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Minutes
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President Medford Magill called the special meeting to order at 9:25 PM. Present were President Medford Magill, Vice President Leo Burke, Corresponding Secretary Mary Smith and Treasurer Houston Moss. Absent: Recording Secretary, Jack Falcon. The purpose of the meeting was to decide on a banner needed for the February 18 program at which decoders will be presented by NCI, the Lion's Club, LAD, and WRZ-2.

Vice President Leo Burke explained the banner will be used to advertise LAD and will be displayed with the Lion's Club banner in LSD Auditorium on February 18. The banner is 38"L x 48"H. It will cost \$420.00 which includes a set-up charge and any banners made after that will be cheaper. The fabric is satin and is embroidered. Houston asked if it came with a stand. Leo did not know, but will check it out.

The LAD logo was not used on TV along with the Lion's because a better logo picture is needed and should be ready soon. Houston asked Leo to check regarding the use of "Kids". He thought it might be connected with "Coats for Kids.:

Leo (Houston) moved we buy one banner with green back ground and white letters at a cost of \$420.00 through Office Operating Expense Fund. Passed.

President Medford Magill wrote a nice letter to Special Education Superintendent Walter Gatlin on December 13 re: GEE and the LEAP tests. In the letter, he stated that the LAD's position on GEE and the LEAP tests are discriminatory against deaf students. He needs official sanction of LAD's position on GEE and the LEAP tests.

Leo (Houston) moved that the LAD's position on GEE and the LEAP tests be that these tests are discriminating against deaf students. Passed.

Leo (Mary) moved LAD buy 100 TDD paper rolls and sell to the deaf community. Passed.

Respectful submitted,

Mary L. Smith
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Acting Recording Secretary

LAD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, February 9, 1991

President Medford Magill called meeting to order at 9:32AM.

ROLL CALL: All officers were present except VP Leo Burke who will arrive a little late and Wayne Bennet. The president introduced new Board members as Randy Pippin and Elvist Tabor, representatives of BRAD and LAAD, respectively; replacing Richard Malcolm and Mike Baudoin, respectively.

VISITORS: The president introduced LCD VP Scott Haun, Dr. Seth Ocloo, Gertrude Magill and Floyd Pitre, President of Louisiana Acadian Deaf/Blind Citizens.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT:

He announced appointment of Dee Thomas as Decoder Chairlady replacing Elise Burke and Ron Divisco as Bingo Chairman replacing Charles Martin.

There was a misplace on decoder check for \$2,700 for 20 decoders by NAD. A second check was sent to NAD.

He said that LAAF already got titles back after payment of loan. He felt that interest in FAX machines for the DACs does not convince the Board members enough and need more information on why such is needed.

He asked us to look in letters involving NAD fees, subscription, etc., which were changed recently.

Announced that Feb. 27 was scheduled for hearing on interpreters' evaluation involving Interpreters certification in educational field.

He wrote a letter to Assistant Special Educ. Supt. Gatlin on the unfairness of L.E.A.P./G.E.E. examinations.

Decoders would be given out to deaf children at LSD on Feb. 18th. Channel 2, Lions Clubs and LAD together made it possible.

Discussed logo banner costing \$490 with \$170 coming from Bingo Fund.

LAD is selling paper rolls for the TDDs at \$1.50 each. We got 100 rolls which will show black printouts.

Explained about Huey Barbin's request for \$1,200 "loan" from LAD for a trip to T.D.I. in Los Angeles, CA, this June. The money will be reimbursed later.

Asked Ron D. to explain the need for Bingo chairman to have \$100 per month for expenses only from LAD, not Bingo Fund.

Explained the \$4,000 donation for decoders which LAD donated to share with that of Lions Club. Unfortunately, the Lions advertised for donation by way of TV while LAD did not.

Announced that Leo Burke is now interim director of BR-DAC at CDC. Leo entered the meeting at 11:10AM and then gave report on convention and talked about the Miss LAD pageant which will not be possible for this year.

Houston (Randy) moved to accept the reports as read except the pageant problem. OK.

Since Rose Barbin had to leave soon, she was granted floor to make her report on membership drive and reported on the following:

There are 327 members and 2 new affiliates: BR-CDC and BR Speech/Center. Discussed bulk/rate for mailing. Leo (Houston) moved that LAD to use bulk/rate mailing. Randy (Mary) amended to let president appoint a committee to study the feasibility of various mailing routes. Passed. President asked Randy to check with P.O.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT: Jack Falcon presented minutes of previous meeting which was corrected with some words deleted. Elvist (Mary) moved to accept the minutes. OK.

CORRESP. SEC'Y' REPORT: Mary enlightened us on Mayor's Commission on needs of Disabilities, her chairladyship on SDE Resources Leadership Task Force, Feb. 20 of Dr. Davila's speech, and Directory of Services for the Deaf. Asked to send bill to UDS for Bayou State Publication.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Houston said that he transferred \$140,000 from LAD account into Merrill-Lynch account. As of Jan. 31st, the account grew to \$142,151. And he said that he worked so hard on income tax reports for 1988 and 1989 and now 1990. If not, the IRS would fine LAD \$10 perday which would probably amount to \$5,000. He asked for authority to hire Diana Flanagan to be LAD tax preparer. Leo (Elvist) moved to accept her as one. Passed. Jack (Leo) moved to pay her whatever she asks. Passed. He said that she would take into account depreciation, keep logs of hours worked, etc. Explained about Alliance shares bought, from Lord A... shares. He gave out financial statement sheets to members. Leo (Elvist) asked to accept Houston's report. OK. Houston (Elvist) moved that we order pizza for those Board members and visitors present instead of us going out for lunch so business can continue. LAD will take up the tab.

BOARD MEMBER's letter of resignation from Wayne Bennett was accepted. Scott Haun was appointed to fill in his place until June convention. Approved by general consent. Elise Burke's resignation and Dee Thomas's appointment to the position as Decoder Chairlady was approved by general consent.

NEW BUSINESS:

Houston (Leo) moved to allow Bingo chairman to draw \$100 per month for expenses. Passed. President would write a letter about purchasing and donating to the DACs the fax machines that were declined. Agreed by general consent. Houston (Leo) moved to accept donation of \$1,200 to Louisiana Acadian Deaf/Blind Citizens according to Floyd Pitre's letter of request. Passed. There are 61 members of La Acadian Deaf/Blind Citizens with 28 as members of LAD. Leo (Elvist) moved to stage a pageant program during spring of 1992. Passed. Leo (Randy) moved to purchase 2 file cabinets and a number of r/c's. Passed.

Leo asked for authority as law chairman to call meeting later to do law revisions and to allow anybody beside Law Committee to join in the meeting. OK by Magill (Houston).

After President explained the value of Lap-Top PC, Leo (Houston) moved for LAD to buy after negotiation for reduced prices if we purchase many items all together. Passed.

Letter from Huey Barbin's request for \$1,200 loan was discussed and voted down. President would write a letter of reply.

Randy (Elvist) asked to send President to check with Channel 2 people for use captioning during live televising. Leo (Charles) moved to amend to appoint a retired person to do this work in place of the President. Both main motion and amendment passed. Houston (Elvist) moved to ask LCD that every time LCD mail out info to various agencies or personnel of hearing people to send copies to all organizations of the deaf under umbrella of LAD like LAD, AAD, BRAD, LAAD, etc. Passed.

Houston (Elvist) asked that we put in record that we agree with LCD's stand on certification of interpreters as is. Passed.

(Charles) moved that we endorse President Magill's statement: Louisiana's Graduate Exit Exam (GEE) and the LEAP tests are discriminatory against deaf students and hereby authorize President to state this as LAD's position on GEE and LEAP. Passed.

Charles (Jack) moved to send a letter of support to NAD on its position on cochlear ear implant. Passed.

Mary asked that LAD sends a letter to Channel 2 recognizing the importance of Decoder Giveaway Project but citing the insufficient publicity regarding LAD's role in beginning the project and ask that further coverage of this important project publicity to LAD. President decided to hold this

P.S. Secy Mary Smith should be included in receiving an honorarium of 200⁰⁰. She really put in as much work at the office - Leo said that he over looked her because at that time she had to leave for BR Beigo - Keep this in mind

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The meeting is adjourned at 4:05pm.

ANNOUNCEMENT: President Magill told us that next regular meeting of the LAD Board will be in New Orleans June 20 at 8 PM.

Recording Secretary Jack Z. Falcon