

**Louisiana Association of the Deaf Board Meeting**

**Place: Louisiana Acadian Deaf-Blind Citizens**

**Where: Lafayette, LA**

**When: April 22, 2006**

**President Randall Pippins, Sr. called the meeting to order at 9:23 AM. Bruce Dunn approved the minutes of January 21, 2006 with the corrections. (Kenny Davis)**

**Roll Call**

**President Randall Pippins, Sr.**

**Vice President Richard Malcolm**

**Secretary Thelma Covello**

**Treasurer Kenny Davis**

**Members-at-Large: Tommie Jo Patterson**

**Houston Moss**

**Chapter Representatives:** Alexandria Association of the Deaf – Roland Brossett  
Baton Rouge Association of the Deaf – Arthur Patterson  
Lafayette Athletic Association of the Deaf – Bruce Dunn  
Shreveport Association of the Deaf – Gerald Bamburg  
Louisiana Acadian Deaf-Blind Citizens – Dan Arabie  
LAD Pageant Director – Connie Tullos  
Deaf Woman of Baton Rouge – Connie Tullos  
LRID Representative to LAD – Ann Moore  
LAD Representative to LRID – Thelma Covello

**Visitors:** Ethel Brossett, Leslie Perrodin, Larry Robillard, Cindy Robillard, Olouse Tullos, Melvin Royer, Sheila Royer, Marie Garden, Curt Garden, Anthony Jones, Micah Roberts, James Lalande, Shirley Delahoussaye, Cleve Cormier, Donna Cormier, Patti Moss, Floyd Perrodin, Julie Perrodin, and Fred Roy

**The corrections of minutes are:**

**Vice President Report on page 2:**

- 1.) Need to Needing \$229,000 to \$228,000
- 2.) Avoid fund to avoiding fund

**Treasurer's Report on page 3**

- 1.) Three months of treasurer balances are unofficial.
- 2.) To about \$1,000.00 to up to \$1,000.00

**Members-at-Large under Pauline Wood on page 4**

- 1.) Change amount to \$228,000

LRID on page 4

1.) Anne to Ann

### President's Report

- Frank Turk (Communication Services of the Deaf Road Tour) will give his speech at the clubhouse of Baton Rouge Association of the Deaf on Friday, May 20, 2006. Louisiana Association of the Deaf will provide the refreshments and drinks. It will be approved by us. We will make the flyers.
- We will have an annual LAD-Wal-Mart Deaf Children Golf Tournament in Covington, LA. We will announce the location later.
- Letter from Lisa Chase-Potter's case concerning the RIF Procedure.
- Screening Committee for Louisiana Association of the Deaf Superintendent (Director)
- Bingo Committee
- Email procedure: have to break the habit; email to Executive Board first before send emails to all board members.
- Louisiana Athletic Association of the Deaf will host 2007 LAD Conference.
- Received the message from Katherine Stewart who asks anyone to make reports for BSB newsletters.
- Process on Louisiana Association of the Deaf website
- Issues on HB 788, HB 1029 and SB 195; Get an action before it gets worse on deaf community and/or deaf school
- Hired Rob Reiger as our lobbyist

### Vice President's Report

- Deaf Seniors from Oregon sent 15 boxes of clothes; we have 11 boxes left now; if you know any deaf victims who need clothes, please refer them to go to the office of Louisiana Association of the Deaf
- Thank you for making the posters and picketing at State Capitol.
- Louisiana Association of the Deaf Disaster Relief Fund; needs to contribute \$2,000.00 and insure enough funds in the account.
- Bingo patron to Max Ray – sent a sympathy card to Jerry Ray
- The bingo as of the month of February that was raised \$2,400.00 after the expenses went to Miss LAD Pageant Fund.
- Gave Sandra Beavers a chance to work at Louisiana Association of the Deaf Bingo after she made a lot of cash shortages.
- No Louisiana Commission of the Deaf (LCD) after Hurricane Katrina's effects; need some actions and get a lobbyist; will protect Louisiana School for the Deaf's layoffs and/or budgets.
- Discuss on emergency emails for the purpose of voting.
- Want to have Louisiana Association of the Deaf a big success.
- Received a note from ADB and will put it on a BSB newsletter.

### **Treasurer's Report**

\*Balance as of October 2005 \$272,725.00

\*Balance as of November 2005 \$249,818.01

\*Balance as of December 2005 \$304,601.26

\*Ways and Means Committee (7 January 2006)

#### **PRIORITY**

1. Cost of Lobbyist

2. New Copier

3. Laptop

4. LCD Projector

\*Pay increase from \$6.00 to \$7.00 for the Bingo Workers

\*Bayou Deaf Golf Camp

April 10-12, 2006 Deaf kids

April 13, 2006 Adults

Rob Strano-ASL Golf, Part-time EX Director of USDGA

Hats are donated by Golf Companies

\*\*\*If we sponsor the program, shirt sponsorship amounts to about \$1,000 if we have a full camp of 60 golfers.

\*Budget: Expenditures-we can make it work.

\*Bingo Hall Meeting-Sunday, January 22, 2006 at 5 pm

To discuss several issues and any new business that any club wants to bring up

Making the hall to become non-smoking building

Buying a sign for the Building and other ways of advertising

Possible relocation of Bingo Hall

\*Fill up forms of NAD Hotel

\*NAD-combo tickets

1. I have three combo tickets for NAD pageants but NAD is taking care of pageant expenses.

2. Since NAD covers the expenses, two will go to L.A.D. Delegates (President Randy Pippins and Vice-President Richard Malcolm) I have one left and can sell someone who will be interested to go NAD with a good standing.

\*Insurance needs to sign

\*Webmaster-still pending

\*In Montana School for the Deaf Superintendent must have a NAD membership before anyone can become Supt.

\*Houston Moss motioned to vote on Ways and Means -Cost of lobbyists, laptop, new copier, #2 bingo then last LCD Projector and By-Laws to be Printed.(Tommie Patterson) Passed.

### **Members-at-large**

Houston Moss and Tommie Patterson-no comments

Pauline Wood

\*Went to DWU Board meeting at Austin, TX (13 ladies showing up)

\*NAD admitted that they made a mistake to take New Orleans away in 2006 and changed a new location to California due to many withdrawals with their NAD combos.

**Louisiana Association of the Deaf Disaster Relief Fund Chairperson – Richard Malcolm**

- Provided thirty-four (34) Wal-Mart gift cards which are \$200.00 to the hurricane victims.
- Received the thank you notes from the hurricane victims.
- Received the contacts from the hurricane victims.

**Chapter Representatives**

**Baton Rouge Association of the Deaf – Arthur Patterson**

- One issue for the youth guidelines. He will get some action.

**Lafayette Athletic Association of the Deaf – Bruce Dunn**

- The chairperson(s) for 2007 LAD Convention are Curt Garden and Larry Robillard.
- One-Day Convention – explain why?
- Web page updates.
- Announcements: Lafayette Athletic Association of the Deaf Annual Picnic will be held on Sunday, May 7, 2006; Cajun Deaf Club will be held on Sunday, July 8, 2006.
- Will graduate from University of Louisiana-Lafayette (ULL) on May 20, 2006.

**Louisiana Acadian Deaf-Blind Citizens – Dan Arabie**

- Deaf-Blind Retreat Camp will be held in Eunice, LA on October 26 – 29, 2006; ask for the donations.
- Louisiana Acadian Deaf-Blind Citizens Crawfish Boil will be held today.
- Louisiana School for the Deaf Alumni Association will be held on May 20, 2006.

**Shreveport Association of the Deaf – Gerald Bamburg**

- Welcome to Chapter Representative to Louisiana Association of the Deaf

**Louisiana Registry Interpreter for the Deaf – Ann Moore**

- Spring workshop will be held in Monroe, LA on Saturday, April 8, 2006.
- Concerned the discussions of the three (3) legislative bills that were presented to Louisiana Legislature in regard to the changes in Louisiana Commission of the Deaf (LCD). It added more confusion to the situation with the emails that were received. Cam Sharpe, the LRID President, prepares writing a

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\*\*Shreveport Club of the Deaf President Gerald Bamburg wanted to involved with LAD but he lost the track what we are talking about and I have been served SCD President for six years.  
SCD Officers

President Gerald Bamburg  
Vice President Lenora Brewster  
Secretary Lisa Combs  
Treasurer Micah Roberts

Pageant Director-Connie Tullos

- \* Christine Pullen house was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina and her family moved to Georgia. She will come home during spring break and we will give her a crowning ceremony in March. Dorothy Roquiquez will be her sponsor.
- \*Receipts for her crown and sash in March
- \*Donations
- \*One day dedications
- \*Governor's mansion to honor Miss Deaf Louisiana in May or June
- \*Gown-\$139.00
- \*NAD combo-reserve our names or NAD (NAD takes care of pageant/sponsor.)
- \*Bingo

Richard Malcolm-Disaster Relief Fund Chair

1. Law Committees will be Houston Moss and Bruce Dunn and I need two more from outsiders.
3. Disaster Relief Fund
  1. Contacts Hurricane evacuees
    - \* Give Wal-Mart cards (\$200.00) each  
(let us know if they really need more)
    - \* 13 evacuees from Katrina requested
    - \* Oregon sent clothes/shoes-we already sent a thank you note.
    - \* Sent the donation a message
    - \* Kenny Davis added to Richard's message to inform on attorney General Charles Foti and will send him about the expenses to victim later with in about 4 months.

### **No Unfinished Business**

Lisa Chase needs our support as she got laid off from LSD middle school teacher.

- \* Send letter to L.S.D.  
cc: State Education
- \* NAD
- \* Small meeting
- \* President Randy Pippins suggested that the L.A.D. Executive Board meeting to solve problems with Lisa Chase's case
  1. 42 teachers did not pass the sign language
  2. LAE
  3. 1 deaf and 6 hearings laid-off (new employees-the latest)
  4. Blame L.S.D. for sloppy job by hiring employees
  5. Budget cuts

- Will be on Screening Committee for Louisiana School for the Deaf Superintendent (Director).

#### Secretary's Report

- LRID Spring Board Meeting and Workshop
- Workshop in Summer in Baton Rouge, LA on June 17, 2006 at the campus of Louisiana School for the Deaf
- LRID Fall Conference in Lafayette, LA on September 21 – 23, 2006; Alternate dates – November 16 – 18, 2006 if the hurricane hits in-state.
- LRID Website – [www.lrid.org](http://www.lrid.org); you can send your feedback to this web (Comment box); her email address is [lad-lrid-to-lad@louisianarid.org](mailto:lad-lrid-to-lad@louisianarid.org); Ann's email address is [lrid-rep-to-lad@louisianarid.org](mailto:lrid-rep-to-lad@louisianarid.org).
- Hurricane relief victims need to support their needs.
- Many interpreters in LA move away due to Hurricane Katrina / Rita.
- LRID hold the bills (HB 788, HB1029, and SB 195) until we know for sure.
- Workshop at LRID was teaching us about the pictures to interpret.
- LRID records lost completely due to Hurricane Katrina.
- 2007 Louisiana Association of the Deaf Convention
- 100<sup>th</sup> Louisiana Association of the Deaf as we better start planning as soon possible.
- Deaf Seniors of America complained about our actions on Hurricane Katrina / Rita Funds and made clarifications about it.
- Please use LAD label pin to represent and show others during the meeting.

#### Treasurer's Report

- Audited on the balance of November 2005 - \$251,782.49; December 2005 - \$306,601.26 and January 2006 - \$319,811.76.
- Annual Contributions: Louisiana School for the Deaf Foundation, Louisiana School for the Deaf Scholarship, Bayou Deaf Golf Camp and Deaf Camps
- Webmaster contract
- Committees of Ways and Means are Houston Moss, Pauline Wood, Cleve Cormier, and Chad Cormier.
- We are in order to buy the equipments which will be 1.) A lobbyist 2.) A copier, 3.) A laptop and 4.) LCD Projector. The cost of lobbyist is \$25,000.00.
- Deaf Camp for kids on April 11 – 12, 2006 and adults on April 13, 2006; sponsoring the golf shirts with our logo (Louisiana Association of the Deaf).
- Will expect to get a letter from Ms. Susan Blackwell who handles the scholarships.
- Donations – automatically (ask Executive Board)

letter to Mr. Wallace and Ms. Williamson with Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS) and asking for a public hearing on these bills so that the rumors can be stopped. We all can get the facts.

- Stepping out of her role as LRID Rep to LAD, speaking for herself; Empowerment is wonderful. She was encouraged when she sees the deaf community who stands up for itself, but she urge the Louisiana Association of the Deaf (LAD) to be very cautious in making the decisions to support the three (3) bills. Language in politics can be very deceptive... One word added or deleted can make a huge difference in the meaning.

#### Deaf Women of Baton Rouge – Connie Tullos

- Plan to have a wine/cheese fund raising; \$15.00 per person; Where: TBA; Date: May 17, 2006
- Plan to have a workshop on Living Will with Vincent / Hospice with Pauline Wood; Tentative - \$5.00 per person with snacks; Where: TBA; Date: June 10, 2006.

#### Louisiana Association of the Deaf Pageant Director – Connie Tullos

- Governor's Mansion – cancelled due to the renovations.
- Christine Pullen, our Miss LA Deaf Pageant, needs to stay in Baton Rouge, LA during the rehearsals for three (3) days.
- She likes the gown.
- She got five hundred dollars (\$500.00) from Louisiana School for the Deaf who is in charge for the hurricane deaf evacuees.
- Had no luck with the donations but she received a donation from Dillard which was a bag of make-ups.
- National Association of the Deaf has 29 pageant contestants. We will need to get the souvenir gift bags from Louisiana for the contestants.
- We found some Louisiana magnets from the lady from Pierre Crawfeaux store) and try to order by June 1, 2006. Bruce Dunn suggested asking each deaf chapter for the donations.
- Will show you a sample at the next meeting of LAD Board meeting.

#### Louisiana Commission for the Deaf Commissioner – Fred Roy

- Explained about the LCD budget for the fiscal year 2006 - \$2,200.00; fiscal year 2007 - \$2,300.00.
- Department of Social Services supported 100% of the three (3) bills. (DSS wrote HB 1029, not him).
- Hurricane Victim Relief: National Association of the Deaf contributed \$8,000.00. Gallaudet University contributed \$7,500.00.
- Louisiana Commission of the Deaf Meeting will be held on May 5, 2006 if the Governor permits. The issue will be discussed on the position for the LCD Commissioner.

- Resign on the last day of May 12, 2006; will move to New York.
- Department of Social Services ordered me to stop interviewing after the effects of Hurricane Katrina and Rita.
- They hired the people from the area of New Orleans with their qualifications.
- One (1) for Executive and three (3) Secretaries with five hundred (500) applicants.

### New Business

Bruce Dunn (Connie Tullos) moved that Shreveport Association of the Deaf will be our Chapter Representative of Louisiana Association of the Deaf (LAD). Passed.

Houston Moss (Roland Brossett) moved that we donate \$75.00 for the Tee Box Sponsorship to Baton Rouge Association of the Deaf / Southwest Deaf Golf Association. Passed.

Dan Arabie (Richard Malcolm) moved that we donate \$200.00 to defray the prizes for LSDAA 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Picnic. Passed.

Kenny Davis (Tommie Patterson) moved that we provide the refreshments/food for Frank Turk's Speech at the clubhouse of Baton Rouge Association of the Deaf on May 20, 2006. Passed.

Richard Malcolm (Bruce Dunn) moved that we donate two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for LAD Disaster Relief Fund. Passed.

Kenny Davis (Bruce Dunn) moved that we accept the site of 2007 LAD Convention in Lafayette, LA. Passed.

Bruce Dunn (Arthur Patterson) moved that we support the order of the contributions to Louisiana School for the Deaf Foundation, Louisiana School for the Deaf Scholarship, Bayou Deaf Golf Camp and Deaf Camps. Passed.

Dan Arabie (Gerald Bamberg) moved that we contribute five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to Deaf-Blind Retreat Camp. Passed.

### Announcements

Kenny Davis encourages everyone to give any comments/feedbacks on the LAD website.

Bruce Dunn announced that Raceland Annual Picnic will be held on July 8, 2006 and Lafayette Athletic Association of the Deaf Dixie Bowling will be held on July 8, 2006.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 26, 2006 at 9 AM at LAD Home  
Office in Baton Rouge, LA.

Written/Recorded by  
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LAD Secretary