SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF

LAD Home Office
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Baton Rouge, LA.
January 14, 1989 Done!

President Benedetto called the special meeting tto order at 9:30 a.m. The President opened with a special prayer for unity and co-operation in the LAD. Ray Parks, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Vice President Magill, Recording Secretary Burke, Corresponding Secretary Smith, Senior Board Member Wood, Junior Board member Bennett, LRID Representative to LAD Gamber, BRAD Representative, Malcolm, Lafayette Representative Baudoin, Alexanderia Representative Mowad. Vistors: Houston Moss, Elise Burke, Lenora Heine, Jack and Virgie Falcon, Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Connie Tullos and Pat Scofield.

The purpose of the special meeting was to fill the Middle Board Member vacancy. Nominees were: Houston Moss and Jack Falcon. Richard Malcolm(Wood) moved the nominations be closed and proceed to vote. Passed. The vote was tied. The President cast the tie breaaker and jack Falcon was elected Middle Board Member.

The special meeting was adjourned.

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
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President Benedetto called the regular Board meeting to order.

He presented an addendum report to the board.

Leo Burke (bennett) moved the "Community Chest" concept in the President's Report be moved to unfinished Business for further discussion. Passed.

President benedetto asked if the Board had any objection to the appointment of Pat Scofield and Connie Tullos as Co-Editors of the Bayou State Bulletin. Passed.

Jack Falcon (Malcolm) moved LAD donate $500.00 to NAD to fight misinterpretation by local school systems of P.L. 94-142. Gamber (Malcolm) amended motion to read $1000.00. Amendment passed. Main motion, as amended, passed.

President Benedetto recommended Board established an Ad-Hoc committee to plan a state-wide demonstration in conjunction with the NAD demonstration against P.L. 94-142 on March 1, 1989. Passed. He appointed Ray Parks, Jr. to chair the committee. Passed without objection.

The President recommended that the Board meet bi-monthly and asked the Board to recommend a day. Ray Parks suggested the LAD Board meet every 1st Saturday of the month every other month. Leo Burke amended the motion to "fixed date." Medford Magill (Bennett) moved that all of the first saturdays of the month for the year 1989 be reserved. The motion, as amended, passed.

The Board accepted the President's recommendation to retain Mr. LeBaron and a certified Public Accountant (CPA) recommended by Mr. LeBaron. passed

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT (Mary Smith):

Received a thank you note from Elise Burke re: trip to Washington, D.C.

Received a letter from Pauline Wood, Athletic Director at the Louisiana School for the Deaf, seeking donation to purchase girls' basketball uniforms.

Received a letter from the Lousiana School for the Deaf's L'Aigle staff re: advertisement. LAD has a 1/2 page advertisement policy for L'Aigle.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Ray Parks, Jr.):

Balance as of January 14, 1989 ---------- $43,733.48

Medford Magill (Malcolm) moved LAD purchased lunch for all of the people present. Passed.

Treasurer Parks recommended the Special Account be closed and that LAD consolidate three accounts: Special Account, Savings Account at Capital Union, and Soland Fund into a Merrill Lynch WMA (Working Management Account) fund.

Shirley Gamber (Falcon) moved LAD consolidate the three accounts as recommeded above by Parks with proper instructions given to Merrill Lynch. Wayne Bennett (Magill) amended motion "after CPA reviews and makes suggestions." Mary Smith (Burke) amended motion "to come back to Board before going to Merrill Lynch." Gamber (Burke) amended Smith's motion "goes to LAD Executive

Committee before going to merrill Lynch." Motion, as amended, passed.

Jack Falcon (Mowad) moved LAD pay Wayne Bennett's expenses (hotel, airline ticket, basic per diem) for the El Paso trip. Passed.

Mary Smith (Gamber) moved LAD pay participants to El Paso $30.00 per diem; that participants be reimursed the $6. differece per diem; and LAD pay Ray Parks, Jr. his $6.00 difference. Passed.

Jack Falcon (Smith) moved the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Passed.

SENIOR BOARD MEMBER REPORT (Ed Wood): No Report.

MIDDLE BOARD MEMBER REPORT (Jack Falcon): No Report.

JUNIOR BOARD MEMBER REPORT (Wayne Bennett):

Received a call from tdi asking him to conduct a survey re: new terminology for ttds since the term can also refer to modern electronic equipment too.

As a representative of the Telephone Access Board, will be conducting a survey on whether the majority prefer TDDs or a Telephone Relay service just in case ther's not enough money available to fund both projects.

Asked for Board's support in visiting a local hospital and officially lodging a complaint about lack of communication on treatments, etc., between deaf patients and hospital people. Without objection, the Board authorized the Advocacy Committee to become involved.

Recommeds LAD address the issues of deaf citizens who have minimal communciation skills, but didnt have a certified interpreter nor a good lawyer. Without objection, the Board authorized the Advocacy Committee to become involved.

LRID REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD (Shirley Gamber):

Jack Falcon (Bemmnett) moved LAD donate $200.00 to the "Deaf, Deaf World" Enhancement fund. Passed.

Recommended that at the LAD Convention, the "what to do if the Police Stops You" workshop be presented.

"Rights of Deaf & Severely Hard of Hearing" card referred to the Advocacy Committee.

Recommeded workshop be held during the convention. Mary Smith (Burke) amended "workshop be held at staggered hours." Motion, as amended, passed.

ALEXANDRIA REPRESENTATIVE (Mary Mowad):

Invited the Board to Alexandria for the Board meeting in May subject to the Alexandria Assocation of the Deaf's approval. Without objection, the Board decided to have the May meeting in Alexandria.

LAFAYETTE REPRESENTATIVE (Mike Baudion):

L.A.A.D. will host a Saturday Night Crawfish party following the LAD Board meeting on March 4th.

Presented L.A.A.D. recomended convention fare for Board input. LAD recommeded, subjected to L.A.A.D. acceptance, the following:

Registration	$3.00
Program book	2.00
Buffet	15.00
Workshop	free
Total	$20.00

COMBO PRICES:	Members	$20.00
	Non-members	32.00
	Senior Citizens	15.00

Without objection, the Board gave L.A.A.D. the authority to be flexible on these rates and to combine into one ticket price.

BRAD REPRESENTATIVE (Richard Malcolm):

Ray Parks, Jr. spoke for Richard Malcolm. Parks (Magill) moved LAD "forgive" the debt of $332.00 and donate the money to BRAD for their clubhouse. Passed.

DECODER COMMITTEE REPORT (Elise Burke, Chairlady):

Parks (Burke) moved LAD order ten (10) decoders at a cost of $1500.00. Gamber (Bennett) amended "as long as money is there." Main motion, as amended, passed.

BINGO COMMITTEE REPORT (Leo Burke, Chairman):

Challenged to earn $1,000,000. Presented LAD Treasurer4 Parks a check for $35,517.02. Balance $10,000 in checking account; $2000.00 cash on hand. Net earnings since March 1988, $74,000. Mr. Burke agreed he will provide Board with copies of Quarterly Bingo reports at the March 4th meeting.

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT (Wayne Bennett, Cahirman)

The March1, 1989 demonstration against P.L. 94-142 is very important. He noted that often new laws are passed and the old laws are still "in the books." Recommended LRID and LAD work together as "watchdogs."

Currently the telephone access is top priority with mental health a top second priority. Would like LAD support in advance to go back to legislature for another increase if the 5 cents is not enough. Without objection, the board authized this recommedation.

Shirley Gamber (Parks) moved the agenda be suspended for three minutes.

Ed Wood (Burke) moved LAD appoint two people to rtepresent LAD at the AIDS workshop in Dallas. - one man and one woman. Passed. The President recommeded the Executive Committee makes the decision on who goes. Passed.

SIGN LANGUAGE COMMITTEE REPORT (Dan Burch, Chairman):

Shirley reported the committee is still working on certification of interpreters and standards for basic training classes.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE REPORT (Ray Parks, Jr., Chairman):

See Treasurer's report.

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT (Wayne Bennett, Chairman):

No Report

TV/MEDIA COMMITTEE REPORT (Elise Burke, Co-Chair):

Needs help in confronting cablevision and filing an objection about the converter not being compatiable with decoders.

JR. LAD LAISION REPORT (Pat Scofield, Advisor): Absent

HOMECOMING DAY REPORT (Medford Magill, Co-Chair):

Good crowd, delicious food, weather uncooperative.

PAGEANT COMMITTEE REPORT (Medford Magill, Chairman):

No Report. Pageant in debt $280.00

INTERPRETER COMMITTEE REPORT (Shirley Gamber, Chairlady):

There has been no interpreter services in Baton Rouge since July 1988.

Parks (Gamber) moved Leo Burke be compensated the amount of salary lost for personal leave deducted from his leave to attend uds meeting in Arkansas. Passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Medford Magill(Po Wood) moved Lad recess until February 4th. Failed.

The concept of a "Community Chest" was tabled until next board meeting. Passed.

Leo Burke (Wood) moved LAD donate $200.00 toward girls' basketball team uniforms at LSD) Passed.

Board voted to defer action on the per diem policy.

NEW BUSINESS:

Parks moved LAD donate $1000.00 to the Arts Festival. No second. Failed.

Smith moved LAD donate $500.00 to the Art Festival. No second Failed.

GOOD OF ORDER

Chairmen and Chairladies were complimented for their hard work on behalf of LAD.

Meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

President Benedetto called the special Board meeting to order at 5:25 p.m.

He recommeded that the Merrill Lynch account be opened through Merrill Lynch representative Neal Kay in New Orleans, with the understanding that transactions may be coducted through Merrill Lynch Baton Rouge office. The Board adopted the recommendation without objection.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Prepareed by: Respectfully submitted,

Mary Smith
Corresponding Secretary

Leo Burke
Recording Secretary