

L.A.D. Board Meeting
August 25, 2007
L.A.D. Office, Baton Rouge

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

Roll Call: Randy Pippins, President; Houston Moss, Vice President, Kenny Davis, Treasurer; Pauline Wood, Secretary; Bobbie LeFors, Cleve Cormier and Tommie Patterson, Members-at-large
Representatives of state chapters: Cindy Robillard, Lafayette; Ed Wood, Baton Rouge; Ann Moore, LRID; Connie Tullos, Pageant and DWBR; Judith Perrodin, LADBC
Absentees: Representatives of Alexandria and Shreveport

The minutes of the 2007 conference is not completed due to many misspellings and errors. The reading of the conference is postponed until the Secretary send out e-mail for correction. The improved minutes will be given out in the next meeting.

The secretary also does not have March's minutes. We will need to find it.

President Pippins' report:

- >He mentioned about excusing the absence of Shreveport's representative. It is because Shreveport is so far from here and they do not have enough fund to pay the travel expenses.
- >At the next meeting, Gary Stewart will be here to take photos of each officer and representatives.
- >The LAD executive officers need to meet soon. It will be about manpower during the NAD conference in New Orleans.
- >LAD's 100th anniversary will be discussed in the near future.
- >He also mentioned about educational rights in Louisiana. There were some graduates of LSD who wanted to attend out of state colleges but were denied. They would have to attend colleges in Louisiana only or be denied financial support. We need to bring this attention to the state legislature.
- >Lissette Molina should be arriving soon to talk to us about CSDVRS.
- >He stated that the meeting should be serious and for us to pay attention. Not for him but for LAD.
- >Libby Pollard had taught him something about e-mailing. It could be harmful when it comes to LAD issues. So should we have a question or statement to make while at home, we are to contact him somehow, not by e-mail unless it is emergency.

Vice President Moss's report:

>We need to know the date of the golf tournament sponsored by Walmart. The reason is that LSD must know the date before Sept. 30.

Secretary Wood's report:

>She will e-mail two different minutes this week. One is for the 2007 conference and one for this board meeting.

Treasurer Davis' report:

>He felt blessed by the new laptop we just purchased. He needed to bring it home with him so he could finish his report but later on, he will leave it here in the office.

>Our next step is to buy LCD projector and it should be soon.

>Dale Brazzle is our new auditor. Arthur Patterson had been regular auditor and will remain as the auditor.

>He does not have financial report for Feb. March and April but will give the report out at our next meeting.

>The revenue for Bingo had been down in June and July but that happened almost every year.

>Since we got so much revenue from Bingo in 2006, we will need to pay more tax.

>We were advised by our CPA to use Bingo fund (donation) to purchase equipment so we could pay lesser tax.

>We have a problem with air conditioner. It has a new coil but it seems not to be working well.

>He explained to us about the projected budget for NAD conference in 2008. It could run up between \$32,000 to \$34,000.

>He is not finished with the conference financial report because there was an error by the Acadian Hotel in Lafayette.

>We are billed for \$180.00 for tactile interpreter during the conference last June. That person is not certified. Pauline Wood (T. Patterson) moved that we pay him by \$8.00 an hour meaning we are to pay him \$24.00 for his services. Carried ✓

>He sent \$500.00 to La. Career Development Center for the Deaf-Blind camp. ✓

>We had planned to send two LSD students to Youth Leadership Camp in Oregon last summer but did not because we did not meet the deadline.

Members-at-large reports:

>Bobbie LeFors – None

>Cleve Cormier – Enjoyed the conference last June. We need to develop overall evaluation of the conference.

>Tommie Patterson – Happy to be back on board and looking for more improvement. We need to add a position which is Interpreter Coordinator.

Chapter Representatives reports:

>Ed Wood for Baton Rouge – None

>Judith Perrodin for LADBC – None

>Anne Moore for LRID – There will be LRID conference in Bossier City during the weekend of Sept. 27-29. She does not know if she will be back on board but thanked us for her 4 years as one of the board members.

>Pauline Wood LAD rep. to LRID – She will attend the LRID conference in Bossier City.

>Connie Tullos for Pageant and DWBR – Fallon Frederick is our 2007-2008 Miss Deaf Louisiana. She will represent La. at the NAD conference. President Pippins will need to sign a contract with Miss Deaf America Pageant coordinator.

Deaf Women United conference last June was a success.

>Cindy Robillard for Lafayette – None

New Business:

>Houston Moss (C. Robillard) moved that we donate \$100.00 whole page to B.R. Area Christian Home School Band to assist them with the costs of music, uniforms, instruments, etc. Carried

>Houston Moss (C. Tullos) moved to donate \$25.00 to LSDAA for 1/8 page advertisement in the Hall of Fame program books.

Ed Wood (T. Patterson) amended to have Plans A & B. We are to send LSDAA \$25.00 if Hall of Fame are to happen at Deaf Baptist Center. If not, then we do not send LSDAA the money. Carried

>Tommie Patterson (K. Davis) moved to add one more position to the board. It is called Interpreter Coordinator.

Cindy Robillard (C. Tullos) amended that we develop duties/guidelines for the Interpreter Coordinator. Carried

>Pauline Wood (T. Patterson) moved to donate \$50.00 to Hospice in memory of Shirley Babin. Carried

>Kenny Davis (H. Moss) moved to send 4 Jr. NAD members at LSD to Youth Leadership Camp in Oregon next summer. Carried

Announcement:

LAAD will have crab and shrimp boil on Sept. 9.

LADBC will have a picnic at Morgan City on Sept. 8

DWBR will have bbq chicken at BRAD on Sept. 8

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Lisette Molina of CSDVRS

Lisette just arrived from Florida and she is a salesperson for CSDVRS. She offered a fund raising project for LAD if we are to sign with CSDVRS.

Respectfully submitted:

Pauline Wood

LAD Secretary

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