Minutes of the Third Louisiana Association

of the Deaf Board of Directors Meeting

May 25, 1968

The third LAD Board of Directors meeting in the intermittent of the 1969 Convention was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Magill. The meeting was held in the Alexandaria Club of the Deaf, Alexandaria, Louisiana. Six of the seven board members were present. There were 69 visitors.

The invocation was given in silence.

President Magill read Mr. Lefors' letter of resignation as a member of the board. Mr. Lefors stated he was unable to attend board meetings on Saturday, he did not want to distrupt the quorum of the board and he did not wish to hold back the function of the board by being absent frequently. (Refer to New Business for motion made on his resignation).

President Magill asked for corrections and revisions on the minutes of the second board meeting which was held on January 27, 1968. Mr. Mowad (Thomas) moved to accept the minutes as read. Passed.

President's Report:

(The President's report which was prepared in script is, herewith, quoted):

"In order to keep the Board functioning, I hope you can give some of your time to serve your official title faithfully. Sorry the Board of Directors meeting has to be held on Saturdays according to the LAD By-Laws. I understand that it is rather hard for some of you to meet.

"You all should be aware that the Executive board had some conference with the LSSD-PTA on sponsoring a bill for a state agency for Interpreters for the La. Deaf citizens in Criminal and Civil court.

"I have signed 144 letters pertaining to Bills #45 and 46 and sent them to our state legislators. The bills are to be present to the legislature by Mrs. L. Walker. (Copies of letter were passed out to Board members).

"The LAD letterheads were used and the President of the LSSD-PTA signed below my name. They used up all of my letterheads. We are supposed to pay for the paper and postage whenever a bill comes.

"I have ordered Max Ray to write a check for $8.00 to be sent to the Jr. NAD Convention to share with other state associations on a variety of national awards.

"I have not acted on selecting a committee other than the Laf. club members to help them on important matters for the convention. I am trying to select some one who travels to Laf. once in a while so it will not cost the LAD a cent. If you have any names to suggest, I will be glad to have them.

"I have appointed a committee of three to act on the distinguished award. Two have accepted. They are Eugene Pippins and Martin Bienvenu. Mrs. G. White has not answered.

"The Short Biography of Henry J. Soland, Jr. - is completed - the biography is still subject to some corrections.

"Preparation to go to the NAD is in progress - Flight reservations, room reservations - have been taken care of - Should send in for combination ticket soon to avoid rush."

Vice-President's Report:

Mr. Mowad stated that the people from Lafayette appeared to have made little progress on preliminary plans for the Convention. That was the only information he had to the best of his knowledge.

He also reported that the board meetings for 1968-69 will be held respectively in Baton Rouge and Monroe.

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Ray merely stated that a complete report of all transactions will be presented at the board meeting in the fall because very little business had taken place, so far.

Secretary's Report:

The secretary reported that quite soon a survey would be made in eight states for the federal government which would help determine the real need of the nursing home for the deaf. The secretary also gave a summary on the background of HB #45 and 46. President Magill added to the secretary's report that there will also be a need to apply the service of interpreters for civil service tests, driver license tests, etc. There will be a need to ask television stations to use captions on special news announcements such as hurricane and tornado warnings, curfews because of riots, etc.

Unfinished Business:

There is still a need to have one more person serve on the distinguished award committee. No action was taken, therefore, appointment of one more member still stands.

Mr. Mowad (Garcille) moved to postpone the testimonial dinner for Mr. Seal until another time. Passed.

New Business:

Mr. Mowad (Thomas) moved to increase the membership of the Executive Committee. The procedure to carry out is as follows: The President is to appoint a committee of three people to make a study of the change. The committee is to make its recommendation to the Law Committee, and in the final process, the Law Committee is to make its report to the General Assembly. Passed.

Mr. Ray (Mowad) moved to accept Mr. LeFors' resignation. Mr. Ray also stated that the President is to appoint a temporary board member to serve out the term until the next general election. Passed.

Mr. Freeman (Thomas) moved to close the board's new business at this meeting. Passed.

Announcements:

Mr. Magill wished to make it clear to the board members that he and Mr. Ray, Treasurer, will work together to complete plans for his (Mr. Magill's) trip to the NAD convention. This announcement was necessary because the plan to finance the trip was still incomplete.

Mr. Mowad emphasized that the purpose of the Henry J. Soland, Jr. Scholarship Fund was to help the needy deaf, not the well-to-do. He also stated there was a need to list the specific objectives of the scholarship fund. The scholarship fund is not to be used until it is determined at an appropriate time ~~[illegible]~~ when there is sufficient interest to make loans.

President Magill expressed his gratitude to the Alexandria Club of the Deaf and its committee for helping with the LAD rally and for the hospitality that was provided for all who attended.

Mr. Thomas (Garcille) moved to adjourn. Passed.

The meeting came to a close at 7:30 p.m.

Respectively submitted by,

Jerome W. Freeman

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Secretary