggy Shear and Nancy Orsi's temporary unavailability. The committee was charged with a budget range of \$2,000 to \$3,500 in selecting winners.

SCHOLARSHIP: In the absence of chair Bob Pelletier, Jack James reported that the \$6,000 payout for Class of 2010 scholarship winners is under way as reports are received that the recipients have begun class at their respective colleges. Discussion ensued regarding the 2010 scholarship program. A point paper was distributed by Jack James showing the current scholarship program. Ann Johnston moved that a LPAA scholarship

be established in 2010 honoring Jason Raby, given the significant benefits that LPAA receives from the Jason Raby 5K Run each year. After much discussion it was moved by Harold Shippy and seconded by Ann Johnston that LPAA sponsor three scholarships in 2010. Two will be similar to 2009 and 2010, i.e. open criteria in the amount of \$1,000 and a third scholarship for \$500 in Jason Raby's name. Mr. Gary Raby will assist Jack James in finalizing the J. Raby scholarship criteria to focus on a student that has participated in track and field at Lew-Port. The motion was approved. Jack James further reported that discussions continue with several local businesses and families that have expressed interest in sponsoring scholarships at Lew-Port in 2010 under the LPAA umbrella.

WEBSITE/FACEBOOK/PAYPAL: Joe Lauzonis reported that he and Laurel Coutts continue working on the LPAA Facebook site and that it has had over 400 friends log on. PayPal is a work in progress; PayPal administrators are being provided more information that will expand our capability to accept members, donations and possibly sell the yearbook CDs and other merchandise.

LPAA MEMBERS' TIME: Gary Raby proposed a fund raiser concept to have runners garner financial pledges for miles run. The idea will be further explored by Mr. Casseri and Mr. Raby.

2010-2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ELECTION:

Nominating Committee Chair Harold Shippy distributed copies of the proposed slate and called for additional nominations from the floor. No additional nominations were received from the floor. Ann Johnston withdrew as a candidate for election to the Board but reaffirmed her desire to remain active with the Association.

The following board members with unexpired terms remain on the Board:

Paul Casseri 2008-2011	Terry Collesano 2009-2012
Douglas Diez 2009-2012	Jack James 2008-2011
Judith Abbott Jarvis 2009-2012	Kenneth Kenney 2008-2011
John Mac Arthur 2009-2012	Norma Marshall 2009-2012
William Vrooman 2010-2011	

The following members with expiring terms were nominated for reelection to the Board:

Sullivan Fitzgerald 2010-2011	Nancy Orsi 2010-2011
Margaret Tower Shear 2010-2011	Harold Shippy 2010-2011

The following members were nominated for election to the Board:

Laurel Coutts 2010-2013	Edward Engel 2010-2013
Josh Janese 2010-2012	William Leardini 2010-2013
Joseph Lauzonis III 2010-2012	Mary Grace Baker-Luff 2010-2013
James Oddy 2010-2011	Gary Raby 2010-2013
Michael Roemer 2010-2013	Raymond Tracy 2010-2013
Dorothy Wedge 2010-2013	

By unanimous vote the above members were elected to the board.

2010-2011 OFFICERS' ELECTION:

Nominating Committee Chairman Harold Shippy proposed the following officers' slate for 2010-1011. **President Jack James, Vice President Harold Shippy, Treasurer Norma Marshall, and Secretary John Mac Arthur.** By motion of Ed Engel and second by Judy Jarvis the above officers were elected.

President Jack James thanked returning board members for their service and expressed appreciation to newly elected members. In continuing as President Jack asked the board for special assistance in two areas: communication among members and strengthened functioning of committees. After discussion it was agreed that the By-laws need review to provide for a better method of succession of officers, specifically for the offices of President and Vice President. Michael Roemer agreed to chair a committee for revision of the By-laws assisted by Dorothy Wedge and Bill Leardini.

Vice President Harold Shippy resigned.

LPA OFFICE SPACE: Superintendent R. Christopher Roser stated that he will identify an office location dedicated to the Alumni Association with a view toward providing a permanent working office for meetings, files, working space, and office equipment.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: The follow agenda topics were deferred to the next meeting: Capital Campaign, Strategic Plan Update; Reunion Support 2011, and Lancer Memory Brick.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 at 6:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:57 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

President Jack James and Secretary John Mac Arthur