

MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF
Lafayette Catholic Deaf Center
March 31, 1990

The board was called to order by President Medford Magill at 9:15 a.m. at Lafayette Catholic Deaf Center.

All officers were present except Wayne Bennett who was excused. Two officers arrived a few minutes later.

Minutes of January 13, 1990 was corrected as follow: to say that the banquet following "parliamentary workshop" should replace that "following LRE workshop" and the \$550 fee was for national RID test, not that of LRID.

Max Ray (Richard Malcolm) moved minutes be accepted as corrected. Passed.

Leo Burke (Houston Moss) moved to accept Cleve Cormier's letter of resignation as corresponding secretary. Passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Medford Magill.

Unable to change date of board meeting a second time due to conflict with Geneva and Gus White's 50th anniversary celebration in Lake Charles.

Dr. Harvey Corson informed that \$500 more was needed to complete the Anthony Mowad Memorial plaque. The cost is \$3,500, not the original \$3,000.

The Telephone Access Program Board held a meeting last Thursday and there is now \$1,463,706.48 in the fund for free TDDs/Relay Service Project. That represents a collection of about \$62,000 a month or \$750,000 a year.

UltraTec has been selected from four brands, but bidding has not begun.

Mary Smith has been appointed by him as Corresponding Secretary.

LAD now has 370 members--that means only two delegates will attend to the NA Convention this summer.

He thanked LAAD and Fr. Dutra for the use of the Lafayette Catholic Deaf Center for the meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Leo Burke.

LAD Home Office is a blessing, but he pleaded for hiring a part-time secretary/interpreter for the Home Office.

Only one decoder is left and the board needs to authorize buying ten more decoders.

By-Laws revision meeting was postponed due to too many activities which conflicted with

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everyone's schedules.

Praised recording secretary for the work on delivery of the decoders and minutes of the meeting.

Praised President Magill for doing long and hard work at Home Office.

Briefly commented on the NA regional workshop in Nashville on March 16-17: 35 delegates and 3 officers attended the meeting, some NA employees were laid off; Mrs. Simpson will not run for re-election; computer system at NA Home Office broke down months ago and repair estimated at \$18,000.

Use of DeafText will cost \$50. per year.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT: Jack Falcon.

Inquired if thirty day period for mailing out copies of minutes be continued or wait until shortly before the next meeting. It was agreed that the thirty day period remained as agreed before but extra copies to be printed for Board members coming to the next meeting. Approved.

Received a letter from Jerrye Ray requesting LAD to donate money to defray the debt of Rydell Mizell and help Brenda, his wife.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Houston Moss.

Announced \$256,000 was donated to the LAD from the LAD Bingo Committee.

Moss urged the LAD to increase its percentage of saving money from 18% to about 50% overall and not donate too much money.

To continue with current spending pattern means a delay in meeting basic priorities will be delayed.

Dr. Seth Ocloo has submitted a request for \$500 to send a delegate to a New Orleans workshop on how grants from various sources could be obtained for our needed financial outlays.

Max Ray (Harry Huthnance) moved this report be accepted. Passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mary Smith gave a report on two items: 1) Educational Expo will be held at the Centroplex. The LAD is invited to work the closed captions exhibit booth and publicize decoders for the deaf on behalf of Channel 2 and 2) on behalf of Diane Bordelon, chair of the CAID Convention in New Orleans, a request for donation from LAD to defray the cost of the convention.

Houston Moss of the Ways and Means Committee discussed many problems involving request by the Baton Rouge Catholic Deaf Center for \$10,000 loan to set-up DAC in Baton Rouge area. Different opinions were submitted from the floor.

He made a decision to include the Bingo Account report in the overall LAD financial report.

He expressed his dislike of the H. Soland Fund's separate identity and suggested it be absorbed

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into another account. Mary Smith suggested to consider this fund going into a Merrill-Lynch account.

NEW BUSINESSES:

Leo Burke (Richard Malcom) moved to approve the President's appointment of Mary Smith as Corresponding Secretary. Passed. President Magill administered the Oath of Office.

Special meeting for the revision of Constitution and By-Laws was tabled until the next meeting. Passed.

Banquet for LAD members only following the April 21 Parliamentary Workshop will be held at Ramada Inn at 6 pm as explained by Dee Thomas. Approved.

Approved \$275 for the Educational Expo booth at the Centroplex.

Max Ray (Mary Smith) moved to accept President Magill's letter to Mr. Dan Burch's letter about the Sign Language Committee. Passed.

Letter from Artie Terrell was moved by Leo Burke (Harry Hutnance) to be tabled to next meeting. Passed.

Letter from Pauline Wood, LSD Athletic Director, requesting LAD donate trophies toward multi-athletic activities to be held at LSD at 6 pm, May 4, 1990. Leo Burke (Richard Malcolm) moved that we donate \$150 for 10 MVP trophies. Passed.

Max Ray (Harry Hutnance) moved to let an organization of less than twenty members) conduct its regular meeting at LAD Home Office free of charge. Passed.

Max Ray (Mike Baudoin) moved to donate \$120 per ring to each of five MH graduates at LSD this year. Leo Burke (Houston Moss) amended to limit to three graduates. Motion, as amended, passed.

Jerrye Ray's letter requesting LAD donate money to help defray medical costs for the late Rydell Mizell. Houston Moss (Mike Baudoin) moved in place of money, we search for other agencies to help her. Passed.

One of the Board members was reminded by Dr. Corson that the cost of the Anthony Mowad Memorial plaque was upped from \$3,000 to \$3,500. Max Ray (Houston Moss) moved to request a letter of confirmation on this request from Dr. Corson first and send a copy to the Mowad family. Passed.

Jack Falcon (Charles Heinen) moved to reimburse Mary Ann Mowad for her expenses to the hearing last October in Baton Rouge. Max Ray (Richard Malcolm) amended to pay only mileage and postage to her and to also include Charles Heinen and Cleve Cormier. Motion, as amended, passed.

Max Ray (Jack Falcon) moved to help Mary Smith revised the Directory of Services before the Easter deadline and to also give her full authority to approve the final draft for printing without coming to the board for approval. Passed.

RECESS FROM 12:10 TO 1:10 PM

Max Ray (Charles Heinen) moved to allow the President to appoint Ad Hoc Committee of three to study and make recommendation to the President for his approval of \$391 insurance for the LAD as explained

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in letter from insurance company. Passed.

Houston Moss (Richard Malcolm) moved to pay Lafayette Catholic Deaf Center \$28.85 for the rental of the meeting hall. Passed.

Leo Burke (Richard Malcolm) moved that LAD hire secretary/ interpreter for Home Office. Max Ray (Houston Moss) amended to set up job description and guidelines before hiring. Motion, as amended, passed.

Houston Moss explained the need to combine all LAD accounts into a single Master account. Max Ray (Richard Malcolm) moved to give three officers to proceed after Leo Burke and Max Ray discuss possible actions with Merrill-Lynch broker Steve Hlibok at the AAD workshop in Phoenix, Arizona. Passed.

Leo Burke moved the Recording Secretary write to Joe Benedetto and asked him what happened to the two outstanding checks which are long overdue (\$68.80 and \$200). Passed.

GOOD OF ORDER:

President Magill asked us not to talk negative about the LAD. For the goodness of the LAD, he urged us to always talk positive about LAD. Any criticism of the LAD and its progress should be aired here in the meetings, not out of the meetings. He made some points about the phone relay system.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Richard Malcolm announced the SouthWest Golf Association Tournament will be held in Baton Rouge July 6 & 7 before the start of the National Deaf Bowling Association in New Orleans on July 8-15.

President Magill announced the next meeting will be held at the LAD Home Office June 2 at 9 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Falcon, Recording Secretary

APPROVED: _____