Louisiana Association of the Deaf

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
LAD-Alumni Day
LSSD Homecoming Day
November 4, 1967

The first Board of Directors meeting in the intermittent of the 1969 Convention was called to order by President Magill at 9:10 a.m. in the Girls' Recreation Room on the LSSD campus.

Mr. Gray gave the invocation. President Magill appointed Mr. Gray as parliamentarian. (Refer to New Business section for his approval). All board members were present except Messrs. Lefors and Thomas at the beginning of the meeting. There was a large crowd in the background but it was not known how many witnessed the meeting.

Mr. Freeman, secretary, gave his report on what had taken place since the last convention.

Mr. Ray, treasurer, explained that his report on the financial transaction of the Association would not be ready until the next board meeting because the auditors did not sign the report when first audited as further adjustments and verification were necessary. When the report is ready, it must be verified by the same three auditors who were previously appointed by the President. Mr. Ray also stated that all of the Association's finances were now in Baton Rouge.

There was a brief discussion on the new By-Laws. A copy of the new By-Laws had not been given to the secretary, yet. (Special note: a copy of the new By-laws was received by the secretary a few days after the board meeting).

The Vice-President, Mr. Mofad, gave his report on several matters: 1. A letter from the Mississippi Association of the Deaf recommended a resolution to give effort to avoid convention dates among neighboring states; 2. Reported on the first meeting of the Ways and Means Committee in Baton Rouge and all of the action that the Committee had undertaken (refer to minutes of the Ways and Means Committee as the minutes were previously distributed); 3. A report was given on the progress the Lafayette Club of the Deaf had made in preparation for the next convention - the Lafayette group has not done much so far; 4. An explanation was given on the comparison of the bids that were received for the LAD-Alumni Dance - the Jack Tar Hotel bid was $400.00 while the Lake Shore Sheraton bid was $150.00; 5. The final report was that the committee which was in charge of the Catherine Hoffpauir case completed its task. The committee, for various reasons, withdrew from helping Miss Hoffpauir. However, it was emphasized the LAD was to continue providing more service for those in need of help.

Special Announcement: Mr. Ray, treasurer, presented a report on Mr. Magill's (Convention Chairman) financial report of the Convention. (Copies of the report were distributed to board members for their file and a copy is preserved with these minutes in the secretary's file.) Mr. Ray stated that there should have been a clarification of the membership dues and registration fee of $4.00 in the report. Mr. Mowad asked if the Baton Rouge Club of the Deaf (BRCD) accepted the report. Mr. Magill responded that he has full authority for all the Convention undertakings. The authority was given to him by the Board of Directors at their meeting of March 12, 1967. Mr. Mowad (Garcille) moved to accept the report providing the BRCD accepts the same. Passed. Mr. Ray (Mowad) moved to transfer the money to BRCD providing the members of BRCD accept the report. Passed.

Mr. Ray made a motion asking if he, as the Association's treasurer, should get rid of some old checks and properties such as discarding bank statements but keeping stubs and cancelled checks. There was no second, therefore, the motion failed.

Mr. Grenillion asked why the Association's finances are in the Baton Rouge Bank. The reply was that the Baton Rouge Bank offers cheaper service.

President Magill asked the board members to give effort to keep their expenses at a minimum. He also made a few comments if there should be an investigation of rehabilitation service for the deaf in the state.

Mr. Mowad reminded all because of election day and election laws, there is to be no liquor at the dance until after 8:00 p.m. The wearing of ties and coats is expected.

New Business: Mr. Mowad (Ray) moved to rescind three previous motions concerning the Association's Distinguished Award. (Special Announcement: President Magill gave special privilege to Mrs. Eugenia Ford, president of the LSSD-LTA Unit to make an announcement. Mrs. Ford stated that the graduating Class of 1960 left $150.00 with the LTA U nit to set up a Scholarship Fund with the purpose to help LSSD students attending Gallaudet College. The Class of 1961 contributed $200.00 more making the total of the fund $350.00. In 1962-63, four students received some help. In March, 1963, $100.00 was contributed and it is not known where the source came from. The Class of 1963 gave $150.00 and a personal check of $10.00 was given by a teacher. Since 1963, there were no contributions or disbursements. Since the purpose of the LTA Unit and LAD scholarship funds are similar, the LTA Unit decided to contribute its remaining $290.00 to the LAD Henry J. Soland, Jr. Scholarship Fund. The LAD expressed its gratitude to the LTA Unit for its geneosity).

Mr. Ray (Mowad) made an amendment to Mr. Mowad's motion to have the President appoint a committee to consider a better plan concerning the Distinguished Award. Mr. Ray's amendment was accepted. Mr. Mowad's original motion Passed.

Mr. Ray (Mowad) moved to accept Mr. Gray's appointment as parliamentarian. Passed.

The secretary read a letter asking the Association to buy an advertisement in the SWAAD's program book. Mr. Ray (Garcille) moved to buy 1/4 page for $32.50. Passed

Mr. Ray (Mowad) moved to act on Mr. Freeman's motion made last summer concerning rehabilitation needs of the deaf in the state of Louisiana. Passed.

Mr. Mowad (Ray) moved to reimburse Messrs Grady Berry and Oliver Childress for their coming to Baton Rouge in October. Passed.

Mr. Mowad brought to the board's attention the need to provide allotments to existing committees. This matter is to receive attention at the next board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

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Secretary