

Louisiana Association of the Deaf

Board Meeting

October 9, 1980

Prince Murat Inn

Nancy Theissen, Attorney, and Ron Wilson, CPA, from the Louisiana Center for Public Interest, New Orleans, were present to discuss the pending request to the Public Service Commission for lower TTY long distance rates and lower tty rental rates. The request goes before the PSC at their meeting December 8-10, 1980, in Baton Rouge. Support is needed from the deaf community to insure that we get a favorable decision from the PSC. Ms. Theissen wants the cooperation of the LAD to send a questionnaire to deaf people, and help in paying the expenses for the questionnaire and staff travel.

The meeting was called to order by President Mowad at 7:40 p.m. Present were Mowad, Magill, Myers, Ray, Sheffield, Benedetto. Absent were Austin and Broussard. Dr. Corson, NAD Board Member was present.

Magill (Sheffield) moved to allow up to \$800 for the expenses of preparing for our TTY petition before the Public Service Commission. Carried.

1980 Convention Report

Bobbie Lefors gave an unofficial report. The final report is due November 8th. The report must be audited by a Committee of three to be chosen by Bobbie Lefors.

Homecoming

The Homecoming Dance will be held at the Baton Rouge Catholic Deaf Center with Eddie Woods as Chairman. The proceeds from admissions will be split as follows: one half to the LAD, one fourth to BRAD, and one fourth to the Catholic Deaf Center. BRAD will sell drinks and live music will be provided. The admissions will be \$8 per couple and \$5 single.

Jr. LAD

Medford Magill reported that the new organization has 15 members. He recommends that we allow them to sell the 1981 LAD Calendars as a fund raising project. He also feels that we should start using them as pages at the LAD Conventions, which will develop their interest in the LAD.

TCC

Magill reported on various TCC matters. These are many problems with the Heritage people.

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NAD Plaque

Magill reported that he is working on a plaque to be presented by the LAD to the NAD in recognition of its Centennial Celebration. The only cost will be for the engraving.

New Business

Magill (Benedetto) moved that the Jr. LAD be presented to sell surplus LAD calendars as a fund raising project. Carried.

Magill (Ray) moved that the LAD pay for engraving and postage costs for the NAD Centennial Plaque. Carried.

Ray (Magill) moved to suspend the rules to allow presentation of the LAD Service Award at a more appropriate time. Carried.

A request by an Oklahoma Corporation, involved in television programming, for the LAD's mailing list was denied by general consensus of the Board.

Mowad selected the following as Awards Committee members:

Father Howell, Chairman
Ann Guidry
Joe Benedetto
Max Ray

The meeting adjourned.


David W. Myers, Secretary