Louisiana Association of the Deaf
Board Meeting
February 23, 1980
Baton Rouge Association of the Deaf Clubhouse
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 a.m. by President Mowad. Present were Mowad, Magill Myers, Ray, Austin, Sheffield; also Newsletter Editor Joe Broussard and Census Coordinator Jim Gibbs.

Representing affiliate organizations:
Bobbie LeFors - B.R.A.D.
Joe Broussard - L.R.I.D.
Elwood Young - Baton Rouge Catholic Deaf Center

The President submitted the agenda. Items listed will be acted on before other matters.

Magill reported on the NAD Region III Conference held in Memphis.

Max Ray gave the Treasurer's Report:

$8876 in Savings Account
$2994 in Checking Account
Approximately $11,000 in the Investment Fund
The LAD has assets of approximately $22,000

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Myers (Magill) moved to accept the appointment of Linda Annala to direct the Counseling and Service Coordination Program as per written agreement. Passed.

Harold Austin reported on the 1979 LAD Convention as representative of the Catholic Deaf Center, New Orleans, the host organization. The LAD share is $1077.64. A final report is to b e prepared.

Ray (Magill) moved to accept the Convention report.

The question was raised regarding the status of the proposed Commission for the Deaf. President Mowad said that it is a matter that we will have to explore after the new Governor comes into office.

Magill (Sheffield) moved to accept Ada Estes as Chairperson of the Miss LAD Committee. Passed.

Magill (Ray) moved to accept Susan Cole as Miss LAD and that she be our representative to the NAD Miss Deaf America Pageant in Cincinnati, providing that she is accepted by the NAD Pageant Committee.

Ray (Austin) moved to appoint a female chaperone to accompany Miss LAD to the Miss Deaf America Pageant.

Sheffield (Myers) amended the motion to allow Susan Cole to pick her own chaperone. Passed.

The main motion passed as amended.

Ray (Magill) moved to allow Miss LAD and chaperone $250 for room, $210 for meals for two persons, air fare for two persons, plus transportation between the airport and the convention hotel. Passed.

President Mowad asked Magill to assume the chair.

Ray (Mowad) moved to send Ada Estes to the 1980 Miss Deaf America Pageant in Cincinnati to observe and get ideas for future Miss LAD Pageant, with a $400 expense limit.

Austin (Ray) amended the motion, that Ada Estes be requested to assist Susan Cole and her chaperone in every way possible during the Miss Deaf America Pageant.

The amendment and main motion passed.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:30 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 1:20 p.m.

Bobbie LeFors took the floor to report for the 1980 Convention Committee. The Combo price will be $19, or $17 if purchased before an as yet undetermined deadline.

The registration fee of $2 will be split equally between the local host organization and the LAD.

The BRAD Clubhouse must be closed on Friday and Saturday nights (August 1 and 2) in accord with the LAD By Laws.

The Convention will officially begin at 2 p.m. on August 1. There will be a banquet on Friday night and a dance on Saturday night.

Heritage Publishing Company must be contacted for a clarification regarding whether or not they will print a Convention Program Book for 1980.

Magill (Austin) moved to accept the Convention Committee report. Passed.

Magill reported for the Jr. LAD Committee. Dr. Corson wants a constitution and By Laws. This needs to be done before school closes in order to insure implementation for Fall 1980.

Jim Gibbs explained the need for a new person to take on the responsibility for the Heritage TCC Program. He feels that a Baton Rouge person should be selected for convenience of operations.

Myers (Ray) moved that Magill be the new TCC Chairman, Passed.

Myers (Austin) moved that Ray and Magill be responsible for the Student Awards and that they appoint two LSD staff to work with them.

Ray (Magill) amended the motion, that the Secretary be instructed to send a letter to Dr. Corson with copy to Mr. Sallop, informing them of the Awards and to get their approval to implement the Awards.

The amendment and main motion passed.

It was agreed that other schools and VR Counselors should be contacted for assistance in locating candidates for these Awards.

Joe Broussard, Newsletter Editor, reported that LRID wants to have their own newsletter but for the time being they will pay postage for their members to receive the LAD Newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

Ray (Magill) moved to sponsor a contest to pick a new name for the Newsletter with a $50 prize to the winner. Passed.

Ray (Austin) moved that the contest to select a name for the Newsletter be judged by the Newsletter Editor, TCC Chairman, andone Board Member. Passed.

Sheffield (Austin) moved that the problem of deciding who gets the proceeds from the Convention program book by Heritage Publishing Company be referred to the Law Committee. Passed.

Myers (Magill) moved to ask Heritage to send 20 LAD brochures with each Service Directory mailed to members. Passed.

Joe Broussard discussed the need for the LAD to be represented at LRID Board meetings as the LAD has full voting rights for its representative. He also expressed the need for the LRID to have voting rights for its representative to the LAD Board.

Sheffield (Myers) moved to refer to the Law Committee the matter of LRID having a voting representative on the LAD Board. Passed.

Ray (Magill) moved that the Secretary be requested to write a letter to Joe Benedetto informing him that a third absence from a Board Meeting will automatically remove him from the Board in accord with the LAD By-Laws. Passed.

By general concensus the Board agreed to explore the possibility of making a bid to bring the 1986 NAD Convention to New Orleans.

Myers (Ray) moved that the LAD sponsor a Workshop on Usher's Syndrome and to allow up to $500 for expenses as needed. Passed.

Myers (Magill) moved to authorize the expenditure of up to $1000 from the General Fund to cover the expenses of completing the LAD Census. Passed.

Myers (Ray) moved that the Secretary be authorized to draft a resolution supporting Phase II of the Louisiana School for the Deaf Building Program. Passed.

The President selected Joe Broussard as Chairman of the Deaf Commission Committee, giving him the authority to select four Committee members.

Myers (Magill) moved that the Secretary be authorized to send a letter to Governor-elect Treen requesting that an interpreter be provided for the Governor's Inauguration on March 10. Passed.

Ray (Myers) moved to appoint a committee to work with the Public Service Commission to seek a cut in phone rates for TTY users. Passed.

The President appointed Mowad, Myers, Broussard, Ray, and Sheffield to the Committee for Phone Rate Reducation.

The Secretary was requested to write letters to Congressmen supporting a tax credit for purchase of television decoders.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.