

L.A.D. Board Meeting

Nov. 4, 2006

Shreveport, Louisiana

President Pippins called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

**Roll Call:** Attendees: President Randy Pippins, Treasurer John Davis, Houston Moss, Pauline Wood, Arthur and Tommie Patterson, Gerald Bamburg

**Absentees:** Thelma Covello, Roland Brossett, Ann Moore, Connie Tullos, Dan Arabie

**Reading of Minutes:** It was accepted with two corrections... add Bingo after Four hearing (Davis' report #7)

and Moss' report...change from fire to hire.

**Correspondence:** There was a letter from Alexandria Association of the Deaf asking LAD to purchase an advertisement for its 50th anniversary.

**Officers' Reports:** President Pippins - He was excited to have the meeting in Shreveport and thanked Shreveport DAC for letting us use its building.

He and others met with Shreveport DAC staff on Nov. 3 to discuss some issues. He was pleased to know that it was a good meeting and had a good feeling about dissolving the rift between Shreveport Assoc. of the Deaf and DAC of Shreveport.

He went to Eunice for the deaf/blind camp recently. He was an acting SSP and he really was impressed by it. The people had fun. He felt that LAD should help sponsor them in any way.

Since we would be having a special session, he would ask the visitors to leave the room for a while.

He mentioned that the Bill 788 is now buried temporarily until we get a new LCD Executive Director.

Treasurer Davis: He distributed June, July and August budget report. Last June we had \$345,827.05, \$348,705.70 in July and \$343,503.74 in August.

The Ways and Means committee met the week before. On the committee are Houston Moss, Chad Cormier, Cleve Cormier and Huey Barbin. They discussed a raise for the Bingo workers, from \$35.00 to \$45.00 and for special Bingo workers, from \$40.00 to \$50.00. They also discussed to increase travel expenses from 29 cents to 34 cents per mile. Since we will be hosting N.A.D. in New Orleans in 2008, we need to raise some funds for the conference workers. The Ways & Means suggested that the funds from Video Bingo be deposited in AG Edwards account so we could cover the expenses of travel, rooms and meals for the conference workers.

He and others kept on looking for the Hurricane Katrina victims' names so they could send relief funds to them. There should be a balance of zero by December 31, 2006.

He spoke with Carol Bell, the supervisor of LSD High School department about finding 2 students to go to Youth Leadership Camp in Oregon. Carol Bell will see who should be qualified and will make recommendations to us.

He finally leased a new copier for 3 years, then pay \$25.00 a month plus number of prints.

The lobbyist for Bills 788 and 1029 had billed us for \$25,000.00. We can pay him in full or by monthly.

**Board Members' Reports:** Tommie Patterson - None

Houston Moss - He took 5 Jr. NAD student members from LSD and two Jr. NAD sponsors to the annual golf tournament hosted by Walmart last October 11. It was a success and the students were more excited by driving golf carts. He doesn't know how much we will be getting from Walmart.

Pauline - There was L.C.D. meeting last October 16 but she was not there. The next meeting will be December 4 at LSD. She was also pleased with the meeting with DAC staff the day before. She stated that we need to meet more with DACs so there won't be any hard feelings among ourselves... instead of dividing ourselves in various regions of the state, we need to make it one.

**Chapter Representatives' Reports:** Arthur Patterson - We are still waiting for guidelines for sponsoring kids to camps.

Gerald Bamburg - He introduced several board members of DAC/Shreveport. He also was pleased with the meeting with DAC staff the day before. He thanked us for solving their problems.

**Committee Reports:** John Davis - He contacted Hotel Acadiana in Lafayette about the LAD conference this June. They need to work on schedule with Randy Pippins and Kathy Stewart. The Miss Deaf La. pageant will be held on Friday night. The LAAD members will provide manpower. There will be a banquet on Saturday night.

**Old Business:** None

Kenny David wanted to share some things with us. He said that LSD wants to support LAD like LAD has always supported LSD.

He ran the LCD meeting last October 16 and it went well. There are some new staff on LCD and he asked for our support.

He mentioned the licensing of interpreters. Should we stick to certifications only?

LSD needs more money and hope that there will be no more cuts from the state.

The deadline for announcing application for LCD Executive Director will expire on Nov. 24 of this year.

**New Business:**

John Davis (H. Moss) moved to increase 5 cents for travel expenses. Carried

John Davis (A. Patterson) moved to donate \$150.00 to Alexandria Assoc. of the Deaf for its 50th anniversary.

Tommie Patterson (H. Moss) amended the donation to \$200.00. Carried

John Davis (G. Bamberg) moved to deposit Video Bingo funds in the AG Edwards account for NAD conference. Carried.

John Davis (A. Patterson) moved to donate \$500.00 to LADBC every year. Carried

John Davis (H. Moss) moved to pay Bingo workers \$45 and to special Bingo workers \$50.00. Carried

**Announcements:** We are to meet at El Dorado Casino for lunch and to watch LSU - Tenn. football game.

New LSD website will be effective soon. It is still under "construction".

Shreveport will host a bowling tournament on March 10, 2007.

Next board meeting will be on Feb. 10, 2007 in Lafayette.

**Adjournment:** 12:05 p.m.

Pauline Wood

Acting Secretary