

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF

May 24, 1980
Catholic Deaf Center
Baton Rouge, LA

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by President Mowad. Present were: Mowad, Magill, Myers, Ray, Sheffield, Benedetto; also Linda Annala, Jim Gibbs, and Miss Deaf Louisiana, Susan Cole; and a number of affiliate representatives and visitors. Harold Austin was absent, also Newsletter Editor, Broussard. Both were excused.

Sheffield noted an error in the minutes of the November 3rd Board Meeting: Joe Broussard and not Joe Benedetto attended the meeting.

Magill moved to accept the minutes of the February 23, 1980 meeting. passed.

Sheffield (Ray) moved that the LAD financial books be closed as of June 15, 1980, and that a report for the Convention be forthcoming. passed.

Medford Magill, took the floor to give the Vice Presidents and Law Committee report. LRID has requested voting membership on the LAD Board. This must be reviewed by the Law Committee.

The Secretary reported that Joe Broussard wishes to resign from the Commission for the Deaf and TTY Rate Committees for personal and health reasons.

Ray (Benedetto) moved to accept the resignations of Joe Broussard. PASSED.

Dave Myers reported on activities regarding efforts to get a TTY rate reduction. The Louisiana Center for Public Interest has voluntarily taken on the responsibility of preparing a petition to the Public Service Commission requesting an 80 per cent reduction in intrastate phone rates for TTY users, and also requesting that the phone company provide TTY's to deaf persons at a reasonable cost lease or purchase.

The President appointed Jim Gibbs to replace Joe Broussard on the TTY Rate Committee.

The President announced new Law Committee members: Joe Benedetto, Bob Sheffield, Mary Wood, and Huey Barbin.

Magill reported that the Junior LAD By Laws are being developed and the Board members will receive copies when completed. The program is expected to start in the fall.

Bobbie LeFors reported for the Baton Rouge Convention Committee. The combo ticket will be \$20.00 for members and \$23.00 for non-members. The registration fee of \$3.00 will be divided with \$2.00 going to the LAD and \$1.00 to the local sponsors.

Benedetto (Ray) moved to accept the Convention Committee report.
PASSED

Linda Annala, Coordinator, LAD Program for the Deaf-Visually Impaired, reported on the activities of her program. She has worked with 15 individuals, 13 LSD students, and has conducted four workshops.

Magill (Benedetto) moved to give authority to Myers and Ray to purchase a typewriter. PASSED.

Magill reported on the Total Communication Concept with Heritage Publishing Company. He is not getting any correspondence from Heritage. He requested that the Secretary send them a letter to remind them that he is their LAD contact person, and also to ask them to send all checks to Max Ray at the LAD Post Office address.

President Mowad announced that Magill will be the LAD delegate to the NAD Convention, with Max Ray as the alternate.

President Mowad appointed Father Howell as the new Chairman of the Legislative Committee.

Father Howell reported on the Commission of the Deaf Bill sponsored by Representative Kevin Reilly. He sees a possible need for a reception for legislators to acquaint them with our needs.

Myers (Magill) moved to authorize up to \$1,500 for public relations purposes.

Benedetto (Ray) amended the motion, that a report be submitted detailing all expenditures. The amendment passed.

The main motion passed as amended.

Linda Leiter, a parent of a deaf child from New Orleans took the floor to talk about problems with the Jefferson Parish School program. She wants the School Board to provide sign language classes for parents so that they can communicate with their children, and also interpreters for mainstreaming purposes.

Father Howell recommended sending a letter to the NAD to ask for help in getting an amendment to P.L. 94-142 to required that sign language classes for parents be provided by school programs.

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Sheffield (Ray) moved that the LAD support Linda Leiter and all families of deaf children in their efforts to get sign language classes. PASSED.

Magill (Ray) moved to ask the NAD to make efforts to get P.L.94-142 amended to include a requirement for sign language classes for parents. PASSED.

Benedetto (Magill) moved to reconsider Sheffield's motion regarding sign language classes for parents. PASSED.

The motion was brought back to the floor for discussion and passed a second time with Benedetto casting one opposing vote.

Sheffield (Magill) moved that the LAD oppose the House Bill providing for a windshield sticker indicating that the driver is deaf.

Ray (Benedetto) amended the motion to ask the sponsor of the Bill to amend it to put stripe on the license plate to indicate that the driver is deaf. PASSED.

The main motion passed as amended.

Myers (Ray) moved that we authorize payment of \$384.00 for expenses of Miss LAD and chaperone to attend the NAD Convention, in addition to monies already authorized. PASSED.

BUDGET for Miss LAD:

Registration for contestant	\$ 75.00
Registration for chaperone	125.00
Air fare for contestant and chaperone	360.00
Room - 8 nights	328.00
Meals @ \$3.00 per day	240.00
Shuttle Bus	16.00
	<u>\$1,144.00</u>

Vice President Magill took the Chair in place of President Mowad.

Mowad (Sheffield) moved to authorize an additional payment of \$150 to Ada Estes, Miss LAD Committee Chairperson, to attend the NAD Convention. PASSED.

President Mowad took the Chair.

Myers (Ray) moved to support bringing the American Association for the Deaf-Blind Convention to Louisiana in 1984.

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Sheffield (Benedetto) amended the motion, Linda Annala inquire as to the financial arrangements for the AADIB and if the LAD would have to finance the Convention that the LAD withdraw from the Convention. The amendment passed.

The main motion passed as amended.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.