

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
Louisiana Association of the Deaf, Inc.
November 3, 1979
Louisiana School for the Deaf
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

The meeting was called to order by President Mowad at 10:20 a.m. Present were Mowad, Magill, Ray, Myers, Austin and Benedetto.

The President asked Dave Myers to serve as Secretary in the place of Acting Secretary Henderson who was not present.

Father Howell offered a prayer.

The President asked Dr. Henry Smith to speak about the election of Superintendent of Education. Dr. Smith commented about the accomplishments made under Superintendent Nix that have benefited deaf people, and of the importance of keeping him in office.

The minutes of the Board Meeting of October 2, 1979 were reviewed and corrected.

Magill moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Passed.

Austin (Magill) moved that the LAD support the re-election of Kelly Nix as Superintendent of Education.

The matter of electing a Secretary was discussed. In accord with the By-Laws, a petition was drawn up calling for an election to elect a Secretary and this petition was signed by 35 people. However, eight signers were found to be non-members so they were invalid. This left 27 signatures three short of the required 30.

The President asked Joe Sarpy of Delgado College to report on Deaf Awareness Week, which will be November 11-17. There will be an exhibit at Clearview Shopping Center, Metairie, November 14-16. There will be a dance at Delgado on November 17th.

Magill (Austin) moved that the LAD joint with Delgado for the 1980 Deaf Awareness Week and that a Committee be chosen to work on the project. Passed.

The President asked Leo Burke and Joe Sarpy to serve on the Deaf Awareness Week Committee.

Harold Austin presented the 1979 convention report. Several questions were raised about differences in receipts and expenses.

Magill (Ray) moved that Treasurer Max Ray meet with three representatives of the New Orleans Convention Committee to discuss and straighten out the finance report; this meeting will be at the expense of the New Orleans Committee. Passed.

Father Howell presented the Awards Committee report. He submitted proposed guidelines for the LAD Service Award (copy attached).

Marvin Sallop, LSD Principal, speaking in place of Dr. Corson, welcomed the LAD and alumni to LSD.

Earl David reported on the 1980 LAD Convention plans. He read a letter from the Prince Murat Motel describing the facilities they can provide.

Magill (Ray) moved to have the 1980 Convention at the Prince Murat rather than at the Bellemont. Passed.

Harvey Gremillion discussed the election of Secretary. He stated that there is presently no permanent Secretary so the President has the authority to call a special meeting for the purpose of having an election if presented with a petition with 30 signatures of LAD members.

The President delegated the Chair to the Vice President.

Mowad agreed that after adjournment of the present regular meeting he will call a special meeting for the purpose of holding an election providing that a petition signed by 30 members is presented to him.

The President resumed the Chair.

Magill (Ray) moved that the LAD print a newsletter in December and send to all paid members.

Myers (Ray) moved that the LAD send two representatives to the NAD Regional Conference in Memphis, November 16-18. Passed.

The President selected Magill and himself to attend with an alternate to be selected if necessary.

Myers (Magill) moved that we make a donation to the NAD Halex House fund in memory of Frederick C. Schreiber.

Ray (Austin) amended to make the amount of the contribution \$200. Passed.

Myers (Ray) moved that the LAD joint the Centennial Convention Club Plan at a cost of \$500 to cover the cost of the LAD delegate to the 1980 Convention.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55.

Special Board Meeting
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The Special Meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon, on the basis of a petition signed by 30 members, for the purpose of holding an election.

The President explained that Charles Estes was elected Secretary but resigned. John Henderson had been asked to serve as Acting Secretary.

Max Ray nominated Dave Myers for Secretary.

The President cast the ballot for Dave Myers as Secretary.

This vote created a vacancy for a 2 year Board position.

Joe Broussard nominated Bob Sheffield.

The President cast the ballot for Bob Sheffield.

President Mowad administered the oath of office to Myers and Sheffield.

The Board agreed that students must be 18 or over to attend the LAD dance.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15.