

L.A.D. Board Meeting
Aug. 19, 2006
L.A.D. Office Building

President Randy Pippins called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Roll Call: Absentees – Thelma Covello, Roland Brossett, Dan Arabie and Bruce Dunn.

Attendees: President Randy Pippins, Treasurer Kenny Davis, Members-at-large Houston Moss, Pauline Wood and Tommie Patterson, Chapter representatives – Gerald Bamberg for Shreveport, Arthur Patterson for B.R.A.D. and Ann Moore for L.R.I.D.

Reading of Minutes: Gerald Bamberg moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting with two corrections regarding LCD's fund, from \$2,200 to \$220,000 and from \$2,300 to \$230,000. Carried.

President Pippins announced some letters LAD received from various people and organizations:

- a) Dan Arabie about strengthening the SSP and needing our help
- b) Letter of thanks from L.S.D. Foundation
- c) Ethel Brossett asking for some money to help defray cost of renovation of AAD
- d) Susan Blackwell thanking LAD for scholarship of \$500.00
- e) Jackie Broussard thanking LAD for Deaf Blind Retreat of \$500.00
- f) Letter from L.S.D. saying that the school will no longer accept hurricane evacuees
- g) Letter from Frank Turk thanking LAD for the great hospitality last May and wants to come back to Louisiana.

Since Connie Tullos had to leave for a funeral, she was given the floor to give her report about Miss Deaf La. She said that Kristin Pullen did not win in any category but things went well at California.

She said that 3 girls are interested in participating in the 2007 Miss Deaf Louisiana and 2 more may join later.

She asked that LAD permit Deaf Women of Baton Rouge host Bingo one time to help with the Deaf Women United national conference in June 2007.

President Pippins' report: 1) He learned a lot about NAD and commended Kenny Davis and Richard Malcolm for a good job at the NAD conference. 2) Bobbie Beth Scoggins is now the new NAD president. 3) He was disgusted by out of state people using derogatory sign of Louisiana. 4) Richard Malcolm have moved to Florida and he needs to select Vice President to take his place. 5) When one of us need to communicate through e-mail, we are to mail only to him and not cc to others. According to Libby Pollard, e-mails are dangerous to organization's image. 6) The next board meeting should be held at Shreveport.

Treasurer Kenny Davis: 1) The audit is unofficial because there was only one auditor. As of June 2006 the total assets is \$340,063.48.

2) He received a letter from American Association of the Deaf/Blind thanking us for a donation of \$1,250.00

3) We need to freeze donations because we really need a new copier.

4) We haven't received a bill from a lobbyist.

5) Bingo is doing well and he transferred \$25,000.00 to General Fund.

6) We will have Super Bingo this October.

7) Four hearing people asked for a raise for working at Bingo. They want \$45.00 per session. Referred to ways and means committee.

8) Paid \$15,000 to 990T in 2005; \$10,180 for March and June, 2006; \$10,360 for Sept. and Dec. 2006

9) We need to send a student to Youth Leadership Camp in Oregon.

10) Kathy Stewart is taking Richard Malcolm's place as administration assistant in Bingo.

11) LAD paid Gary Stewart \$450 for developing website.

Pauline Wood moved (Tommie Patterson) to increase Kathy Stewart's salary by \$200 a month. Carried

Houston Moss' report: We need to fire a corporate lawyer to check on our by-laws.

Gerald Bamberg moved (Arthur Patterson) that we hire a lawyer to check and clarify the by-laws. Carried

Pauline Wood's report: 1) She attended the Department of Social Services Stakeholder Quarterly meeting last June 1. She learned about the state having Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD). They are organizations to prepare for emergencies like hurricane evacuations. Her concern is about the deaf people going separate aid stations and/or not being informed which place to go to. She will contact Michele Robinson to meet with us on how we can help the deaf victims of destructive storms.

2) As the chairperson of La. Commission of the Deaf, she has no clue of what is going on at LCD since Fred Roy resigned last April. She tried to have meetings but the quorum has not met twice. She also doesn't know if anyone has applied for the Executive Director of LCD. She will contact James Wallace.

3) She encouraged that some highlights of the board meetings be printed in the Bayou State Bulletin because she felt that the members have a right to know what is going on.

Arthur Patterson's report: B.R.A.D. is selling its clubhouse but that doesn't mean that B.R.A.D. is disbanded.

Ann Moore's report: 1) She is concerned about LCD because there are some interpreters who need state certificates. They are rather nervous about not having them. 2) L.R.I.D. will have a conference in Lafayette next month, Sept. 21-23.

Gerald Bamberg's report: Shreveport deaf people are having big problems with lack of interpreting services. He said that several times the interpreters made no shows leaving deaf people without interpreting services. Houston Moss stated that he could vouch for Gerald because he went through hardship twice in Shreveport. Gerald asked that LAD help deaf people of Shreveport by meeting with DAC director, David Hyland.

Committee Report: Kenny Davis reported that we have a balance of \$3,055 in the Disaster Fund.

New Business:

1. Rally for SSP was tabled by Pauline Wood because of lack of information.

2. Bingo to be hosted by DWBR be referred to Ways and Means by Houston Moss.

3. Pauline Wood (Kenny Davis) moved to have L.A.D.'s 100 year celebration be held after the N.A.D. conference in 2008. Connie Tullos () amended to have it in November, 2008. Carried on both motions.

4. Houston Moss (Connie Tullos) moved to run out the disaster fund of \$3,055 for Katrina and Rita victims. Carried

Announcements:

The Lafayette Assoc. of the Deaf members gave their report about the coming LAD conference in Lafayette in June 2007. It will be held at Best Western Hotel Acadiana. The first choice of the conference date is June 1-2 and the second choice is June 8-9 of 2007.

Next board meeting will be in Shreveport on Nov. 4. If no go on the 4th then 18th is the second choice of date.

LSD homecoming will be on October 28. LSD will be playing against Georgia.

L.A.A.D. will host several events: Crab boil on Sept. 10, LSU/ULL party on Oct. 7, Halloween on Oct. 21, Barn Dance on Nov. 4 and New Year on Dec. 31.

Kenny reminded us about NAD conference in New Orleans in 2008. They will need 35 volunteers.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Pauline Wood, Acting Secretary for Thelma Covello