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MINUTES OF THE L.A.D. BOARD MEETING

OAKDALE, LA. MARCH 17, 1979

The Board of the L.A.D. met at the National Guard Armory in Oakdale, La. on March 17, 1979.

The meeting began at 2:30 p.m. with President Myers presiding and all officers present except Martin Bienvenu with a roll call of 7.

The minutes of the Alexandria meeting was read and seconded by M. Magill with corrections.

M. Ray gave his report as Treasurer as follows:

Scholarship Fund	\$ 10,800.00
Checking Account	1,136.48
Saving Account	6,700.00

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Jim Gibbs gave his report as Coordinator of Census Program, also announced that the L.A.D. now has a Post Office box number which is #3843, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821.

President Myers gave his report as read below:

NEW BUSINESS

A. Mowad (Magill) moved that all appointments for the L.A.D. must be approved by the Board as a whole at one of it's meetings or by mail. Passed.

A. Mowad (Magill) motioned to appoint Jim Gibbs as Coordinator of Census for the L.A.D. Passed.

A. Mowad (Ray) motioned appointments be as of January 3, 1979. Passed.

J. Henderson (Ray) moved President send letters to Chairpersons for 1979 Convention concerning hotel rooms for officers. Passed.

Ray (Mowad) moved to retrieve the L.A.D. certificate of appreciation for services to the Deaf community. Passed.

Ray (Mowad) moved to give Jim Gibbs authority to personally contact all affiliates and express to them the need of a liason representative from their club to attend and participate in all L.A.D. Board meetings. Passed.

Mowad (Ray) motioned that the L.A.D. buy a full-page ad in the L.S.D. yearbook for \$110.00. Passed.

Mowad (Henderson) moved to have L.A.D. Brochure printed. After some pro and con, Mowad (Magill) moved to hold until after 1979 convention. Passed.

President Myers asked the Board for their prefer of a guest speaker with the understanding that the local committee can choose either one they want:

1. G. Galloway
2. Gary Olsen
3. Ralph White

Ray (Henderson) motioned that L.A.D. pay half (1/2) of expenses of guest speaker. Passed.

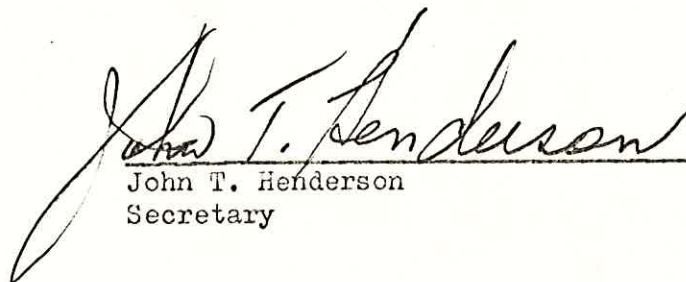
Henderson (Ray) motioned to have the next Board meeting in New Orleans, May 5, 1979. Passed.

Henderson (Magill) moved that the L.A.D. send Miss L.A.D. to the N.H.D. Pageant at the next convention. Ray amended President appoint a committee of three to study the situation and report at the convention in New Orleans. Passed.

Ray (Mowad) moved to give Jim Gibbs authority to begin a membership drive until the convention. Passed.

Mowad (Ray) moved to have the secretary send out minutes of last meetings within days.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.


John T. Henderson
Secretary

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. The Census is well underway. We have hired Jim Gibbs as Project Coordinator and his office is at the Louisiana School for the Deaf. Dr. Corson has provided this office at no cost to us. We have a Secretary working part-time, as needed. We have a new Post Office box and have ordered two TTY's.
2. We have three workshops scheduled for March 31, April 1-2, at the USL Conference Center in Lafayette. The first workshop is for interpreters and is in cooperation with LRID, and on the subject of interpreting for the deaf-visually impaired. The second workshop is for people who have Usher's Syndrome (deaf and visually impaired). The third workshop is on Usher's Syndrome and is for professionals, such as counselors, teachers, etc. We have a fine staff of people coming from all over the country to conduct these workshops. LSD and several other organizations are helping to pay the expenses for these workshops. Louisiana has between 300-400 people who have Usher's Syndrome and we hope that many will attend.
3. We have been co-sponsoring Bingo in Baton Rouge with the Catholic Deaf Center, ICDA and BRAD, and we have received \$400.00 so far. Medford Magill has been attending Bingo regularly but not to play the games but to work, and he is giving a lot of his time to the L.A.D.
4. The L.A.D. was represented at the Leadership Deaf Program at Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 16-18, by Jim Gibbs and Ester McAllister. There was no cost to the L.A.D. because the Census paid Jim Gibbs expenses and the New Orleans Catholic Deaf Center paid Ester McAllister's expenses.
5. The Louisiana Educational Television Authority, A Public Broadcasting affiliate, has been carrying the ABC Captioned News in Baton Rouge, Monroe and Shreveport. This started as a result of L.A.D. efforts. From time to time, they do not carry the news because the time is given to some other program. Recently they removed the captioned news for one week and many deaf people were upset. During that week they were conducting a fund raising drive and needed the time for their ads. I have talked with the Director of LETV about this and let him know about our unhappiness about the news being removed. I gave approval for \$100.00 of our share of Bingo money to be donated to LETV. The Catholic Deaf Center and BRAD also agreed to donate \$100.00 each, for a total donation of \$300.00. Also, a petition is being circulated in Baton Rouge to show our appreciation for the captioned news and to request that the news be shown regularly.
6. Plan are well underway for the convention this summer. We need to advise the Convention Committee of our preference for a banquet speaker. We hope to be able to get a well known deaf actor to provide entertainment.