MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF
Community Church Unitarian Universalist
6690 Fleur de Lis Drive
New Orleans, LA
August 25, 1990

President Medford Magill called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m. aBoard Member Max Ray led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Magill expressed appreciation to the LRID representative, Marcella Little, and our host, LRID-NO, for making arrangements to hold the meeting in New Orleans and providing refreshments. All were present except Recording Secretary Jack Falcon and Board member Wayne Bennett. Kevin Smith was recognized as L.A.A.D. representative to the board.

Minutes from the June 2,1992 meeting was distributed. Max Ray (Richard Malcolm) moved the minutes be accepted as read.

<u>PRESIDENT'S REPORT:</u> Medford Magill.

*An Executive Committee meeting was held July 5, 1990 at the LAD Home Office at 8:30 p.m. Purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed expansion of office space and negotiations with Baton Rouge Association of the Deaf to rent three rooms.

*Recommended the LAD donate $50.00 to the Community Church Unitarian Universalist which provided the meeting space.

*The farewell party for Dr. Harvey Corson and his wife, Mary Ann, at White Oak Plantation was a great success.

*The meeting with Dot Johnson on June 15th was canceled. Vice President Leo Burke flew to Austin to meet with her and get some helpful tips in regard to the search for a new superintendent of LSD.

*Any report from the Political Action Committee chaired by Steve Baldwin?

*Received a call from June Street, supervisor of the Hearing Impaired Program at the State Department of Education. She asked for an LAD representative on a Resource Guide committee. this committee will be responsible for finalizing a resource guide for personnel serving the deaf and hearing impaired in Louisiana. Mary Smith's name was submitted. Also, a representative on the Telephone Access Program Board (TAPB) is needed. Max Ray volunteered to serve on TAPB.

*Remember LAD agreed to pick up the tab for a guest speaker at the LRID convention in September. This has not been an easy task because many require notification four months in advance. He contacted M.J. Bienvenu. She is booked for one year. M.J. recommended Marie Phillips From Mass. and attempts are being made to contact her.

*Dan Burch, Chairman of the Sign Language Committee, is here to answer your questions.

*Received letters from Dr. John C. Radvany, Acting Superintendent at LSD, requesting 1) LAD appoint an LAD representative to serve on the Teacher of the Year (TOY) committee and 2) LAD nominate a candidate for TOY.

*At its June 29 meeting of the Louisiana Commission for the Deaf, Dr. Corson submitted his resignation and Medford was elected as chairman until the next election in October 1991.

*The next board meeting is scheduled for October 20, 1990. It is also LSD's homecoming day. the memorial plaque in honor of Anthony Mowad is tentatively scheduled to be dedicated at 11 a.m. Plans are not yet finalized. The President recommended our regular meeting be moved to either the week before or after October 20.

*He was invited by South Bell to represent the LCD at the South Bell Forum in Talladega, Al.

*Certified letter sent to Joe Benedetto as directed by the board was returned.

*TDDs are on order and should be arriving soon.

*Letter from LRID president Anthony J.Aramburo rejecting LAD proposal to sponsor a guest speaker at the LRID convention in Lake Charles in exchange for two free interpreters at the LAD convention in June 1991. Aramburo cited professionalism as the reason for declining the proposal.

<u>VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:</u> Leo Burke.

*Read a letter from Ray Parks, Jr., former Treasurer of LAD.

1) requested an $200.00 honorarium fee for working on the <u>BSB</u> for two years.

2) recommended LAD consider hiring an Executive Director.

3) LAD must take steps in dealing with the interpretation of LRE (least restrictive environments) and rights of choice.

*Has called two meetings of the Law Committee. Committee members are Vice President Burke, President Magill, Jack Falcon, Mary Smith, Charles Martin, Ray Parks, and Nick Imme. Passed out copies of the revised by-laws for review and consideration at the next board meeting.

*Flew to Texas and met with Dot Johnson and Larry Evans. The screening board set up to search for the Texas School for the Deaf's Superintendent consisted of two teachers - one deaf and one hearing, two cottage parents - one deaf and one hearing, the President of the Parent-Teacher group, the President of Texas Commission for the Deaf, The Executive Director of Texas School for the Deaf Alumni Association, and the superintendent of the State Department of Education. He asked board members to note the difference between the Texas screening committee and the one presently set up to screen for the new superintendent of LSD. Johnson and Evans advised to be sure that more deaf people are on the screening committee, e.g. 51%. They also mentioned governing board. This board consisted of two deaf persons from the deaf community, two professional persons, and two parents of deaf children. Likewise this board should have more deaf people on it. The duties of the governing board would be to work with the school on problems and requests from the superintendent. The board will go to the proper people in the state government and fight for these requests or solutions to the problems. Because of the Texas governing board, the school always gets what it wants. A worthy concept because it leaves the superintendent free to attend to the concerns of the school while the governing board meets with the state officials.

*A lot was mentioned at the N.A.D. convention about LRE.

*Authorized by the President to assist two deaf parents at upcoming IEP meeting. He attended meeting, but it was rescheduled because the interpreter was not a certified interpreter.

*Recommended sending to LAD members to a grant workshop.

*Contacted a lady in New York who specialized in raising funds to distribute free decoders to school kids and low income families. She has guaranteed over 100 decoders to be distributed. Needs approval from LAD board to pursue this.

*Recommended meeting with Leonard Hayes, superintendent of Special School District No. 1, to discuss the selection of the new superintendent of LSD.

*Recommended purchase of an answering machine.

<u>CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT:</u> Mary Smith.

*Letter from Kay Poole in Port Allen regarding her frustration with West Baton Rouge Parish School Board because they would not allow her daughter to enter LSD and that Director of Special Education Donald Simpson referred to LSD as that "abnormal school."

*In documents relevant to the Pippins' case, the hearing officer used the term "\normal adult." The interpretation of "normal adult" derides those who are educated in any setting except the public schools.

*Urged the board to meet with legislators, school board officials, etc. and become involved in preserving rights of deaf children.

<u>TREASURER'S REPORT:</u> Houston Moss.

He gave a check for amount of $140.00 to Steve Baldwin for Dot Johnson's airfare. Hasn't received it back yet. Will report at next meeting on this.

Balance Forwarded:	. . .	$231,247.71
Receipts:	. . .	76,938.41
Disbursements:	. . .	(61,619.15)
As of July 31, 1990:	. . .	$246,566.97

Summary of Assets:

Net worth:	. . .	$246,566.97
H. Soland, Jr. Fund:	. . .	43,757.78
Total:	. . .	$289,757.78

Recessed for lunch.

Meeting resumed.

Ed Wood was given privilege of addressing the board. He brought two letters to the attention of the board:

1) A letter from M.J.Bienvenu. She was ashamed of her alma mater for using the term, hearing impaired. Ed encouraged the LAD to support the universal usage of the term, deaf, over the usage of hearing impaired. Mary Smith (Richard Malcolm) moved LAD use term, *deaf*, in all future communications. Passed.

2) LAD member Pauline Wood contacted Southern University in regard to how instructors of sign language were selected. She received a letter from Dr. Henry E. Teller inviting her to submit names of qualified individuals. She referred letter to LAD for action. Richard Malcolm (Robert Southwell) moved LAD.

Corresponding Secretary write to Dr. Teller, recommending Southern University select individuals well qualified to teach Sign Language and enclose a list of deaf individuals qualified to teach sign language. Passed.

BATON ROUGE CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE: Richard Malcolm.

*BRAD will finally have Home Office next door to LAD.

*Will install computer equipment once locks are installed.

*Went to South Dakota with LAD delegates Ronnie Delvisco and Houston Moss. Have video tape of the meetings.

LAFAYETTE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF: Kevin Smith.

*LAAD bingo has earned $49,000.

*Loan has been repaid, but title to trailer used as collateral is needed.

LRID REPRESENTATIVE TO LAD: Marcella Little.

Correction to motion made last time. LRID Convention is September 21-22.

COMMITTEES' AND DELEGATES' REPORTS:

Ronnie Delvisco thanked LAD for giving him opportunity to visit South Dakota. He emphasized the need for team work to accomplish a similar project. Ed Wood recommended LAD show the video tape at LSD during Homecoming Day.

NEW BUSINESS:

Leo Burke (Kevin Smith) moved LAD donate $50.00 honorarium fee to Community Church Unitarian Universalist for use of facilities. Passed.

Leo Burke (Max Ray) moved the next LAD Board meeting be on October 27 at 9 a.m. Passed.

Mary Smith (Kevin Smith) moved LAD buy two answering machines, one for the President's home and one for the Vice President's home. Leo Burke (Robert Southwell) amended: buy one answering machine for the Home Office. Motion as amended passed.

Richard Malcolm (Max Ray) that LAD pay an honorarium of $200 to Ray Parks, Jr. for his work as editor of the BSB. Leo Burke (Charles Heinen) amended: only after the records have been checked and verified that he has not received the honorarium allotted. Motion as amended passed.

Max Ray (Leo Burke) moved Delores "Dee" Thomas represent LAD on the 1990 LSD Teacher of the Year Committee. Passed.

Leo Burke (Houston Moss) moved LAD submit Doris Alfred's name for LSD Teacher of the Year. Max Ray (Houston Moss) amended: through "Dee" Thomas. Motion as amended passed.

Max Ray (Leo Burke) moved Mary Smith serve on the SDE Resource Guide Task Force and an alternative be selected by President. Passed.

Mary Smith (Marcella Little) moved LAD established Sign Language Committee section. Leo Burke (Charles Heinen) moved to table the motion until the next meeting. Passed.

Richard Malcolm (Houston Moss) moved LAD accept concept of policies and guidelines outlined in American Sign Language Draft #5 for certifying teachers who teach sign language. Max Ray (Leo Burke) moved LAD establish a committee to update and revised the budge for the Sign Language Committee. Mary Smith (Richard Malcolm) amended: to refer the motion to a committee of three. Passed.

Richard Malcolm (Houston Moss) moved LAD donate $100 to Catholic Deaf Center Silent Partners. Failed.

Leo Burke (Max Ray) moved LAD host the 1991 LAD convention. Houston Moss (Kevin Smith) amended: Leo Burke be General Chairman. (Burke accepted with understanding board with help him.) Motion as amended passed.

Houston Moss (Leo Burke) moved LAD establish an LRE Committee. Mary Smith (Max Ray) amended to change the name: Committee for Better Education for Deaf Children. Leo Burke (Charles Heinen) amended to: a committee of seven with understanding President appoints the committee. Motion, as amended, passed.

Houston Moss (Kevin Smith) moved LAD have a meeting with Leonard Hayes and discuss the screening system. Passed.

Mary Smith (Houston Moss) moved Leo Burke set up appointment with Mr. Hayes immediately and LAD pay for interpreter. Passed.

Mary Smith (Houston Moss) moved to cancel the guest speaker for the LRID convention. Max Ray (Richard Malcolm) amended: to stay with original motion until hear from LRID. Richard Malcolm (Max Ray) amended: Marcella Little bring message from LAD to LRID President and inform LAD President of LRID's President's decision by 10:00 a..m. on August 26. Motion, as amended, passed.

Mary Smith (Kevin Smith) moved LAD use the bill for the current decoders and apply for the $8,000 worth of decoders. Mary Smith (Max Ray) amended: copies of the letter be send to other organizations like LAAD and AAD. Motion, as amended, passed.

Houston Moss (Leo Burke) moved LAD establish the LSD Sports Fund. Leo Burke (Charles Heinen) amended: with $3,100 to start up fund. Mary Smith (H. Moss) amended Secretary write to call organizations inviting them to donate to fund. Motion, as amended, passed.

Houston Moss (Leo Burke) moved LAD pay $3,068.72 from the LSD Sports Fund to Champion Products, Inc. for uniforms and the company which provides the wrestling uniforms. Passed.

Max Ray (Kevin Smith) moved LAD Law Committee meet October 27 at 9 a.m. at the Home Office. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary L Smith

Mary L. Smith, Corresponding Secretary

APPROVED: ______________